

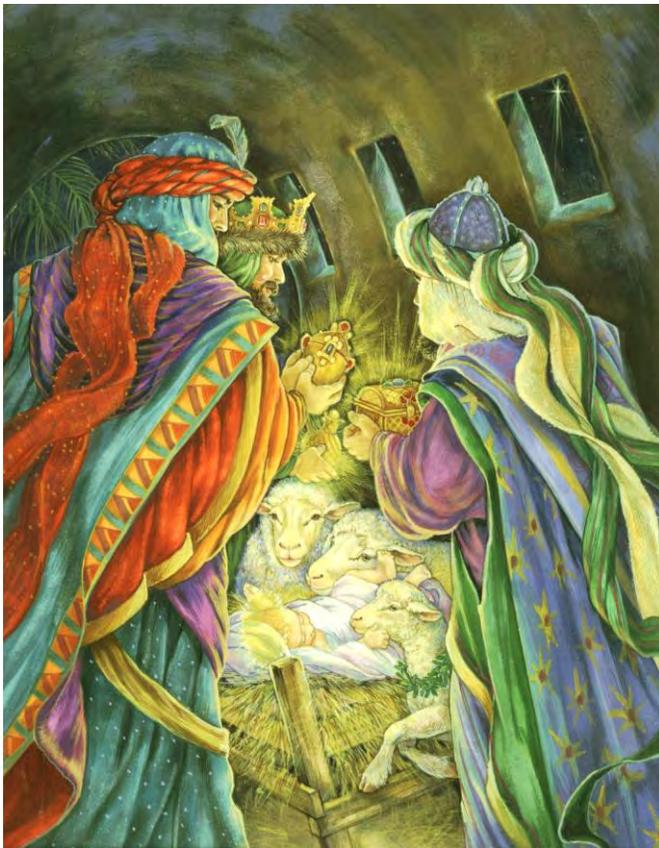
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Danby Church News

Danby Community Church

Adding to and Building up the Kingdom of God



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Serving GOD & Community

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Sunday – 10am
Music Service, Wed. - 7pm
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*11 And when they were come into the house,
they saw the young child with Mary his
mother, and fell down, and worshipped him:*

Matthew 2



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The Story of the Wise Men by Rev. Bob Doan

I find it a little confusing that Christmas displays include three wise men who actually didn't arrive on the scene for another few years. However, the rest of the story is mainly conjecture, with what little information is gleaned from scriptures. We find that the three men who visited the King of Judea were directed to not return to him after visiting Jesus.

The three wise men (actually scriptures do not tell how many were in the party) were most likely from an area which is now Iraq, Iran, or Saudi Arabia. Possibly the men were from Yemen as Jewish kings ruled Yemen at this time in history. We consider them "three" because of the three gifts presented to Jesus according to scripture.

The Magi were definitely men of great learning. The word comes from the Greek word "magos" (where the word "magic" comes from) meaning wise man. They would have followed the patterns of the stars religiously and today we would have called them astrologers. This is what led them to the newborn King. They had seen an unusual new star in the sky and knew that it told of the birth of a special king. There are many theories about that star, many bordering on the supernatural.

When the wise men found Jesus and Mary, they would have been living in a normal house in Bethlehem because by this time Jesus would have been aged between one and two*. The gifts seemed strange to give to a baby but they had special meanings to Christians. Gold is associated to Kings, Frankincense to a sign of worship, and Myrrh is a perfume used to mask the smell of death showing that Jesus would suffer and die.

Legends have been told about these men and they have even been given names. Casper represents the giver of the gift of Frankincense. Melchior represents the giver of the gift of Gold and Balthazar the giver of the gift of Myrrh.

*Matthew 2:11 "And when they had come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary, his mother, and fell down and worshipped him." King Herod (Matthew 2:16) massacred boys 2 years old or younger so, Jesus could have been two years old when the Magi arrived.



The 3rd Commandment

By Pete and Sally Hall

"Thou shalt have not take the name of the Lord, your God in vain." Ex.20:7
Vain: having no substance, value or importance; empty void; worthless.

The God of heaven and earth cannot be thought of in this manner. The 3rd commandment says that it is sin to do so. God's name is power; it is the power of God to set mankind free from.

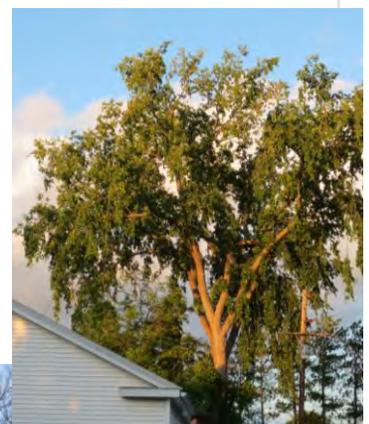
At every turn, we hear the name of God used to curse, or used as if it had no meaning. Jesus said that we are the light of the world, that our light should shine so that we might bring glory to our Heavenly Father (Matt. 5:14-16). Giving reverence to God and representing Him properly is what the command calls for.

Paul states in Romans that God's name is blasphemed among the Gentiles because the Jews did not show reverence for His name, alluding to Ezekiel 36:22. The ancient Jews had many rules concerning the use of God's name. When it was written by a scribe the pen had to be thrown away and never used again.

