

2015

For my name shall be great
among the nations declares
the LORD of hosts.
(Malachi 1:11)

2015: YEAR OF KEEPING ON KEEPING ON

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FROM OLD, FROM EVERLASTING

But thou, Bethlehem Ephratah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting. . . . And he shall stand and feed in the strength of the LORD in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God; and they shall abide: for now shall he be great unto the ends of the earth. (Micah 5:2, 4)

This great promise of the Messiah comes from the pen of the prophet, Micah, centuries before the advent of Jesus, pinpointing the exact location of his birth and asserting several things about his wonderful character and magnificent work.

Humble Appearing... There was nothing to turn anyone's head when Jesus was born. Yet here was one whose glory was masked in human flesh, who was Ruler over the kings of the earth.

Majestic Shepherd... This wonderful one was to shepherd his people. One of the most famous sayings of Jesus is "I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep." The ultimate purpose in his incarnation was, as the God-man, to die for sinners. Bethlehem must never be considered in isolation from Golgotha.

Cross and Crown... Great unto the ends of the earth. Another prophet, Malachi (1:11) made the same point. The Name of the Lord would be great amongst the nations. Messiah has come. Have you come to him? It's not too late. Remember the two Ts: **Turn** (away from sin) and **Trust** in Him who lived, died and rose again for us!



2015: IN A FEW BULLET POINTS

The year 2015 is blowing away with the wind—or so it seems. Maybe it seems the same way to you. Here are some key points from what we have been doing these last twelve months...

- **Jim:** Developing a professional editing and book production service—meeting new authors, establishing new production processes, and generally being made available and useful to others in this regard. This includes several web-based initiatives and becoming more tech-savvy.
- **Sue** continues to serve at Greenville Presbyterian Theological Seminary as administrative assistant to the President, Dr Joey Pipa, and enjoys her work.
- **Matthew** has now made the transition to middle school in Bob Jones Academy where he continues to be taught from a curriculum that is God-centered and that embraces the message of the whole Bible.

About the pictures:

Top main: Enjoying a meal the day after Thanksgiving with our guest from South Korea, RyangHee. **Top left:** Jim and Matthew at Bob Jones lighting ceremony; Sue preparing Thanksgiving dinner

Middle column upper: Matthew having a ball in the fall; Sue at work at a GPTS hospitality event. Matthew with his piano teacher, Dr. Carol Baskins, after a recital

Middle column lower: **Left,** Jim with Simon Robinson, author and friend. **Right,** Jim and Matthew after enjoying a Pizza at Pizza Inn

Background image: Our home shrouded in ice in February 2015; South Carolina is not always as warm as it looks!