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Emmanuel

Matthew 1:18-23 says, "Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: When as his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost .

Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not willing to make her a public example, was minded to put her away privily.

But while he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost.

And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins.

Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us.

Then Joseph being raised from sleep did as the angel of the Lord had bidden him, and took unto him his wife: And knew her not till she had brought forth her firstborn son: and he called his name JESUS."

God with us!

God was personally present in Christ reconciling the world unto Himself (2 Corinthians 5:19). The Creator became His creation. He stripped Himself of His rightful dignity and was born a human being (Philippians 2:7-8). Then he humbled Himself still further and died the death of the cross thereby remitting His creation (mankind) of their sins.

What great love God has for us that He would go to such an extreme extent to redeem us and save us from the consequences of our sins!

Jesus is the very image of God's nature (Hebrews 1:3). He revealed the Father to us. In John 14:9, Jesus said, "...he that hath seen me hath seen the Father."

Jesus demonstrated many acts of kindness,

forgiving sins, healing multitudes of sick people, meeting the needs of mankind, and just plain doing good. All the while declaring that "...the Father that dwelleth in me, he doeth the works" (John 14:10). It was truly "God with us."

However, before Jesus went to the cross He spoke of a time to come during which God would be "in" us, not just among us. He prayed for those that would believe on Him that the Father would be in them just like He was in Him (John 17:20-23).

Jesus said that He would not leave us comfortless (John 14:18). He said that the Father would send a Comforter - the Spirit of Truth - to abide in us (John 14:16-17). The Comforter is the Holy Ghost (John 14:26).

When you believe that God has raised Jesus from the dead and receive Him as your Lord, your spirit is reborn and the Holy Spirit comes to live in you. He gives you a new heart (spirit) and puts His Spirit within you (Ezekiel 36:26-27).

God in us!

One of the greatest aspects of our salvation is that now God dwells in us. He dwells in us by the Holy Spirit. The work of the Holy Spirit in the life of a believer is an awesome blessing.

In John 14:12, Jesus said, "...He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do because I go unto my Father." When Jesus went to His Father, He sent the Holy Ghost.

The Apostle Paul declared that the "mystery" of the Gospel is "Christ in you, the hope of glory" (Colossians 1:25-27). In Ephesians 4:6, he states that there is "One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all." Then he says in 2 Corinthians 6:16, "...ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them..."

The New Testament walk is a walk of the Spirit. As a believer in the Lord Jesus, you are the temple of the Holy Spirit (1 Corinthians 6:19).

Acts 10:38 says, "How God anointed Jesus of



Brad's Itinerary:

Word of Faith Family Church
Great Falls, MT - Nov. 25, Dec. 2

Church on the Rock
Butte, MT - Dec. 2 AM

AFCM Meetings
Sioux Falls, SD - Dec. 6
Rockport, MO - Dec. 8 (luncheon)

Principles of Organization Seminar
Grace Community Church
Rockport, MO - Dec. 7-9

AFCM Meeting
Savage, MN - Dec. 13

Word of Faith Family Church
Great Falls, MT - Dec. 16, 30

AFCM Leadership Meeting
Ocala, FL - Jan. 10-11

Glory and Power
Word of Faith Family Church
Willmar, MN - Jan. 18-20

AFCM Meeting
Willmar, MN - Jan. 18

Xtreme Life Training Center
Willmar, MN - Jan. 22-25

Word of Faith Family Church
Great Falls, MT - Jan. 27

AFCM Meeting
Helena, MT - Jan. 28

New Beginnings Church
Owatonna, MN - Feb. 2

Xtreme Life Training Center
Willmar, MN - Feb. 5-8

Word of Faith Family Church
Great Falls, MT - Feb. 10, 17

Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power; who went about doing good and healing all that were oppressed of the devil, for God was with him."

If you are a born-again believer in Christ Jesus, you have that same Holy Spirit (anointing) dwelling in you. And if you are filled with the Spirit according to Acts 2:4, you have the Holy Spirit (anointing) upon you.

