

Parkman Congregational Church

February 12, 2023

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*'Pastor Will's Cell Phone is turned off after 9:00 pm'
If there is an emergency, please call one of the Elders'
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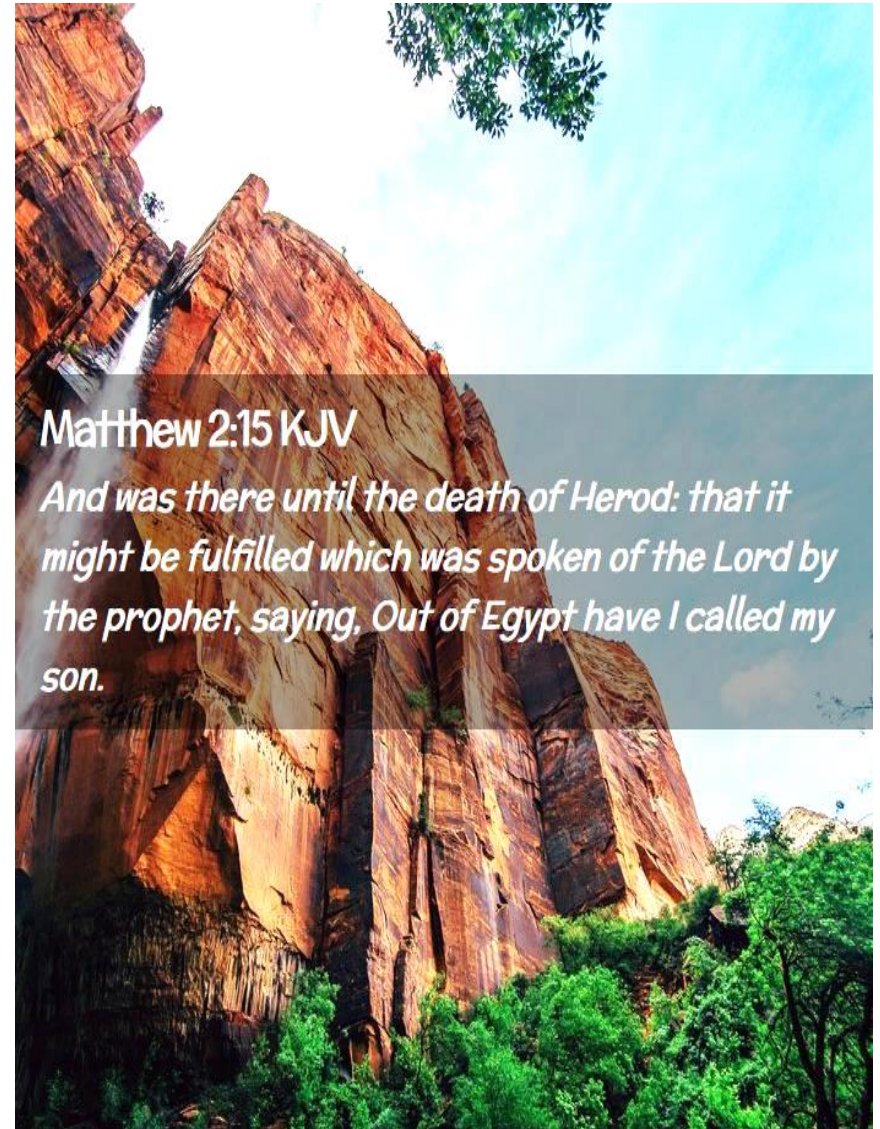
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*We Welcome Our Guests!
We are glad you could join us today
And we encourage you to return often*

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1823 - 2023 Bicentennial



Matthew 2:15 KJV

*And was there until the death of Herod: that it
might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by
the prophet, saying, Out of Egypt have I called my
son.*

*Pastor: Reverend Will Coley
Ministers: Members of this Congregation*

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THIS WEEK'S CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, **February 12** Sunday school, 9:00 am
 Fellowship, 10:00 am
 Worship Service, 10:30 am
 Observance of the Lord's Supper
 Evening Prayer Service 6-7:00 pm

Monday, **February 13** **Women's Fellowship, 7 pm**

Friday, **February 17** **Pinewood Derby**

Saturday, **February 18** AA – 8:30 pm

Sunday, **February 19** Sunday school, 9:00 am
 Fellowship Time, 10:00 am
 Worship Service, 10:30 am
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Do you realize that the
SUPERBOWL game is THIS
Sunday, February 12th?! It
snuck up on us here.

