

## Jesus as a young child

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(Matthew 2: 14-23)

God gives the Gentile world an opportunity to see and observe His gift to mankind through the Wise Men's visit to Jerusalem. After visiting with Mary and Joseph, and having an opportunity to give their gifts to Jesus, the Wise Men departed into their own country another way.



Whenever mankind has a visit with Jesus through spiritual faith, they will always depart by another way that opens up faith in God through Jesus, God's Son, by the Holy Spirit of God.

"And when they were departed, behold the angel of the Lord appeareth to Joseph in a dream, saying, 'Arise and take the young child and his mother and flee into Egypt.'" (verse 13) In the very beginning of Jesus' life on Earth, there was a spirit of danger from the Devil's world of mankind.

God told Joseph that Herod will seek the young child to destroy him and, "He arose and he took the young child and his mother by night and departed into Egypt." (verse 14)

The world of mankind has always had difficulty in their acceptance and trust in Jesus as God's Son and mankind's Saviour.

Mary and Joseph, with Jesus, went into Egypt to live until the death of Herod; that it might be fulfilled which were spoken by the prophet: "Out of Egypt have I called my Son."

When Herod saw he was mocked by the Wise Men, he was very angry and he slew all the children in Bethlehem, two years old and under, according to the time he had spent with the Wise Men.

Because there was so much crying and weeping when this was done, the words of Jeremy the prophet was fulfilled: "In Rama was there a voice heard, lamentation and weeping, and great mourning, Rachel weeping for her children, and she would not be comforted because of their deaths." (verse 18)

But when Herod was dead, behold an angel of the Lord appeareth in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, saying, "Arise and take the young child and his mother and go into the land of Israel. And he arose and took the young child and his mother and came into the land of Israel." (verses 19-21)

"But when Joseph heard that Archelaus did reign in Judea in

the room of his father Herod, he was afraid to go thither: notwithstanding being warned of God in a dream, he turned aside into the parts of Galilee." (verse 22)

"And he came and dwelt in a city called Nazareth that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophets, He shall be called a Nazarene."

Jesus was born to become the Saviour of the whole world, and this is shown in the story of the Wise Men. God sent them His special light, the guiding star. We do not know how long after the birth of Jesus the Wise Men came to see Him. But they came under the direction of God, by a guiding star that led them to Bethlehem, where Jesus was with Mary and Joseph.

The Wise Men represent the Gentile world of mankind, whom God sent His Son Jesus to save from their sins. God's promise to save the world was fulfilled through the actions of the Wise Men.

We, today, should thank God for sending His star of light many years ago to these Wise Men, who represented the entire world outside of Israel. We are privileged to live in our world, where the Gospel message is proclaimed all over.

We do not know when Jesus will return to Earth, but we do know that the scripture in Revelations is gradually coming to pass, and is being fulfilled as God has promised, through Jesus and God's Holy Spirit and God's angels.



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offers free help through the Georgia Cars State Health Insurance Assistance Program every first Wednesday form 10 am -noon. The next session will be held at the Senior Center on Wednesday, March 3. For additional Medicare counseling services, call 866-522-4464.

To rent the Pope Center, contact the City of Washington at 706-678-3277 or visit City Hall located at 102 E. Liberty Street.

Zumba classes will be offered by certified instructor Tiffany Weser on Tuesdays at 6p.m. and the first Saturday of each month at 8:30 a.m. at the Curry

Colvin Rec Complex Gymnasium, 1962 Rowland York Dr., Lincolnton. Classes are \$5 per class or \$15 per month.

The Roy L Burns Senior Center Schedule: Monday – BINGO 10 a.m., Wednesday – Exercise 10 a.m., Thursday – BINGO 10 a.m.

Yard Sale at Roy C. Burns Senior Center, 108 Marshall Rd Monday-Friday 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Springfield Baptist Church will be having an Easter Egg-stravaganza Saturday April 16th, from 11am-3pm. There will be a day of fun for all ages.

## Back in the day

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sive High School Symphonic Band participated in the 10th District Georgia Music Educators Association Band Festival at Clarke Central High School in Athens March 8 and brought home an Excellent rating on performance and a Superior rating on sight-reading.

