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*Merry
Christmas!*

A Baby with More Than Nine Names

by Rev. H. Steven Manley

When God blesses a couple with a new baby the questions begin to come fast and furious. Is it a boy or a girl? When was it born? Where was it born? How much does it weigh? How long is it? What color is its hair? Who does it look like? Then, as almost an afterthought, people will ask, what is the baby's name?

Many of these details are missing about the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. We do not know His birth weight or His birth length. We guess His hair color was black, but that is only a guess. We know that He was a boy and that He was born in Bethlehem. His mother's name was Mary; God was His Father. We do not know the time of His birth or even the exact date of His birth. However, the Bible gives us more than nine of His names. Let us consider the baby with many names.

More than seven centuries before the birth of Jesus Christ, the prophet Isaiah was inspired to give us four of His names. He wrote in Isaiah 9:6, "His name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace."

Wonderful-Counsellor – These two names go together. Some Bible scholars have suggested it would be acceptable to place a hyphen between the two words. The term "counsellor" has reference to His guidance rather than His teaching. Jesus Christ is the source

of our wisdom and He leads His trusting children in the right path so we do not stumble. He is a wonderful-counsellor because He comes with us every step of the way and becomes our personal guide.

The Mighty God – Jesus Christ is truly the strong and mighty God. There is nothing too hard for Him to do. Study carefully the gospels and you will find Him living up to His name as He heals the sick, walks on water, turns water into wine, and even raises the dead.

The Everlasting Father – The literal translation of this name is "the Father of Eternity." His being is unlimited. His years are eternal. He can promise eternal life to His followers because He is the Father of Eternity. At this Christmas season, let us give Him our future because He knows all that will come.

The Prince of Peace – Down through the ages there have been wars and conflicts. Few have been the kings who have known a reign of unending peace. This great Prince of Peace reigns in the hearts of His followers. "Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ: By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God" (Romans 5:1-2).

The New Testament gives us the beautiful Christmas story, describing

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the events of the journey to Bethlehem, where this Babe was born and laid in a manger, and the visits of angels, shepherds and wise men. More names were added to the list of names by which this baby would be known.

Emmanuel – The great God of heaven so loved the world that He sent His only begotten Son to be with us. Matthew 1:23 says, “They shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is God with us.” Not only was He with mankind for a short span of thirty-three years, but through the grace of God, Jesus Christ can live in our heart. Thus, He can be with us in this life and with us for all eternity.

Jesus – The work of Jesus Christ is the work of salvation. Matthew 1:21 says “And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name Jesus: For he shall save his people from their sins.” He shall save his people. The ultimate reason for Christ’s first coming was to save us. Jesus said in Luke 14:10, “For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.”

Christ – Christ means “the anointed one.” This corresponds to the Hebrew name, Messiah. Matthew 2:4 records, “He demanded of them where Christ should be born.” Luke 2:11, “For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord.”

Lord – Worship was reserved for deity. However, the wise men realized this baby king was worthy of their worship. Matthew 2:2, “We have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him.” Jesus Christ is worthy of the name Lord because He is worthy of our worship. Luke 6:45, “Why call ye me Lord...?” Matthew 2:11, “And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and worshipped him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts; gold, frankincense, and myrrh.”

King – Jesus Christ is truly our great King. Matthew 21:2 says, “Where is he that is born king of the Jews?” Jesus was and is the King of the Jews. Luke 19:38, “Blessed be the king that cometh in the name of the Lord: peace in heaven, and glory in the highest.”

The savior of men, our Lord Jesus Christ, has many names. I have only given you nine of them. There are many more. Perhaps you would find it uplifting to make your own list and see how many more names you can come up with for the baby born in Bethlehem long ago who is still influencing the world by His one-of-a-kind birth and long list of descriptive names.

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SYMPATHY

Our sympathy goes to the family of **Rev. Walter Johnson**, a former Wesleyan pastor, who went to be with the Lord on November 5th.

Our condolences go to the family of **Barbara Ice**, who went to be with the Lord on November 6th. She is the wife of DBA Member, Bob Ice.

