

The Carpenter's Christian Church
Sunday, December 17th, 2023

Scriptures and Questions for Reflection:

Scripture: Isaiah 9: 6

- Describe the significance of each of the four names attributed to the Messiah in this verse.

Question: Describe how Jesus left people filled with wonder in each of the scriptures below.

- Luke 2: 46 – 47; Luke 5: 26; Matthew 7: 28 - 29

Scripture: Proverbs 12: 15; Proverbs 15: 22

- Tell about a time when you either suffered from not seeking advice or benefitted from seeking advice before making a decision.

Scripture: Isaiah 11: 2; John 8: 12; Romans 11: 33 – 34

- What do the verses above say about why Jesus is such a Wonderful Counselor?

Scripture: Psalm 119: 105; James 1: 5; Proverbs 3: 5 – 6; John 14: 26

- What do the verses above say are sources of wisdom and guidance?

Scripture: Revelation 12: 9; 1 Timothy 4: 1

- Describe how you see Satan deceiving people in the world today and leading them astray.

Scripture: Philippians 1: 9 – 10; John 2: 25

- What is discernment? Why is it important? Can it be increased?

Question: Explain what each of the scriptures below say about Jesus as our Counselor and guide.

- Hebrews 4: 15; 1 Peter 5: 7

Scripture: John 8: 31 – 36

- What does this passage teach about fixing root problems?

- I. Our Messiah is wonderful.
 - a. The Messiah would leave us _____ with _____.

- II. Our Messiah is a counselor.
 - a. He wants to not only _____ us, but also to _____ us.

- III. What makes Jesus a Wonderful Counselor?
 - a. He has wonderful _____.
 - b. He has the spirit of _____.
 - c. He is available to _____ our _____.
 - d. He can give you _____.
 - e. He has _____ in our _____.
 - f. He _____ you.
 - g. He goes to the _____ of the _____.

Notes:

“Wonderful Counselor”

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Announcements:

Today -

- Ordination of our new elders and deacons at the end of second service.
- Angel tree gift wrapping at 1 PM. (Help is welcomed.)

Wednesday, Dec. 20th –

- Christmas worship night at 7 PM.

Friday - Monday, Dec. 22nd and Monday - Dec 25th

- Church office closed.

Next Sunday, Dec. 24 –

- SPECIAL SERVICE TIMES of 9:15 and 11 AM. No Sunday School.

You can still give toward the special Thanksgiving offering between now and December 31st. Just mark the memo line "Thanksgiving offering" so we can differentiate between that and the regular offering. This offering goes toward funding the first year of Celebrate Recovery and our "Helping Hurting People" fund.

Facts & Figures from last week:

Sunday AM worship

1st service attendance – 302
2nd service attendance – 509
Total in-person -- 811
Online -- 109
Total attendance - 920
Baptisms - 1

Offering

Weekly budget need - \$21,285
Offering -- \$39,388.28

Discipleship

Sunday school - 184
Adult LIFE groups - 116
Team Kid / students -- 312

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