A wave of shock and disbelief stunned Wilkes Countians early Wednesday morning, March 19 when they heard of the sudden death of Don Saggus, Jr, 37. Saggus was well-known for his effective leadership as chairman of the Wilkes County Board of Education, as well as for his active support of public schools and various community endeavors.

In a two-step process of receiving bids and determining the "lowest and best bid" for construction of a new jail, the Wilkes County Board of Commissioners has awarded a contract to Continental Construction Company of Augusta.

Joseph and Laura Baldwin not only performed well during the Little Theater's production of *Tom Sawyer*, at the same time they were attending all those rehearsals and performances they were also preparing for and participating in the Briarwood Spelling Bee which each won and went on to region competition in Lyons where they were also winners...Bonnie Bounds and Charlie Houpt were also winners of the spelling bee.

## VINTAGE WILKES

# Leo Krumbein and his family were leaders

By SKEET WILLINGHAM  
Local Historian

Today we visit our central European families who made the Washington of the first half of the Twentieth Century a more special place. Before we learn of Leo Krumbein, there's a story to share about Izzie Simowitz's wife Bertha. A go-getter of her own, she opened Simo's 5&10 in 1927, one of the town's very first "variety stores." In March of 1928, the News-Reporter printed her ad with an hilarious typo, "Easter rabbis for sale!" Brother-in-law Mr. Krumbein for months poked fun at the local paper, dryly stating he hoped the word was



supposed to be "rabbits." That the families were seeking at that time to encourage support to build a synagogue here made it even funnier to him.

Leo Krumbein (1887-1951), son of Carol and Jana, left Bucharest, Romania, when he was 14 and worked his way to a coastal port. On Sept. 20, 1903, his ship arrived in New York harbor and a whole new world was now his. By July 1910 he was in Charleston, SC, where he made his naturalization declaration. He and Esther Simowitz had married and were living in Alliance, OH, when their oldest child Nathaniel was born in 1914. They soon left to come South, first to Waynesboro, GA where Henry Simowitz had a store, then to Midville nearby.

In the spring of 1916 they were here, Leo renting Harry Booker's store downtown to open the Washington Beehive, a dry goods business. He would be a pillar of downtown for the next

four decades. A tornado which destroyed Ficklen dealt a blow to downtown at the end of April 1924 as well, causing major damage to Ike Sabel's store (more recently the "Verizon" corner). Krumbein had the building razed and placed a new yellow brick on the site by that fall. It would be home for many years to the lovingly named "Krummy's" department store.

In 1918 Esther and Leo Krumbein bought a lot from Belle Hill King in the newly opened Grandview section of Washington, immediately building a stylish craftsman home. He also erected three other houses in the neighborhood as rental properties. One of his dreams was that the community could have enough Jewish citizens to have a synagogue in Washington though that did not come to fruition. What he was able to do, though, was provide lots (along with others) where the Washington General Hospital was developed in 1924.

Ever civic minded, he was vice president of the Washington Building & Loan Association, with R.R. Johnson as president, in the 1930s offering loans to those suffering in the throes of the Depression. In 1925 he was one of the founders of the Washington Country Club and, along with Izzie Simowitz, was on a committee to attract Royal Manufacturing Company to Washington. He was a city councilman and the mayor pro-tem.

The Krumbeins were parents of three children, all UGA alumni. Herbert, the youngest,

was a Washington High tennis star. Gisela, born Mar. 23, 1919, passed away in 1994.

Nathaniel "Nat" (1914-2005), as a high schooler here performed in a 1929 variety show as Jeff of "Mutt and Jeff," Mutt being played by Percy Cartledge. Nat graduated from Georgia where he was an accomplished athlete, president of Alpha Epsilon Pi fraternity, and recipient of the UGA Alumni Merit Award in 1977. He received a pharmacy degree from South Carolina. He served as a major in the US Army in WWII and was a licensed pilot. He and Amy Meyers married during the War.

After residing in Charlotte and maintaining a group of drug-stores, he and Amy moved to Richmond where he joined with his wife's family in Heilig-Meyers Furniture, helping to make the business the largest home furnishings chain in America. In addition to his responsibilities for store acquisition and construction, he was vice chairman of the Heilig-Meyers Board before retiring in 1984. He believed passionately in the separation of church and state, founding the First Freedom Center in Richmond, now part of the Valentine Museum. He constantly worked for harmony among America's diverse religions and races. He served on the national board of the Anti-Defamation League. He also was a familiar face in Washington because of substantial property holdings here which he enjoyed visiting, holding on to that connection from his youth.

