

A Why in a Manger?

The story of the Baby in the manger has become so appealing to us that we miss altogether what it must have meant for those involved.

Since when was a stable a nice place to have a baby? He was laid in the manger because “there was no room for them in the inn.”

Perhaps we don’t feel so badly about it because it was other people long ago-not us! We would have been more considerate! We would have found a better place!

Our choices aren’t really so very different from the ones that faced the people of Bethlehem. Looking at it honestly isn’t it true that much of the time we are thinking only of ourselves?

So the Baby in the manger raises a real question about the sort of people we are. The Christmas story shows us up for what we are– selfish and self-centered. Back then, it wasn’t a question of not having room for the Son of God– they didn’t know who this Baby was. But when his identity became clear, they had him nailed to a cross!

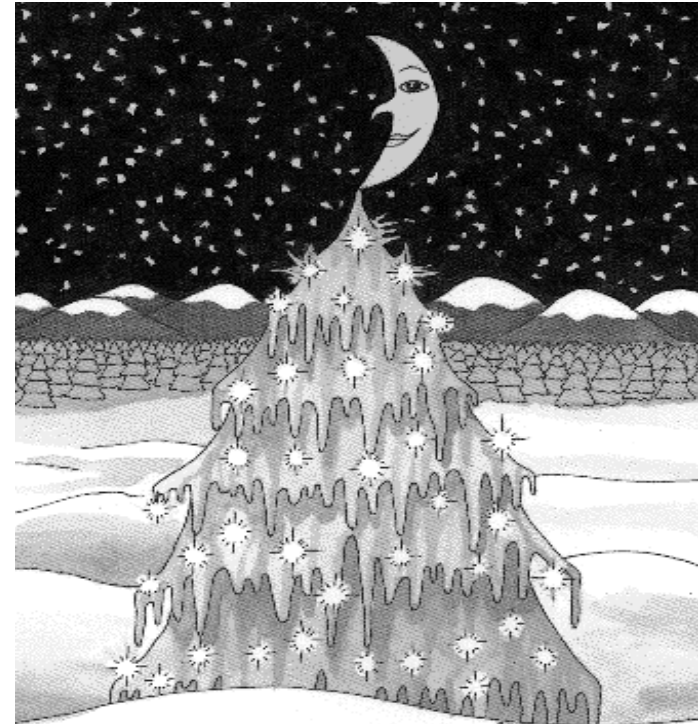
And what about our celebration of Christmas? Are we any less self-centered? And do we have any more room for Jesus the Son of God?

Why the manger? One answer lies in us, in the sort of people we are!

~ Pastor Kuschel



But seek ye first the kingdom of God,
and His righteousness; and all these
things shall be added unto you.
(Mat. 6:33)



Ask, and it shall be given you; seek,
and ye shall find; knock and it shall be
opened unto you: (Mat. 7:7)

***My God, My God
How Great Thou Art!***

Welcome Home to Westwood Hills!

Today is December 14, 2008.

We are located at:

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Or e-mailed to: prayerrequests@westwoodhillsministries.org

Pastor's Blog Page: <http://ebobkuschel.wordpress.com>

Welcome to the Westwood Hills Church of God!

God is moving in our Church and changing lives through the power of the Word and the Holy Spirit and my desire is for you to experience it for yourself. At Westwood Hills, you can always count on being loved and having the opportunity to worship and praise the Lord, because at Westwood Hills, it's always ALL ABOUT HIM!

E . Bob Kuschel, Ph.D.

Senior Pastor

Last Sunday's Giving

Missions Williams.....	120.00
Children's Ministry.....	18.50
Life Builders.....	10.00
Debt Reduction.....	40.00
Youth Ranch.....	15.00
Youth Ministries.....	4.00
Missions Fund	40.00
Guatamala 2009	20.00
General Fund.....	454.50
Tithes	2223.67
Total.....	2945.67

*21 families brought their tithes to
Westwood Hills last week.*

Church "Matters"

Volunteers are needed to work the Christmas Tree Tent! A sign-up sheet has been provided in the lobby. Thank You for your valuable time!



Tuesday, December 16, 2008: You are cordially invited to attend the Pre-school Christmas program. Program will commence at 7:00 pm in the church sanctuary.

Wednesday, December 17, 2008:

Please join us for a Christmas Dinner at 7 pm. in the sanctuary.

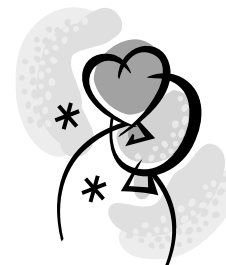
I love the recklessness of faith. First you leap,
and then you grow wings.

~ William Sloane Coffin

Please Keep In Prayer:

Pastor Kuschel & Family
Gloria Broglia
Aaron Haygood (U.S. Army)
Eddie Johnson (cancer)
Juanita Fillyaw
Shirley Moore
Lindsay Carnes
Jim Windham
Nathan Wachob
Sgt. Michael Mincey (U.S.A.F)
Louis Osteen

Happy Be-lated
Birthday to **Megan
Caton**. Her birth-
day was Tuesday,
December 9th.



Happy Birthday

Jim Windham 12/28