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The angel Gabriel told Mary "the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David" (Luke 1:32). In the first gospel sermon preached in the name of our risen Lord, Peter referred to David and said, "being a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that of the fruit of his body, according to the flesh, He would raise up the Christ to sit on his throne" (Acts 2:30).

Christ has been raised from the grave and now sits on the throne of His Father (Revelation 3:21).

3. It proves Christ's throne would not be on this earth. When God pronounced a curse upon Jeconiah (also known as Coniah), He said "none of his descendants shall prosper, sitting on the throne of David, and ruling anymore in Judah" (Jeremiah 22:30). Since Christ is a descendant of Jeconiah (Matthew 1:12), He cannot rule in the land of Judah. The throne of Christ is in heaven (Hebrews 8:1). Christ is also a priest on His throne (Zechariah 6:13; Hebrews 7:17).

4. It shows the importance of the Gentiles. In Matthew 1:5 we read, "Salmon begot Boaz by Rahab, Boaz begot Obed by Ruth." Rahab had been a heathen prostitute in Jericho (Joshua 2:1). Ruth was a heathen woman from the land of Moab; she became an ancestor of King David and Jesus.

5. It proves there can never be another Messiah. At the destruction of Jerusalem, the Roman army destroyed all of the birth records of the Jewish people. Since the genealogy of the Messiah would be needed to prove His right to sit on the throne of David, there can never be another Messiah.

Simeon was a just man who "waited for the Consolation of Israel" (Luke 2:25). "It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ" (Luke 2:26). When Mary and Joseph brought our Lord into the temple after His birth, Simeon picked up Jesus and said, "Lord, now You are letting Your servant depart in peace, according to Your word; for my eyes have seen Your salvation which You have prepared before the face of all peoples, a light to bring revelation to the Gentiles, and the glory of Your people Israel" (Luke 2:29-32).

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Welcome

to the
Church of Christ
meeting at Mack Road

This morning's sermon:

The Birth of Jesus Witnesses to His
Divine Sonship
Luke 1:26-38

Tonight: Making the most of every opportunity



Congregational Meeting Times:

Sunday

Morning Bible Study 9:30 am

Worship Service 10:30 am

Evening Service 6:00 pm

Wednesday

Morning Bible Study 10:00 am

Evening Bible Study 7:00 pm

Visitors

The members here would like to offer a special welcome to our visitors today. Please allow us to shake your hand and talk with you, as we take great joy in getting to know you. Visitor cards are available at the pews for you to provide us with a record of your attendance. We appreciate you taking the time to fill these out.

Important dates to remember:

February:

Sun. 21st - Teachers Meeting at 5:00 pm.

Sun 28th - Elders, Deacons & preachers meeting

Fellowship Opportunities:

Sun. 7th - Mt Mikes Pizza after morning services

Sun. 7th - Group 2 meets after evening service

Sun. 14th - "Gathering" meeting @ 3:30 pm at building, see Mariel for details

Fri. 26th - Family night potluck at the Uptegrove's, 6:30pm



Ladies House to House Fellowship

Lesson Book: "Developing Inner Strength, Living in the Joy of God's Love"

Next class: Mavrey Uptegrove's Home on February 21st

Classes

Young Adults Class: Fridays at Caleb's home. See Caleb for details.

Encouraging Christians: meets every other Sunday at 3:30 at the building. All ages.

New Members:

Lacey and Oveda Anderson were baptized Jan. 25th.

Kim Bailey and Natasha & Tevin Parker were recently baptized.

The Parker family (Terry, Natasha, Tevin, & Kadeem) has placed membership.

Vernon and daughter Brooklyn Clow have placed membership.

Chris Madina has placed membership.

Shawn Doyal has placed membership.

Daniel and Emerald Grimes have placed membership.

Kim Welch has placed membership.

The Genealogy Of Christ

by David Padfield

As the Jews questioned the Deity of Christ, Jesus said, "You search the Scriptures, for in them you think you have eternal life; and these are they which testify of Me" (John 5:39). Many Old Testament promises find their fulfillment in the genealogy of Christ (Matthew 1:1-17; Luke 3:23-38). Let us notice a few of the great truths we can find in the genealogy of our Lord.

1. It proves Christ is the fulfillment of God's promise to Abraham. Through the fleshly seed of Abraham, all nations of the earth were going to be blessed (Genesis 12:1-3; cf. Galatians 3:15-29).

The Messiah was not just to be a descendant of Abraham, but would also be a descendant of Isaac (Genesis 21:12), Jacob (Genesis 28:13,14), Judah (Genesis 49:10), Jesse (Isaiah 11:1,10), and David (2 Samuel 7:12-16).

Matthew starts off his record by giving us "the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the Son of David, the Son of Abraham" (Matthew 1:1).

2. It proves Christ's right to sit on the throne of David. Jacob said, "The scepter shall not depart from Judah, nor a lawgiver from between his feet, until Shiloh comes" (Genesis 49:10). Shiloh, "the bringer of peace," is none other than Jesus.

Birthdays:

Jerry Frinzell February 8

Melissa Grimes February 11

Sue Hop February 12