

## **PRAYER FOCUS - DECEMBER 25, 2016**

To activate the Prayer Chain, call:

**Ruth Wiebe @ 306-931-2982 or Mary Friesen @ 306-382-5865**

- 1. Missions:** Please pray for the EMMC Bolivia Field Director Bill Kehler. His wife Martha was killed on Monday in Bolivia. Martha was going to her neighbours' house to pick up some eggs and milk. They live on a farm and have aggressive dogs that they use for security reasons. Only the teenaged/young adult children were home, and they warned Martha by text not to come in the gate without one of them because the dogs were loose. Martha did not see the text, and entered the gate on her own, probably thinking the dogs would know who she was. However, this time the dogs immediately attacked her, seemingly without even barking a warning at her. The children did not hear any sound from Martha, but the dogs had her down immediately and severed some arteries/veins in her neck and one armpit, plus wounds and scratches elsewhere. The oldest son called off the dogs, lifted Martha into his arms and went up to the highway, where he flagged a vehicle down to take them to the hospital in Pailon. The medical staff immediately went to work to try to save Martha's life, but she had lost too much blood, and they couldn't find veins to get IVs going. Bill came to the hospital as soon as he heard, but by the time he got there, she was not able to speak any more. Bill talked to her and shortly thereafter she died due to too much blood loss. The funeral was held on Friday at the Villa Nueva Church in Bolivia. Bill is a brother to EMMC Conference Minister, Al Kehler.
- 2. Church Family:** - LaVerne/Bonnie Wiebe - Nathan/Janie Wiebe, Lacey, Caley, Tyler - Abe Zacharias - Harry/Verna Andres - Don/Joan Archibald
- 3. Illness:**
  - Pray for Hilda Wiebe, who is dealing with the return of cancer.
  - Pray for Susan Harder, dealing with various health issues.
- 4. Our church:** Pray for our Spiritual Life Board: Pastor Dale/Sheryl, Betty Guenter, James/Sheryle, Lindsay/Kathy, Donny/Barb and Pastor Chris.
- 5. Sister Churches:**
  - Region #1, SK/AB: Wynyard Gospel Church: Steven/Shirley Wiebe
  - Region #2, MB C: Bagot Community Chapel: Michael/Janice Fehr
  - Region #3, MB S: Gospel Mission Church: Claude/Micheline Lainey
  - Region #4, ON: Aylmer EMM Church: Michael/Anne Marie Krahn
  - Region #6, Belize: Blue Creek EMMC: Diedrich/Katharina Dyck
- 6. EMMC Missionaries:** Abe and Margaret Harder serving in Bolivia
- 7. Westside Pastors' Group:** Pastor Dale Doerksen at SEC
- 8. Para-Church Ministries:** Navigators: Eric Stolte, Robert Koop (Saskatoon).

*Welcome to*

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**Pastor: Dale Doerksen - Youth Pastor: Chris Stein**

**Sunday School: 9:30AM**

**(THERE WILL BE NO SUNDAY SCHOOL NEXT SUNDAY!)**

**Worship: 10:30AM**



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## **TODAY @ SEC**

**10 AM:** Pre-service Prayer Time in Toddler Room. All are welcome.

**Ushers:** Lindsay / George / Verna

**Greeters:** Pete & Mary / Sheldon & Debbie

## **Order of Service**

*\*Without using your Bibles, take a few moments to complete the Christmas quiz on the back of the sermon outline!\**

**Prelude:** Amber Hamilton

**Welcome & Call to Worship:** Pastor Dale

**Opening Prayer:** Pastor Dale

**Worship in Song:** Betty Guenter

**Advent Candle:** Pastor Dale

**Ministry Reminders:** Pastor Dale

**Worship in Giving-Offertory:** Amber

**Christmas Quiz/Prizes:** Pastor Dale

**Worship in Song:** Betty

**Message:** "The Incarnation of God at Christmas"  
- Pastor Dale

**Closing Song:** Betty

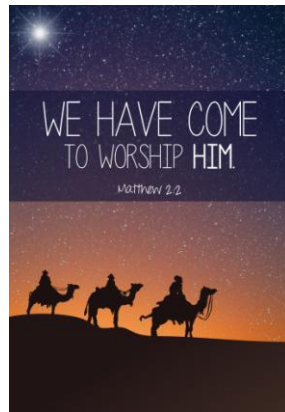
**Benediction:** Pastor Dale

## **THIS WEEK @ SEC**

**The church offices will be closed Monday - Wednesday.  
Pastor Dale will be on holidays from Dec. 26 - Jan. 9.**



**Saturday @ 7PM: New Year's Eve party at church.  
Bring a snack to share  
(coffee and tea provided)  
and table games.**



