

Jay Winkler Inducted into The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi



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Jay Winkler

BATON ROUGE, LA (12/05/2018) -- Jay Winkler of Irvine KY, Kentucky, was recently initiated into The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, the nation's oldest and most selective all-discipline collegiate honor society. Winkler was initiated at University of Kentucky.

Winkler is among approximately 30,000 students, faculty, professional staff and alumni to be initiated into Phi Kappa Phi each year. Membership is by invitation only and requires nomination and approval by a chapter. Only the top 10 percent of seniors and 7.5 percent of juniors are eligible for membership. Graduate students in the top 10 percent of the number of candidates for graduate degrees may also qualify, as do faculty, professional staff and alumni who have achieved scholarly distinction.

Phi Kappa Phi was founded in 1897 under the leadership of undergraduate student Marcus L. Urann who had a desire to create a different kind of honor society: one that recognized excellence in all academic disciplines. Today, the Society has chapters on more than 300 campuses in the United States and the Philippines. Its mission is "To recognize and promote academic excellence in all fields of higher education and to engage the community of scholars in service to others."

Church News

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Sunday, December 23rd @ 11:00am

Providence Christmas Cantata

Providence Baptist Church will be presenting its Christmas cantata "Heart of Christmas" on Sunday, December 23, 2018, starting at 11 a.m. Sunday school begins at 9:45 a.m. Everyone is welcome.

Sunday, December 23rd @ @ 5:00pm

Wisemantown UMC Pageant

The "Christmas Nativity Pageant" will be presented by the youth and children of the Wisemantown United Methodist Church on Sunday, December 23 at 5 p.m. It tells the true meaning of Christmas with the manger scene filled with baby Jesus, Mary and Joseph, the angels, shepherds, wise men, and stars. A light meal will be served after the pageant. A Christmas Eve service will be Monday, December 24 at 6 p.m. at the church. All are invited to the services and visitors are always welcome. The church is located at 1358 Wisemantown Road.

Sunday, December 23rd @ 6:00pm

Mt. Carmel Christmas Play

Mount Carmel Christian Church will be having its children's Christmas play, called "Christmas 101" on Sunday, December 23, 2018, starting at 6:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Sunday, December 23rd @ @ 7:00pm

Easter Valley Christmas Play

The Easter Valley Baptist Church will be presenting their Christmas play on Sunday, December 23, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. The play is entitled, "The Children's Christmas Program." Everyone is welcome.

Monday, December 24th @ @ 5:00pm

Mt. Carmel Candlelight Service

Mount Carmel Christian Church will be having a Christmas Eve Candlelight Service on Monday, December 24, 2018, starting at 5:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Wednesday, Dec. 24th @ @ 7:00pm

Pine Hill Christmas Play

Pine Hill Baptist Church will present their Christmas Play, "A Child We Can Believe In," on Wednesday, Dec. 19, at 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome. Refreshments will be served after the play.

Sunday, December 30th @ 6:00pm

Gospel Singing at Wms. Memorial

Williams Memorial Baptist Church on Poplar Street in Ravenna, will be having a Gospel Singing on Sunday, December 30, 2018, starting at 6:00 p.m. with Matthew and Rosemary Watson as the featured singers. There will be refreshments afterwards. Everyone is welcome.

The Battle for the Minds of Men

by **BOB CASEY**, preacher
Cornerstone Church of Christ
70 Bond Street at Camp Avenue in West Irvine

Here we are once more, faced with the battle of the minds of men, called Christmas. Some are probably thinking at this very time, 'Well, here we go again, those people who call themselves members of the church of Christ, do not nor will we make an effort to put Christ into Christmas.' This is because he was never there in the first place. Some might say, 'Don't you believe that the birth of Jesus was an important event?' Yes, we do! If we did not, then all the promises made by our God in the Old Testament would not mean anything. And besides this, all the prophecies made by God's prophets would be without merit. So, we believe in the birth of our Lord Jesus without reservation. The angels proclaimed to the shepherds that the long-awaited Saviour was born in Bethlehem, that this was a glory sent from God to bring peace on earth and goodwill to all mankind. So, yes! You can believe that we believe this story.

But, now to the heart of the matter, 'Why doesn't the church in the Bible make a celebration of it at this time of the year?' The answer is: because of the lack of a command, or lack of even one example is given in the New Testament for the church to do so, plain and simple! Some may ask, do you people observe the Christmas holidays at your homes? Yes, indeed, but we also observe birthdays of children and even a day of national thanksgiving, but we do not make a provisional special day in which to do it. Besides, what we do at home is governed by our own desires, but what we do in weekly worship is dictated by the Word of God.

