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"Sir, we wish to see Jesus" ([John 12:21](#))

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I've worked in companies where everyone gathered together to celebrate each employee's birthday. Once, when my turn came, we gathered together in our customary fashion around the conference table. After taking my cake and card, I took my seat and watched everyone talk and laugh and otherwise enjoy their temporary release from their work duties. I also noticed that hardly anyone talked to me. I made a comment here and there to announce my presence, then finally left the room. No one noticed.

I've often wondered if Jesus feels that way at Christmas, which is traditionally hailed as the celebration of Christ's birth. It is the biggest birthday party on Earth. It all started with angels and shepherds, a guest list as diverse as you can get ([Luke 2:8 – 9](#)). Of course, the guest of honor was the focus of the party: Jesus Christ in infant form.

We can all join in with Charlie Brown in repudiating the commercialism of Christmas and pushing aside the curtains of the culture to see the true meaning of the season. We also agree with the bumper stickers, billboards, and broadcasters, who remind us to "keep Christ in Christmas." After all, it is His birthday celebration, and He deserves center stage.

We are also reminded that "wise men still seek Him." This is, of course, based on the visit of the magi to the young Christ child ([Matthew 2:1 – 2](#)). They traveled a great distance to see the Christ, and knew where to go to find Him. They essentially said to King Herod, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus."

Shepherds were the lowest of the low, the outcast caste, yet the heavenly host made sure they were the first ones outside the immediate family to join the party for the Messiah. They immediately set off to see Jesus ([Luke 2:15](#)).

Simeon, an aged holy man, wanted to see Jesus, and was told by God that he would. When the baby Jesus was carried to the temple, the Holy Spirit led Simeon right to him — he knew where to find Him ([Luke 2:25 – 26](#)).

After Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem, some Greeks — non-Jews who were celebrating Passover — came to Philip and gave us our theme verse, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus" ([John 12:21](#)). They knew whom to ask.

Due to the unusual circumstances of 2020, the celebration of Christmas is taking on unusual characteristics. The fears and uncertainties of this year compel many people to search for peace, love, joy, and hope, perhaps from a political leader who will deliver their world from trouble. Where can such a package be found?

If someone comes to us for the answer, would we be able to show them Jesus? Would they know to come to us? What part does the guest of honor play in our Christmas celebration? Do we acknowledge Jesus in our parties? If He left, would we notice?

If you do not know Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior, the Bible says, "For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost" ([Luke 19:10](#)). Jesus is seeking you; will He find you?

"Sir, we wish to see Jesus!" Now and every day.

Alan is editor of Lifestyles Over 50 (Thrive Media) and contributor to the Allentown, PA, Morning Call. He is also an adult Sunday school teacher and Bible study leader. Passionate about reviving theology and church methodology, and being a senior citizen!

GOD'S BLESSINGS DEC. 19, 2021

BUDGET NEEDS:	\$7,157.70
BUDGET RECEIPT:	\$7,247.95
LOTTIE MOON	\$927.00
WORSHIP ATTENDANCE:	155

GOD'S BLESSINGS DEC. 26, 2021

BUDGET NEEDS:	\$7,157.70
BUDGET RECEIPT:	\$3888.00
LOTTIE MOON	\$400.00
WORSHIP ATTENDANCE:	132

PRBC Tithing Envelopes are here! Please come pick up your order in the vestibule.



Tri-C for January: Canned Food Donations: 18 Pounds

Ark Meal for Jan. 18: Arona Boles

Worship Nursery Schedule:

1/2 Jane Love & Debbie Garner

1/9 Melanie Davis & Mia

We still need nursery workers for Sunday School and Wednesday Nights!! If you are willing and able to help out, let Jodi Weatherman know! There is also a sign up sheet in the lobby! Thanks!!

The Ark Meals: Time to sign up for the New Year! We provide our meal on the 3rd Tuesday of the month. Please sign up in the vestibule. See Debbie Garner for details.

Senior Saints: Senior Saints, don't forget to put January 7 on your calendar. We will go to Willingham Theater in Yadkinville to see "Road to Hollywood" featuring Elvis music by Taylor Vaden and Memphis Thunder. We will leave the church at 6:30 to be at the show at 7:30. We will NOT have a meal together before the show but you'll have plenty of time to have dinner before time to meet at the church. **TICKETS ARE SOLD OUT!**

PRBC Ladies, You're Invited! The Ladies' Ministry of Swan Creek Baptist Church is very pleased to invite the ladies of PRBC to join us at this year's Winter Ladies' Conference on Jan. 22 from 8:15am to 3:00pm. The cost is \$15 and includes breakfast and lunch. **SPECIAL SPEAKER:** Donna Alexander. Please fill out the registration form in the vestibule and return to the church office asap.



LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS

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GOAL \$7000

PRBC Events: Please let Dana know what is coming up at PRBC! Email

deaston@myprbc.net, text me at 336-426-7000, or call the church office. Thank you!

Service Times

Sunday

- 10:00 am - Children's Sunday School
- 10:00 am - Adult Sunday School
- 11:00 am - Worship Service

Wednesday

- 7:00 pm - Children Night Class
- 7:00 pm - Adult Bible Study
- 7:00 pm - Youth Bible Study

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