

WAYNE CITY FIRST CHRISTIAN
CHURCH

DECEMBER 2019

CHRISTMAS AT FCCWC

Wayne City Matters presents
3rd Annual hometown Christmas Parade
December 14th, 7pm

CANDLELIGHT
SERVICE
DEC 22ND
6PM



Christmas caroling
Dec. 18th, 6pm
Help us spread the joy!!



FCCWC is excited to announce a new ministry!!
The Young Men's Group is open to all young men
from 6th grade - 12th grade!! The first meeting is
Friday Dec. 13th @ 6pm!!



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BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Dec. 2nd -	Ben Caldwell
Dec. 6th -	Morgan Hite
Dec. 8th -	Kyson Seymour
Dec. 13th -	Amanda Seymour
Dec. 16th -	Angie Hedden
Dec. 27th -	Mindy Price
Dec. 29th -	Jeffery Smith
Dec. 30th -	Sherry Locey
Dec. 31st -	Ron & Reba McCulley
	Tom & Rita Sager

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS MONTH??

Dec. 1st -	Impact Youth Cookie Bake and Gingerbread Decorating Contest
Dec. 6th -	Ladies of Grace Christmas Party 6pm Men's Meeting 6:30pm @ Wayne R.'s
Dec. 8th -	Leadership Meeting 3pm
Dec. 11th -	Impact Youth Christmas Party 6pm
Dec. 13th -	Young Men's Meeting 6pm
Dec. 14th -	3rd Annual Christmas Parade by WC Matters
Dec. 18th -	Christmas Caroling in Wayne City 6pm
Dec. 22nd -	Christmas Candlelight Service 6pm
Dec. 25th -	Christmas Day
Dec. 27th -	Wabash Christian Village Ministry 8am

Several youth from Impact Youth Group recently enjoyed an afternoon of cookie baking along with a gingerbread decorating contest. We enjoyed baking vanilla, chocolate and lemon crinkle cookies along with puffcorn marshmallow treats. There were a total of 6 gingerbread houses along with one red truck with a Christmas tree. The winner of the youth entries was Vanessa Schooley. Over all it was a great afternoon of fellowship and fun!



FROM THE DESK OF THE PASTOR

Welcome Home

Merry Christmas!

May the Lord bless you in this special holiday season! We have had another great year at FCCWC and we give the Praise to God! Make every effort to worship with us each week in this Christmas season!

As you think of Christ's birth may we again be caught up in awe and wonder as we celebrate the reason for the season!

Rhonda and I want to say thanks for your sacrificial giving and servant hearts this year! We all worked hard reaching out in the community and preaching and teaching Jesus!

Take the opportunity this month to bring your friends and family to all the events and activities at FCCWC. Check out our website, listen to messages on Spotify, and view the monthly calendar in this newsletter.

O Come let us adore Him,

Pastor Steve

PEACE ON EARTH - GOOD WILL TOWARD MEN

Seeking and Celebrating the Real Meaning of Christmas

Entering a large grocery store a couple of months ago, I was startled by several large displays near the checkouts and exits.

There, nestled in between the bins of fresh Halloween treats, were stacks of boxed Christmas chocolates and stocking stuffers.

The Christmas season had begun and it wasn't even October.

Sometimes it seems that the gap between Christmas and the rest of the year is getting shorter. This eagerness to get a jump on holiday cheer is purely practical from a retailer's point of view: Stores typically make more than half of their yearly sales during these few short weeks. Shopping has become a pretty substantial part of the North American Christmas tradition.

Yet Christmas is and should be so much more than what we buy. Gifts are fun, both to give and receive, but they are only symbolic of a much greater gift:

"For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life" (John 3:16).

The love of God came down to earth – now that is something to celebrate!

It's easy to become overwhelmed by the busyness of Christmas. That doesn't mean we have to lose track of the significance of this time of year, or miss out on the opportunities it can present.

Here are some simple ways

that you can incorporate the real meaning of Christmas into your family's holiday:

A Savior Has Been Born to You

Throw a birthday party for Jesus, complete with birthday cake. This can be particularly meaningful for younger children, as it puts Christ's birth in a context they can relate to.

No Room in the Inn

A favorite Christmas tradition in my family (and in many other families, I have discovered) is a re-enactment of the Christmas story.

Good Will Toward Men

Gift giving is a wonderful way to reflect to each other, God's love for us. This seems particularly true when we are giving of our time and gifts to those in need. Here are just a few examples:

Volunteer together - pack toys and food into hampers that will be delivered to needy families before Christmas or to serve Christmas dinner to the homeless at a local shelter

Forgo traditional Christmas gifts - take your child out to eat and then to a store to pick a gift -- for a less fortunate child. Help a family in need.

Good News of Great Joy...

...for all people – Christmas is a time of unusual openness to spiritual things. Jesus is on everyone's lips, whether they know Him or not. There is no greater gift you can give those who have not yet met the Lord than to share with them the good news of the **real** Christmas.

Invite your loved ones to church -

this is a great way to spend time celebrating God's grace with the people you care about during the holidays, but a wonderful beginning for a conversation about their spiritual beliefs.

Enjoy all the good things Christmas has to offer this year as you celebrate the reason for the season:

"Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord" (Luke 2:11).

by RuthAnn Raycroft