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Welcome to Church
If you are a visitor to our service this morning, please provide your name and address so we can acknowledge your visit by sending you a welcome note.

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Visitation prayer at your specific location (in your home, at the hospital, or nursing facility, etc.) is available on request. All prayer requests are considered confidential, shared only between the prayer team members, unless requested otherwise.

Contact an MCC member, Prayer Team Coordinator, Rick Louché, Jr., or Pastor Curt Deming.

And what does the Lord require of you?
To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.
Micah 6:8

“Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?”
“And He said to him, ‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart,
And with all your soul, and with all your mind.’
This is the great and foremost commandment.
The second is like it,
‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’
On these commandments depend
The whole Law and the Prophets.”
THE GREAT COMMANDMENT
Matthew 22:36-40

And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying,
“All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.
Go, therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them
In the name of the Father and the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
Teaching them to observe all that I commanded you;
And lo, I am with you always, even to
The end of the age.”
THE GREAT COMMISSION
MATTHEW 28:18-20



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Melbourne Community Church (MCC)

Sunday Service — December 27, 2020

ORDER OF SUNDAY SERVICE

Special video opens the service

Old Testament Reading, [I Kings 10:1-13](#)

Worship

Offering

Announcements of upcoming events

Pastoral prayer for the children before Sunday School classes.

The Nursery is available for infants at any time.

New Testament Reading, [Philippians 2:5-11](#)

“Prepare Ye the Way: *After Jesus Was Born*”,
by Curt Deming, Teaching Pastor

[Matthew 2:1-23](#)

The Lord’s Supper is offered, along with prayer ministry
while worship continues.

Week 44 of 52 Hebrew Words Every Christian Should Know by Dave Adamson: “*Ravach (raw-vakh)*” = *spacious place*. In the 20th century, Germany’s leaders infamously used the concept of “*lebensraum*” or “*living space*” to justify their perceived need to expand. The Hebrew word includes not just land, but also the ideas of breathing and being refreshed. Consider these uses of the word in the Old Testament:

“He brought me out into a spacious place” ([II Samuel 22:20](#), also [Psalm 18:19; 118:5](#)).

“You have set my feet in a spacious place” ([Psalm 31:8](#)).

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EVENTS THIS WEEK

12/27: Sunday Morning:

Children’s Church: Optional for potty trained toddlers through 1st grade and following appropriate COVID-19 precautions.

12/30: Wednesday Evening:

Youth Group at **6:00 PM** at MCC, for grades 7–12. Enjoy friendship, fun and biblical teaching led by Davis and Denice Hemenway.

Adult Bible Study, Rick and/or Susan Krebs leads a group online studying the book of Ephesians, to pray and offer support and fellowship rsclrus@yahoo.com; skrebs@ccamelb.com, **6:30 PM**.

Bible Art Journaling Group, working/praying from home on their own. If you would like to join in with the group, text Barbara Murgatroyd, 321-355-9705 or email, barbarajmurgatroyd@gmail.com to receive handouts for the week.

UPCOMING EVENTS

01/03/2021: Sunday Morning: Sunday Service at 9:00 AM.

Children’s Church after the children’s blessing: Optional for potty trained toddlers through 1st grade and following appropriate COVID-19 precautions.

Plan for Upcoming Sermons:

01/03/2021 - "Prepare the Way" = Last sermon of the 4-week Advent series on [Matthew, chapters 1-3](#).

01/10/2021— Returning to the series on the Gospel of Luke, Part III. You can read ahead [Luke 19:18-24:53](#).

(Continued) “*Ravach (raw-vakh)*” = *spacious place*.

It makes even more sense when we learn that the Hebrew word for Egypt – It makes even more sense when we learn that the Hebrew word for Egypt – “*mitzrayim*” – also means *narrow place*. So just as the Israelites were rescued from the *narrow place* of slavery in Egypt and delivered into the spacious place of the Promised Land, we can trust God to deliver us from our narrow places into His *spacious place* of refreshing.

Date 12/27/2020 I have a Question Prayer Request Need

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**Prayer Requests or Questions for the
Pastoral Team?**

If you have questions or a prayer request, write in the space below and place in the offering basket or give to any MCC member.

(Optional) Name _____

Phone _____

eMail _____

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Sermon Notes: “Prepare the Way: *After Jesus Was Born*”, by Curt Deming, Teaching Pastor
[Matthew 2:1-23](#)

Old Testament Reading, [1 Kings 10:1-13](#).

New Testament Reading, [Philippians 2:5-11](#).

What will we learn:

- Jesus is the Messiah foretold by Old Testament prophets.
- The wise men from the east fulfilled Old Testament prophecy and foreshadowed New Testament ministry to Gentiles.
- Religious knowledge only helps when you use it to pursue Jesus.

What were the four (king) Herods mentioned in the New Testament know for?

1. Herod the Great, 37—4 BC?
2. Herod Antipas “the fox”, 4 BC—AD 39?
3. Herod Agrippa I AD 37—44?
4. Herod Agrippa II, AD50—70?

What was really the likely occupation/status of the three “kings” that saw “His star”?

What two things did the scriptures reveal that were not noticed by Israel’s chief priest and teachers of the law until the Gentile wise men arrived with an disturbance of Jerusalem?

1. ([Numbers 24:17](#))
2. ([Matthew 2:5-6](#))

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Why was Herod disturbed by the news brought by the Magi? What deceptive act did Herod take as a result of his insecurity? ([Matthew 2:7-8](#))

What was the distance from Jerusalem to Bethlehem that makes the appearance of the “star” unlikely to be an ordinary astronomical event?

Who has a warning dream this time? Why might this be unusual? (Dream 1 in [Matthew 2:11-12](#))

We know well the gifts the Magi brought. What was their significance? This the hymn “We Three Kings” gets correct. What was the symbolism and potential practical use of each of these gifts?

1. Gold:
2. Frankincense:
3. Myrrh:

The Old and New Testament prophets foretold the worship of Jesus by the Gentile (nations).

- Some Old Testament prophecies: [Psalm 72:1-11](#), [Isaiah 60:1-22](#); [61:6](#); [66:20](#), [Zephaniah 3:10](#), [Haggai 2:7-8](#)
- Some New Testament prophecies: [Romans 1:5](#), [Philippians 2:9-11](#), [Revelation 7:9-10](#); [21:24](#)

Matthew chapter 2 ends with three more dreams and a local massacre. What was the purpose of these?

- Dream 2 in [Matthew 2:13-15](#):
- Event in [Matthew 2:16-18](#), ([Jeremiah 31:15](#), [Revelation 12:1-5](#)):
- Dream 3 in [Matthew 2:19-20](#):
- Dream 4 in [Matthew 2:21-23](#):

Additional Sermon Notes