## ACROSS THE SAVANNAH

### From savior to survivor

By TOM POLAND  
A Southern Writer

Four relics remind me of how things used to be: fire towers, windmills, chimneys, and silos. I've written about fire towers, windmills, and chimneys but never silos. I described where a rock chimney stands, its quartz glistening in sunlight like a polished headstone. And I wrote about an old windmill covered in kudzu. Green it was and "green" were the people who used windmills. And I remember a day when blinding bursts of sunlight filtered through a forest only to open up on an iconic fire tower where life was lonely at the top.



But, I've never written about silos, which seem lonely to me. Thus I devoted two days to searching for silos, and I found several. My quest took me into western South Carolina and eastern Georgia, the land I call Gorgialina. It's a land where old farms, collapsing barns, dead churches, and lonely chimneys mourn the passing of the past. And so do I.

I set out, a seeker of the past, camera in hand. I knew where

several silos stood, those stalwart sentinels of yesteryear. There's the farm come late summer with twin silos, Black Angus, and gold-burnished bales of hay. It's as pretty as a picture, as pretty as an old vintage postcard. I felt a twinge of remorse, however, when I saw a forlorn silo long empty of ensilage, that five-dollar word for silage. Silos allowed silage to ferment to a point where acidification, a ten-dollar word, preserved it.

Why silos in the first place? Let's go back to a headline in the November 12, 1916 Atlanta Journal and Constitution: "Modern Silo Solves Problems of Dairies and Stock Farms." Innovation had arrived to solve a problem. The problem down South was and is winter. As grass goes dormant, it renders grazing most difficult. Farmers could store corn stalks, alfalfa, and grasses in silos for later use. Silos helped keep the oxygen level low, assuring the silage was edible. Thanks to silage, cattle rocked on for a long time, but nothing remains the same. Long white bags were coming.

Eighty-six years later, the Atlanta Journal and Constitution described how Alpharetta purchased three silos to save a part of its past. Other silos nearby had been torn down to make way for a shopping mall. The silos had once been a vital part of a 1,000-acre farm of the 1940s and '50s. Where cattle once grazed, where silage fermented,

kids aimlessly walk tile floors seeking amusement. They grab a Coke and chicken sandwich and play video games and buy practical jokes, like a fake roach on a string. Progress. Here, we see why some silos became relics.

Fodder. That's what silos held, and silo would enter the business lexicon. A good while back I wrote about such fodder. Business types toss "silo" around as a way of describing organizations unlikely to share important information. "We've got to break down silos." Such pointy-head assignments brought Dylan's lyrics to mind. "Yes, I wish that for just one time you could stand inside my shoes. You'd know what a drag it is to see you." But let's move on.

The sun was setting along Highway 81. There stood a silo with dying light shooting through its broken sides. The silo seemed to hold embers. The sun was literally setting on the silo. Earlier I had driven by a cluster of silos with buzzards atop them as if the silos time to pass had arrived. And there was a silo that appeared to have a tree growing out of it. I wasn't able to get close enough to verify things, but I knew one thing for sure. It no longer held silage.

Pay attention to the silos you see. They're tangible reminders of the past. Monuments to a way of life that's dying. Once they were hailed as saviors. Now, they're doing their best to be survivors.



The Don't Forget column deadline is 5 p.m. Mondays. Please check with your organization for any scheduling changes.

The V.F.W. Post 5899 now has a community can recycling cage. Please take all aluminum cans behind the V.F.W. (240 Andrew Drive in Washington) and drop them into the cage for recycling purposes.

The Washington City Council will hold its next regular meeting on Monday, April 11, 2022 at The Pope Center.

Jackson Chapel and

Blackrock has a new phone number which is 617-793-8272. Additionally, the worship service time has been changed to 11:00 a.m. Worship service is now held in the church as well as virtually.

Stephen's House Food Pantry (God's Marketplace) is open every third Thursday of each month. 3-4:30 p.m. at The Sanctuary Church, 1365 Tignall Road. For more information, contact the church office at 706-678-3423.

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