Then, some may be thinking, is it wrong to give gifts at Christmas time? Personally, I don't think it is wrong to give gifts at any time. But again, one cannot use the gifts given by the wise men in an attempt to justify Christmas day giving. Notice, whom

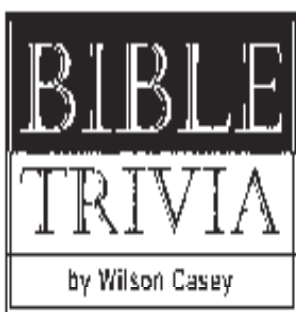
did the wise men give their gifts to?

So, they gave their gifts to Joseph and Mary, no doubt to help finance their stay in Egypt to escape the murdering Herod. But, instead of people today giving gifts to each other, the church may suffer from the lack of contributions given to the fact of over spending in Christmas time gift giving.

This suits the devil just fine. He doesn't care how mushy or teary-eyed one may get in watching a child filled with excitement over a gift, just as long as you leave out giving to the church. Many put on programs to stir up excitement at Christmas time; singing, 'Jingle Bells' and riding in a one-horse open sleigh. Just as long as you do not attend church on the Biblically authorized day to maybe sing, "O' How I Love Jesus," or 'Standing on the Promises,' or 'How Great Thou Art' Yes, sir, the devil does not care how loudly you sing 'Here Comes Santa Claus,' just as long as you fail to attend the celebration that Christians are instructed to do by our Saviour himself. In **Luke 22:14-20**, Jesus instituted the Lord's Supper, saying, "this do in remembrance of me." Then in Acts 20:1-7, the Apostles were still doing it every first day of the week. 52 times a year, was how often this occurred, and the followers of Jesus still do it today. In **1 Corinthians 11:26**, "For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till he come." I ask, 'How long has it been since you observed this day?'

In closing, I read just recently in the world volume encyclopedia concerning Santa Claus. All it says is all there is to it. It is just a fable, a fabricated story to arouse the excitement of people of all ages. And, this suits the devil just fine. After all, is he the father of all lies. John 8:44 says he is. Revelation 12:9. The Apostle Paul says it. **Ephesians 4:27** says, "Neither give place to the devil." But this does not stop men from doing it. How sad is it, that we have approached this place in history that most children know more about Santa Claus than they do about Jesus. To add, "To whom do we owe this trend unto?"

For questions or discussion, just call anytime.
Sincerely, Bob Casey, (1-859-369-4165), local



Gabriel appear to Mary saying, "Blessed art thou among women"? Nazareth, Tyre, Ninevah, Gazi

- How many times does the word "Christmas" appear in the Bible (KJV)? Zero, 1, 2, 7
- In what city of Judaea was Jesus born? Damascus, Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Gezer
- Who plotted to kill the baby Jesus? Archelaus, Herod, Pontius Pilot, Caesar Augustus

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...He took Him up in his arms and blessed God and said, "Lord, now You are letting Your servant depart in peace, according to Your word; for my eyes have seen Your salvation which You have prepared before the face of all peoples, a light to bring revelation to the Gentiles, and the glory of Your people Israel." LUKE 2: 28-32



Seeds of Hope



And while they were there, the time came for her baby to be born. She gave birth to her first child, a son. She wrapped him snugly in strips of cloth and laid him in a manger, because there was no lodging available for them.

That night there were shepherds staying in the fields nearby, guarding their flocks of sheep. Suddenly, an angel of the Lord appeared among them, and the radiance of the Lord's glory surrounded them. They were terrified, but the angel reassured them. "Don't be afraid!" he said. "I bring you good news that will bring great joy to all people. The Savior—yes, the

Messiah, the Lord—has been born today in Bethlehem, the city of David! And you will recognize him by this sign: You will find a baby wrapped snugly in strips of cloth, lying in a manger."

Suddenly, the angel was joined by a vast host of others—the armies of heaven—praising God and saying,

"Glory to God in highest heaven, and peace on earth to those with whom God is pleased."

When the angels had returned to heaven, the shepherds said to each other, "Let's go to Bethlehem! Let's see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about."

They hurried to the village and found Mary and Joseph. And there was the baby, lying in the manger.

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Saul's Damascus Road Conversion

Acts 9:1-2

1 And Saul, yet breathing out threatenings and slaughter against the disciples of the Lord, went unto the high priest, 2 And desired of him letters to Damascus to the synagogues, that if he found any of this way, whether they were men or women, he might bring them bound unto Jerusalem.

We wish everyone a Blessed Christmas. . . .

"For unto us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder; and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor; Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace" (Isaiah 9:6)

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free"

(Luke 4:18)

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LUKE 1:37-38

The **angel** said, "**For** no **word** from **God** will **ever** fail." "I am the **Lord's** **servant**," **Mary** answered. "**May** your word to me be **fulfilled**." **Then** the angel **left** her.

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