Our condolences also go to the family of **Betty Ann Pierce**, who went to be with the Lord on November 9th. Betty was a former District Office Secretary.

December Schedule

- 1 Pastor’s Annual Christmas Dinner – 6:30 P.M.
- 3 A.M. Brazil
P.M. Gnaw Bone
- 10 A.M. Rising Sun
P.M. Wilmington Hills
- 11 DBA Christmas Dinner
- 17 A.M. Christmas Program
P.M. Church Visit
- 24 A.M. Connersville
P.M. Christmas Eve
- 25 Christmas Day

January Schedule

- 2-4 The Gathering/Florida
- 5-7 DS Institute/Florida
- 14 A.M. Medora
P.M. Mitchell
- 21 A.M. Wesley Chapel
P.M. Marengo
- 28 A.M. Washington Main Street
P.M. Bicknell



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2nd Mile Church

In Matthew 5:41, Jesus said, "And whoever compels you to go one mile, go with him two." This month we are highlighting one of our churches going the 2nd mile in giving to others.

Recently as I spoke at **Terre Haute Faith Wesleyan Church**, a Gideon speaker spoke about 10 minutes concerning the Gideon Ministry. The church gave nearly \$2,000 to help buy Bibles that day. Also, more notably, they are ranked **9th** out of all the Wesleyan churches in the U.S. giving to missions. They gave **\$90,728.00** to missions this last year. This calculates out to \$381 per capita giving. May God continue to bless **Pastor Dan Gormong** as he continues to lead the church forward in sacrificial giving.

DID YOU KNOW?

Trinity Wesleyan Church began on Easter Sunday, April 5, 1931, and was known as East Side Full Gospel Tabernacle. It started in two tents and the present location was completed in October 1931, under the leadership of Rev. A. L. Luttrull. During Luttrull's leadership, the church reached 1,000 in church attendance on several occasions, such as, Rally Day, Easter and Christmas.

The educational unit was completed in October 1938 and was used as a Bible School for six years. Trinity also helped plant several congregations, and at one time there were 32 churches which looked to Trinity for leadership.

In 1950 the congregation became part of the Pilgrim Holiness Church, and in June 1968, the name was changed to Trinity Wesleyan Church due to the merger of the Pilgrim Holiness Church and the Wesleyan Methodist Church.

Trinity has had eight pastors: Rev. James Hertel, Rev. Clyde Dupin, Rev. William Oden, Rev. Ron McClung, Rev. Tim McClellan, Rev. Everett Freels, and Rev. Michael Belt. We are pleased to welcome **Rev. Duane Allison and his wife, Fonda**, as their 9th pastor.

A special thanks to **Mrs. Mary Lynn Crossfield**, secretary of Trinity Wesleyan for **33 years**, for putting this information together for us.



Pictured above are the students that recently took the General Church History class offered by the district at the Paoli Wesleyan Church. Dr. Mark taught the class, and **Rev. Larry Smith** is also in the picture because he was a guest lecturer. We really enjoyed his presentation since Rev. Smith is an expert in the Church History discipline of study.

DISTRICT MINISTERIAL CONVENTION

March 5 & 6, 2007 (Mon. & Tue.)

The Mayfields Meeting Room
2100 Liberty Drive
Bloomington, IN

Guest Speaker: Dr. H.B. London
Music By: Don and Sheryl Gessner

Ministerial Class 2007

Expository Preaching
Professor – Dr. Mark Eckart
February 3rd & 24th, 2007
Paoli Wesleyan Church

Middle/High School District Lock-In

Friday, February 16th, 11:00 P.M.

Walnut Street Baptist Church
Louisville, KY

\$20/student
\$5/youth sponsor

SUPER SATURDAY

"Refocusing the Church"

With Rev. Richard Meeks

Saturday, April 28, 2007

At Orleans Wesleyan Fellowship Center



Pictured above are **Rev. & Mrs. Mel Linville** and their two sons **Aaron & Philip**. This picture was taken as they were being installed as the pastoral family recently at our Bloomington Central Church. May God give them a successful ministry among these dear people!

