

# *East Side Church of God*

## *Life Notes*

**Witness The Manger**  
**December 6, 2009**

**Text: Matt 2:6; Micah 5:2**

**Christmas Sighting #1:** We encounter Christmas in the unsuspecting **places** and humble **surroundings** which reveal the **presence** of God.

*When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet; ‘And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel.’” –Matthew 2:3-6 (ESV)*

**Christmas Sighting #2:** We experience Christmas in the authentic **power** of God which goes against our **cultural** climate and our **religious** requirements.

*Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared. And he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word, that I too may come and worship him.” –Matthew 2:7-8 (ESV)*

**Christmas Sighting #3:** We embrace Christmas in our lives when we are **marked** by the **love** and **mercy** of God.

*After listening to the king, they went on their way. And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. And going into the house they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshipped him. –Matthew 2:9-11a (ESV)*