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PROCLAIMER

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



Thoughts about Christmas

EMMANUEL – GOD WITH US

The writers of the four gospels approach the beginning of their accounts of the life and ministry of Jesus in quite different ways. But, they all tell the story of Jesus, the Christ, God with Us.

Matthew introduces Jesus by recording the genealogy and circumstances surrounding His birth. Mark records prophecy from Isaiah and then tells the story of John baptizing Jesus. Luke tells of the encounters by the parents of John & Jesus with the angels fore-telling the events of the births of two boys. And John goes all the way back to the beginning, asserting that Jesus was there with God at creation. Wow, what a comprehensive overview of the coming of the Messiah!!

Emmanuel, God with us. Think of it!! The creator of all that is came in the form of man to dwell amongst us. And Matthew, Mark, Luke and John wrote what we have come to know as the four gospels to tell the story of God Himself coming to live as we live. But, for a far greater purpose, Emmanuel – God with us came that we might believe, and, in that believing, have eternal life, to live forever with God himself. Someone has said that **He came to be like us so that we can be like Him.** He came that we, you and I, can be like Him.

Christmas, 2009, shall be a time for us to meditate upon the grace of God as we re-hear the stories of the gospel writers. It shall be a time for introspection, a time of drawing near unto the "God with us," a time for renewal of commitments to live for Him Who died for us, a time to strive toward becoming more like the Master.



As you plan, party, pray, make time to prepare in your heart a place for Him to dwell. For, you see, God IS with us, even now, today. And, I believe, that He wants you to know that. At the very intimate center of your being, God is with you.

Have a blessed Christmas,
Pastor Don and Barbara

Look for **F R E D S** Moments...

Fellowship Relationship (with God)
Evangelism Discipleship Service