Jesus told us to hallow the name of God, (Matt 6:19) This means that God's name is holy, it is set apart. Speaking the name of God is a solemn act, it must be spoken for appropriate reasons and not as a curse or as slang. It is not a filler for when we don't have enough vocabulary. (cont'd on back page)



Our elm tree died after shading our church for more than 60 years.



The 11th Commandment

"A new commandment I give unto you, That you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another."

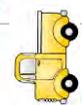
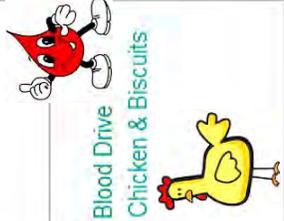
John 13:34



Danby Community Church January 2017



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Jan 1 9 Sunday School 10 Worship Service 11:30 Fellowship Time	2 7p Trustees Meeting	3 7p Pastor's Bible Study	4	5 9 Strength Grp. 12p Sr. Citizens Mtg.	6	7 8 Prayer Hour
8 9 Sunday School 10 Worship Service 11:30 Fellowship Time	9 9 Strength Grp. 7p Admin Council	10 7p Pastor's Bible Study	11	12 9 Strength Grp.	13 10 Blood Drive 5p Chicken & Biscuits	14 8 Prayer Hour
15 9 Sunday School 10 Worship Service 11:30 Fellowship Time	16 9 Strength Grp. 12p Lunch & Games	17 7p Pastor's Bible Study	18	19 9 Strength Grp. 3p Food Pantry	20	21 8 Prayer Hour
22 9 Sunday School 10 Worship Service 11:30 Fellowship Time 12p Annual Meeting	23 9 Strength Grp. 12p Food Truck 5:30p SAP 7p SPOC Meeting	24 7p Pastor's Bible Study	25	26 9 Strength Grp.	27	28 8 Prayer Hour
29 9 Sunday School 10 Worship Service 11:30 Brunch	30 9 Strength Grp.	31 7p Pastor's Bible Study	Feb 1	2 9 Strength Grp. 12p Sr. Citizens Mtg.	3	4 8 Prayer Hour





Time change!

Blood Drive - Friday, Jan. 13, 10-2pm

“Dunkin’ Donors Make a Difference”



January is a particularly hard time to collect blood. Given that and a restricted time for this month’s drive, we need everyone’s help to get a good turnout.

January is also Dunkin’ Donuts month. People who volunteer to give blood will receive \$5 coupons to Dunkin’ Donuts!

Because of a scheduling conflict with our Chicken dinner, we’ve had to schedule January’s drive earlier. Future drives will be at the usual 1-6pm time.

Stop by for homemade goodies, coffee, and good company. Walk-ins always welcome!



Annual Meeting - Jan. 22

after a light luncheon.



The 3rd Commandment (continued)

God's name, is meant for prayers and praise. Not for profanity or for meaningless babble. Here are just a few examples of the praise used to honor God's holy name.

"O Lord, our Lord, how excellent is Your name in all the earth, who have set Your glory above the heavens"(Psalm 8:1)

"Give unto the Lord the glory due His name; worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness." (Psalm 29:2)

"Bless the Lord, O my soul; and all that is within me, bless His holy name! Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits: (Psalm 103)

Paul directed the Colossians to "Do all things in the name of the Lord, Jesus giving thanks to God, the Father through Him." (Col. 3:17) This direction is for all believers for all time.

"What a privilege it is to pray in Jesus name, If you ask anything in my name, I will do it". (John 12:14)

We must never misuse this privilege, when we pray, we must ask only in accordance with His will not for selfish ambitions. (John 5: 14-15)

While many of us would like to be able to mute the tongues of those who choose to use God's name to curse or in vain ways, the most effectual plan of attack is to be sure that our speech is reverent and respectful of the God who gives us life.

To keep our hearts filled with praise for the one God who loves us so much that He allowed His one and only Son to die for our many, many sins. We must keep our hearts filled with His love and grace: so that our mouths will only speak His praises and bring honor to Him; so He may be known.

On a personal note: Dear Brothers and Sisters, Peter and I had to pull out early due to the weather. We will surely miss each and every one of you! Our year with you was overflowing with love and support. Please continue to reach out to the community the way you reached out to us. You are in our hearts and we will see you again if God wills.

Sincerely, Pete and Sally Hall

Chicken & Biscuits

Jan. 13, 5pm donations



Free Homemade Lunch!

Hot Soup, Friends & Games

Jan. 16 at Noon

Every 3rd Monday through April.



New Year's Resolution!

Once a week, honor and glorify God's name with a selfless act!



Birthdays

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| 1-3 Chris Everhart | 1-18 Jim Benninger |
| 1-5 Michele Dunning | 1-20 Michaela Nelson |
| 1-6 Kathie DeWolfe | 1-26 Sean Norman |
| 1-8 Betty Getz | 1-31 Eugenia Landers |
| 1-10 Robert Doan | |
| 1-13 Johanna Husband | |
| 1-16 Natalia Rathbun | |



King-sized bed

The Food Truck

will be at the Fire Dept. in Jan., Feb. & March.