## **NEXT SUNDAY @ SEC**

**\*\*There will be no Sunday School next Sunday\*\***

**Ushers:** Sheldon/Russ/Phil

**Greeters:** Maria/Jake & Lynnette

**Worship Leader:** Pastor Chris

**Power Point:** Bonnie

**Speaker:** Gary Williams- Wycliffe Bible Translators: "Following Jesus" - Mt. 13:1-9

## **SEC NEWS**



**Church office holiday hours:** The SEC offices will be closed on December 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> as well as January 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>. Pastor Dale will be on holidays from December 26<sup>th</sup> to January 9<sup>th</sup>.

**A big thank you** to everyone involved in the Christmas program. Every part was important in making the evening a success. Thanks also to the men who helped clean up. ~ Shirley & Darlene

**Bible Reading Certificates:** If you have read through the Old Testament, the New Testament or the entire Bible in 2016, please let the office know. We'd like to recognize your achievement!

**Free devotional books:** Someone has donated a variety of devotional books to the church. They are on the back table. Please help yourself!

**The MEM Bolivia Mission Board**, consisting of reps from Manitoba, Saskatoon and La Crete, AB, will be meeting at SEC on January 16, 2017. If you are willing to provide lunch for a group of 10 people on this date, please talk to Pastor Dale. Thank you.

**Financial Planning Workshops** with Harold Penner from Mennonite Foundation (Abundance Canada). Teaching on finances from a Biblical perspective:

Friday (Jan 13) @ 7pm- Will and Estate Planning

Saturday (Jan 14) @ 1pm- Allowances- teaching children about money

\*On Fri. and Sat. afternoons, Harold will be available for one-to-one consultations for questions regarding charitable gifts, estate planning or general financial planning. Call the church office to book an appointment.

**March 18, 2017** - TERM Seminar @ SEC.

## The Incarnation of God at Christmas

SEC - December 25, 2016

### Introduction:

\*Point of Christmas Story- \_\_\_\_\_ came within reach of \_\_\_\_\_ - the \_\_\_\_\_ of God

### Ten examples of God humbling Himself at Christmas:

1. Born to Joseph and Mary- \_\_\_\_\_ folk with no special pedigree or \_\_\_\_\_. Luke 2:24
2. Born under \_\_\_\_\_ - Mary pregnant \_\_\_\_\_ the wedding. Mt. 1:18-19, 24-25
3. Born in Bethlehem, a \_\_\_\_\_ village, not a political or commercial center. Mt. 2:5; Micah 5:2
4. Born in an area \_\_\_\_\_ to Mary & Joseph. Luke 2:1-6
5. Born in a stable/cattle area- most \_\_\_\_\_ place of shelter. Luke 2:7
6. Heralded by shepherds- \_\_\_\_\_ class of servants. Luke 2:8-18
7. Born under \_\_\_\_\_ - Herod wanted to eliminate any future \_\_\_\_\_. Mt. 2:13
8. Lived as a \_\_\_\_\_ - had to run for their lives from Herod. Mt. 2:14-16
9. Lived as a \_\_\_\_\_ in Egypt. Mt. 2:19
10. Came from \_\_\_\_\_ - a place of \_\_\_\_\_ reputation. Mt. 2:19-23; John 1:45-46

### Conclusion:

## The Christmas Matching Quiz

Match the person in column A to that which they said in column B.

*\*You cannot use your Bibles!\**

### Column A

### Column B

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|------------------|---|
| 1. Wise men      | ___ The virgin will be with child.  |
| 2. Heavenly Host | ___ Where is the one who is born king of the Jews?                            |
| 3. Micah         | ___ You are to give him the name Jesus.                                       |
| 4. Jeremiah      | ___ May it be to me as you have said.   |
| 5. Chief Priests | ___ Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened.               |
| 6. Joseph        | ___ Go and make a careful search for the child.                               |
| 7. Angel         | ___ This child is destined to cause the falling and rising of many in Israel. |
| 8. Mary          | ___ Blessed are you among women.  |
| 9. Isaiah        | ___ In Bethlehem in Judea.  |
| 10. Elizabeth    | ___ Glory to God in the Highest.  |
| 11. Herod        |   |
| 12. Shepherds    |   |
| 13. Gabriel      |   |
| 14. Simeon       |   |
| 15. Innkeeper    |   |