

A Great Day in the Kingdom – 12/16/22

For those of you who are not country music fans, please forgive my illustration this week. I am not a huge modern genre country music fan. The “keg in the closet” references, as well as the massive misogynistic lyrics of late, are a little off-putting. May Merle Haggard and Charlie Daniels rest in peace. However, there is a song from Toby Keith entitled, “American Ride” that explains and even points to the ridiculous nature of modern culture in America.

One of the verses speaks volumes albeit satirically, about faith in America. The line states, “Plasma getting larger, Jesus getting smaller.” Of course, the days of the 200lb. plasma screen T.V.s are over, but the screens themselves are getting larger. They represent a threat of material distraction. That's where we come in, as Christians!

We are called to make Jesus larger. The larger presence of Jesus, the more our world heals and brings peace to all mankind. Yes, it brings us directly into **Matthew 28:18-20**. Christmas is the reason for the Great Commission. The birth of our King, calls us into the witness of example. Christmas time is for family, but the Holydays are meant to honor the King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

I am asking that you make Jesus bigger in someone's life, this Christmas. Invite someone you know to the Christmas Eve Worship Services, or even the Cantata next Sunday. The children are invited to be present and witness the birth of Christ, presented through our Choir and other instrumentalists. We will of course have our 0-4 year-old nursery available, but children need to hear these beautiful sermons through song.

Church! Let's work together to make Jesus Bigger! We are called in Scripture to share the only answer to Salvation in Jesus, through our Holy Scriptures. Let's show Toby Keith, Jesus is getting bigger!

May The Lord Bless and Keep You All!

PRAYER: Heavenly Father, help us to make Jesus bigger. Help us to be your witnesses, as the hands and feet that bring the Good News! Help us to be bold, but gentle. Lead us, through the power of the Holy Spirit, we Pray. In the name of the Risen Christ Jesus! AMEN!!!