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PROCLAIMER



**Happy
New Year!**

Epiphany – 2010

During the past month we have celebrated the Advent of the Christ. During January the church celebrates the Epiphany, or, the revelation of God in human form. Epiphany falls on January 6. Another definition of epiphany is the sudden comprehension or understanding of the larger essence or meaning of something. As we have considered the Advent, particularly during the Christmas time, we were blessed with the awareness of God choosing to come to dwell among as a baby.

Now, as we move past the Christmas season, we in wintertime open our hearts and minds to the wonderment of the Christ actually living among us as a human being. The epiphany is that He chose to dwell among us, living as we live, working, eating, sleeping, teaching, praying, and entering into relationships – much as we do. And in so doing He came to present Himself a sin offering for man. January is believed to be the time of year that He was baptized at which time God spoke that this is my beloved Son in Whom I am well pleased. With wonderment we are aware that the God of all creation actually walked among us, teaching us and giving Himself a ransom for our sins.

A **prayer for January** might be: Almighty God, who came to set me free from bondage and sin, grant that I may be so in tune with your Spirit that the mind of Christ rules in my heart today. Help me, Father, to see as you see, to know as you know, to feel as you feel, and to do as you would do. Strengthen my relationship with you in such a way that I may know the mind of Christ. Give me a boldness to then act as my Lord would act. Guard me from the enemy who would influence me to lose my way.

Amen.

The larger essence is that God is bringing unto Himself a people who are worthy of the Son whom He sent to redeem us. Have you had an epiphany lately?

Our Purpose is to expand God's Kingdom, as we reach, teach, disciple and activate people for our Lord Jesus Christ.

Morganton First Church of God Weekly Schedule

Communion in the Prayer Room	9:00 a.m.
Sunday School:	9:30 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship	10:30 a.m.
Sunday ~ Children's Church	10:30 a.m.
Sunday Evenings	6:00 p.m.
Power House Youth and Prayer Service	
Wednesday Fellowship Supper	5:45 p.m.
Wednesday Small Groups	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Adult Choir Practice	6:30 p.m.
Wednesday Evening Services	7:00 p.m.
Adult Bible Study, KidsPlace & PowerHouse Youth	

Our Website: www.mfcog.com