The annual PCC

SUPERBOWL PARTY at the Villers home will begin at
5:30 (the game starts at 6:30). Bring a snack/appetizer to
share and any favorite games.

Let us know if you are able to come.

Denise Villers (440) 548-2939

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MATTHEW	
2/12- Matthew 2:12-18	The Serpent Strikes
2/19-Matthew 2:19-23	Drawing out of Egypt
2/26 –Matthew 3:1-12	John the Baptizer



NOT God's plan for my life
BUT my life for God's plan
NOT God's vision for our church
BUT our church for God's Vision

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The Star

The wise men did not come directly to Bethlehem but to Jerusalem, and they came with the question on their lips: "Where is He who has been born King of the Jews? For we have seen His star in the East and have come to worship Him" (vs 2). Perhaps no text has been subjected to more speculation than the description of the star that led these men from the East. Some scholars have indicated that it was likely a comet's tail that gave guidance to the people in their sojourn. Johannes Kepler, for example, argued that there was an unusual conjunction of two planets in the constellation Pisces in 7 BC that would have given off an extreme luster. Still others say that these men, perhaps being astrologers, had seen in their astrological charts the appearance of certain stars that heralded the birth of a great king. The other possibility is that the star that led these men to Jerusalem and then to Bethlehem was a specific creation by God for this particular event, something like the shekinah glory cloud that led the people of Israel in their wilderness wandering.

If I had to choose from among these options, I would choose the latter. I think it would be very difficult to follow the tail of a comet, or even an inordinately bright conjunction of two planets, to Jerusalem and then from Jerusalem to Bethlehem. I suspect that this is another account of a miraculous work of God to guide the men to the proper place.

We do not know how they knew that they were looking for the King of the Jews; Matthew doesn't give us that information. But he does say that they had seen His star in the east and had come to worship Him, that is, to give obeisance to Him. The implication here is that the men were coming not merely to give homage to a monarch but to worship before deity.

- RC Sproul: Matthew: An Expositional Commentary (pg. 12, 13).

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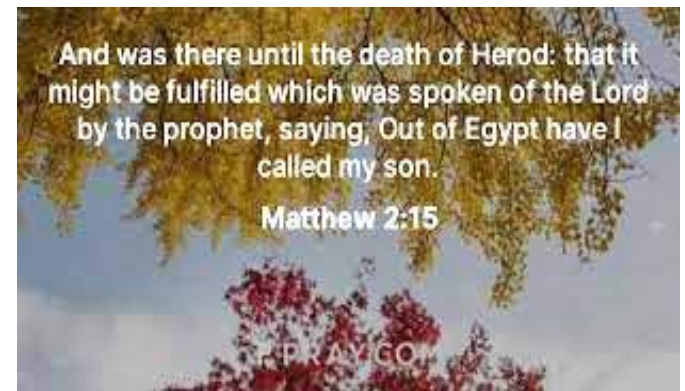
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Scripture of the Month

Matthew 2:15b



*This was to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet,
"Out of Egypt I called my son."*

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We have started planning the 2023 Carnival, and we need your help. This year is a special year as we celebrate the

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We still need someone to take care of contacting local newspapers and other places to advertise.

We are also looking for people to help the chairpersons:

Food – Brian Lanstrum & Denise Villers

Games & Activities – Jennifer Lanstrum

Entertainment – Pat Johnson

Volunteers – Alison Oliver & Pat Johnson

You may contact any of these people or Chris Lanstrum with any questions or to help out.

Next meeting Thursday, March 2, 2023 @ 7:00 pm

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*To All Our Family at PCC,
We would like to thank all of you for your prayers,
love, and support these last couple of months. Your
prayers and love are getting us through this tough
time.*

God Bless all of you.

Love, The Pfouts Family