CHURCH GROWTH REPORT

Church	Pastor	Oct. SS '06	Oct. SS '05	Variation	% Gain	AM	PM	Wk Day
Austin	K.Wingham	19	13	6	46%	21	11	11
Bedford	G. Tilley	26	22	4	18%	35	27	17
Bicknell	M. Reed	50	45	5	11%	59	32	75
Birdseye	D. Murphy	26	17	9	53%	28	0	0
Bloomfield Mt. Calvary	F. Collings	nr		0	0%			
Bloomfield Mt. Zion	M. Moore	22	36	14	0%	22	18	12
Bloomfield Southside	C. Thomas	20	11	9	82%	14	12	0
Bloomington Central	M. Linville	40	47	7	0%	47	28	21
Bloomington Shepherd	A. Hendershot	17	18	1	0%	20	13	9
Blue River	A. Marshall	26	25	1	4%	36	13	0
Boonville	E. Ames	31	21	10	48%	54	30	26
Brazil Jackson	TBS	22	28	6	0%	30	13	12
Carthage New Life	H. Weaver	0	0	0	0%	13	0	0
Clear Fork	C. Uebel	12	11	1	9%	17	10	7
Columbus Bethel	B. Carpenter	57	58	1	0%	84	44	68
Columbus Central	B. Miller	16	21	5	0%	16	11	0
Columbus Flintwood	W. Jones	nr		0	0%			
Columbus Ohio Street	J. Vandervort	nr		0	0%			
Concord	T. Whitham	48	29	19	66%	53	21	15
Connersville Grandview	G. Stroud	8	9	1	0%	13	0	0
Corydon New Hope	J. Moore	13	21	8	0%	42	0	0
E. Enterprise	TBS	nr		0	0%			
Edinburgh	L. Biddle	35	36	1	0%	35	22	20
English	P. Jones	54	80	26	0%	64	46	48
Evansville Forest Hills	M. Stoelting	135	136	1	0%	249	88	166
Evansville North Park	S. Boardman	69	47	22	47%	91	36	61
Evansville Trinity	D. Allison	27	51	24	0%	39	12	0
Fort Branch	M. Hughes	31	28	3	11%	37	18	49
Franklin	D. Neal	39	34	5	15%	51	37	30
French Lick Sprgs. Vall.	J. Moffatt	63	54	9	17%	140	59	47
Gnaw Bone	G. Armstrong	18	19	1	0%	23	13	10
Greenfield	J. Anderson	20	21	1	0%	31	16	10
Greensburg	D. Preston	nr		0	0%			
Greenwood	J. Hughes	0	0	0	0%	86	0	0
Holton	W. Vandervort	19	25	6	0%	20	10	7
Hope First	E. Boston	23	32	9	0%	26	11	42
Lawrenceburg	M. Kessen	nr		0	0%			
Lewisville Trinity	C. Stroud	nr		0	0%			
Lewis Creek	D. Gates	11	18	7	0%	25	0	10
Loogootee Mt. Zion	J. Simmons	16	19	3	0%	43	15	14
Madison Calvary	M. Mahoney	46	33	13	39%	63	37	27
Marengo Valley	S. Lock	55	52	3	6%	94	45	52
Martinsville	K. Kearby	nr		0	0%			
Martinsville Bethel	J. Irvin	12	8	4	50%	10	0	8
Mecca New Life	C. Todd	40	28	12	43%	52	20	105
Medora	C. Morgan	39	41	2	0%	36	23	34
Milan	L. Brown	nr		0	0%			