You can manifest the nature of God with acts of

love and kindness. You can lay hands on the sick and they shall recover (Mark 16:18). You can do the works of Jesus because God is now in you!

Yes, Christmas is about God coming and dwelling among us in the person of Jesus, but He came to pave the way for God to dwell "in" us! Thank you, Jesus!

by Brad Brede



Ministry Update!

Brad Brede Ministries

We certainly are very busy these days. Our work is expanding as God opens new doors of ministry.

We are still visiting churches and helping people grow in their relationship with the Lord and fulfill all that He has called them to do.

We are continuing to fulfill our responsibilities as AFCM Regional Directors, traveling into various regions and ministering to the ministers at our AFCM meetings.

We have a couple special meetings coming up. Our Glory and Power meetings are scheduled at Word of Faith Family Church in Willmar, Minnesota on January 18-20, 2008.

The AFCM Regional Men's Conference with Jim Kaseman is once again set for April 18-20, 2008 at Paynesville, Minnesota.

We are also planning a new construction project scheduled to begin in the spring of 2008. We will be building a warehouse and maintenance facility.

Xtreme Life Training Center

The ministry of Xtreme Life Training Center is progressing very well. The students are excited about learning how to succeed in life.

We are already planning for next year and ready to receive applications. Again, we remind you that our program is designed to minister to "all" adults 18-30 years of age.

The 2008-09 catalogs are available with all the updated information. Several changes have been made that will improve the effectiveness of the school. Request yours today!

If you or someone you know wants to be thoroughly equipped to succeed in life, then Xtreme Life Training Center is the place to be. Make plans to attend and send others our way.

Word of Faith Family Church

Most of you should know by now that we have started a church in Great Falls, Montana. We are just a little over a year old and steadily advancing in what God has called us to do there.

We are presently moving into a more permanent

(leased) facility. We have been meeting in a hotel. Everyone is excited about the move.

This is the best group of people that I have ever worked with in a church setting. They want to reach out to others and have very generous hearts. Leaders are developing, people are finding their place, and all are doing their part.

God has sent us an awesome associate (Linda Montgomery) to help us. We appreciate her very much! God knew that we needed help because of all the other things He has us doing.

We are looking forward to the advancement of the church and its impact on the community.

Xtreme Passion

The ministry to the teenagers is also doing well. Much more responsibility has been delegated to Nick and Jennifer Jorgenson.

They recently had a youth rally in the Twin Cities area of Minnesota. We heard several good reports from that event. They also minister regularly to the youth at Word of Faith Family Church in Willmar, Minnesota.

We are looking forward to another great youth camp at Paynesville, Minnesota. The dates are July 7-11, 2008. Please mark your calendar and make plans to attend - and bring lots of teenagers! It is a life-changing experience!

Rev. Bradley and Patricia Brede hold ordination credentials with the Association of Faith Churches and Ministers. Brad Brede Ministries was established after twenty years of successful pastoral ministry.

Brad and Patty have faithfully served as AFCM Regional Directors since 1988. They travel extensively promoting the vision of AFCM, encouraging and equipping pastors, and strengthening churches.

Brad and Patty have established several youth camps beginning in 1994. They founded Xtreme Passion in 2005 and Xtreme Life Training Center in 2007 - ministries devoted to helping teenagers and young adults pursue the purposes of God.

You may become a ministry partner by joining our Par Excellence Club. Please, contact us for details.

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Upcoming special Events!

AFCM Regional Men's Conference
Lake Koronis Assembly Grounds
Paynesville, Minnesota
April 18-20, 2008
Jim Kaseman, Brad Brede

Xtreme Passion Youth Camp
Lake Koronis Assembly Grounds
Paynesville, Minnesota
July 7-11, 2008
Randy Mitchell, Brad Brede

Glory and Power
Word of Faith Family Church
Willmar, Minnesota
January 18-20, 2008
AFCM Meeting - January 18 AM & PM
Brad Brede, Rod Rice

Xtreme Life Training Center
Beginning September 8, 2008
Word of Faith Family Church
Willmar, Minnesota