*NR-No Report

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Mitchell	S. Jones	75	106	31	0%	183	85	130
Mooresville New Life	M. Linville	18	24	6	0%	42	28	17
Morgantown	J. Irvin	0	0	0	0%	0	7	0
New Albany Spring Ave.	N. Watters	24	16	8	50%	31	0	0
North Vernon	J. Terry	64	50	14	28%	81	39	28
Orleans	H. Carr	44	54	10	0%	49	32	19
Otwell	R. Stilwell	32	20	12	60%	32	20	0
Paoli	TBS	nr		0	0%			
Petersburg	L. Lamar	11	8	3	38%	11	0	0
Poplar Grove	J. Downs	16	15	1	7%	22	16	13
Prairie Creek	T. Fennell	0	0	0	0%	17	10	10
Princeton	D. Reed	nr		0	0%			
Rising Sun	J. Kelley	6	6	0	0%	9	0	6
Rodney	M. Miller	10	17	7	0%	10	15	7
Rushville	H. Baker	nr		0	0%			
Salem	S. Caniff	13	13	0	0%	18	17	12
Sandford	C. Hedden	9	10	1	0%	9	5	3
Scottsburg	P. Mills	8	10	2	0%	9	7	9
Seelyville	F. Burk, Jr.	nr		0	0%			
Seymour	I. Holt	26	30	4	0%	35	26	36
Shelburn	B. Noel	13	11	2	18%	13	0	7
Shelbyville Grace	J. Travis	51	57	6	0%	64	40	13
Shelbyville Westside	J. Farnsley	24	24	0	0%	26	48	13
Simpson Chapel	R. Brown	nr		0	0%			
Somerville	D. Brandon	37	38	1	0%	42	33	22
Spearsville	B. Bray	0	0	0	0%	16	9	5
Spencer	J. Knight	13	7	6	86%	13	0	0
Sullivan	G. Larimer	44	43	1	2%	48	50	47
Sylvania	B. England	48	53	5	0%	93	51	56
Terre Haute Faith	D. Gormong	145	138	7	5%	249	146	171
Terre Haute Hulman	D. Willis	87	64	23	36%	108	51	54
Terre Haute North	V. Reed	11	7	4	57%	11	11	9
Trafalgar	C. Hilton	7	5	2	40%	7	3	3
Valeene	D. Manship	13	24	11	0%	73	24	63
Versailles	D. Jewell	30	26	4	15%	30	10	10
Walker Chapel	R. Hendershot	20	16	4	25%	71	0	7
Washington Main St.	P. Kessen	0	0	0	0%	59	32	22
Washington Vincennes	J. Gilley	26	29	3	0%	27	26	22
Wesley Chapel	W. Wickard	37	0	0	0%	41	29	22
Westport	TBS	nr		0	0%			
West Terre Haute 6th	R. Weeks	nr		0	0%			
West Terre Haute 8th	P. Shelton	69	70	1	0%	69	46	36
Wheatland	K. Mitchell	nr		0	0%			
Whitehall	D. Campbell	19	22	3	0%	18	14	11
Wilmington Hills	D. Meriwether	25	0	0	0%	25	26	11
TOTALS		2280	2207	73	3%	3480	1747	1907

Top Ten Churches for Numerical Gain for October 2006

Church	Pastor	Gain	Church	Pastor	Gain
Terre Haute Hulman	Rev. Dan Willis	23	Otwell	Rev. Roy Stilwell	12
Evansville North Park	Rev. Steve Boardman	22	Mecca New Life	Rev. Chet Todd	12
Concord	Rev. Troy Whitham	19	Boonville	Rev. Ed Ames	10
North Vernon	Rev. Jim Terry	14	Bloomfield Southside	Rev. Carl Thomas	9
Madison Calvary	Rev. Monty Mahoney	13	Birdseye	Rev. Delbert Murphy	9

Top Ten Percentage Gain for Oct. 2006

Church	Pastor	Percentage Gain
Spencer	Rev. Jim Knight	86%
Bloomfield Southside	Rev. Carl Thomas	82%
Concord	Rev. Troy Whitham	66%
Otwell	Rev. Roy Stilwell	60%
Terre Haute North	Rev. Vernon Reed	57%
Birdseye	Rev. Delbert Murphy	53%
New Albany Spring Ave.	Rev. Nathan Watters	50%
Martinsville Bethel	Rev. John Irvin	50%
Boonville	Rev. Ed Ames	48%
Evansville North Park	Rev. Steve Boardman	47%



Merry Christmas