



*The Good Shepherd  
Newsletter  
December, 2017*

*We are His people, and the sheep of His pasture. Psalm 100*



Advent Services

Wednesdays at 6:30 PM  
December 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, and 20<sup>th</sup>  
(Dinner is served at 5:30 before each service)

The Innkeeper

Elizabeth and Zechariah

The Shepherds



CHRISTMAS EVE MORNING  
Sunday, December 24<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM  
With Holy Communion

CHRISTMAS EVE  
December 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM \*

\*Please note we are having ONE evening service this year

CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE  
Monday, December 25<sup>th</sup> at 10 AM  
With Holy Communion









*But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth. Acts 1:8*



Greetings Beach Goers & Doers:

Men's Ministry will take a holiday break and resume on January 20, 2018.

### It's Christmas NOT Clausmas

During the past quarter century, I have heard during the holiday season that it's another year of Christ being taken out of Christmas. YET, many of the Christians I hear complain, have themselves, put more emphasis on the materialism of the holiday than the spiritual meaning of why Christmas is celebrated at all.

All the holiday music 24 hours a day on the radio to put us in the Christmas spirit (Jingle Bells), all the decorations, all the shopping to find those perfect gifts at the lowest price, even the long lines that are stood in to get one more picture with Santa Claus (the man whom, with his elves, bring all those perfect gifts from the North Pole for all the good boys and girls).

Have I mentioned the holiday baking and cooking for family and friends we will entertain during, what seems to be the never ending, 12 days of Christmas? Let us not forget that quick 2 second soundbite that allows people to know we are in the holiday mood by saying to them ... "Happy Holidays." Even as Christians we sometimes forget to say "Merry Christmas" in the rush to accomplish our holiday traditions.

Why can't the Christmas season simply be easy and relaxing?

The prophet Isaiah told us: *For unto us a child is born (Happy Birthday Jesus). He shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.*

King David reminds us in his Psalm: *The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall NOT be in want.*

John told us about the **Perfect 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 everlasting life.*

This Christmas, we might be the only witness and example of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ that someone is going to see. We are His witnesses in Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.

### **MERRY CHRISTMAS**

**To God be All the Glory**

~ Ron Artman~



### **HEAVEN SEMINAR**

Ever wonder what Heaven is going to be like?

Tuesday December 5<sup>th</sup> 2:30 PM – 4:00 PM

Bob Hope Village Commons Ballroom

**FREE ADMISSION**

Hosted by Pastor Ray Angerman





“Doing life. Doing good.”

Lifetree Café is a place where people gather for conversations about life and faith in a casual coffeehouse-type setting here at Good Shepherd on **Tuesdays at 7:00 PM.**

**December 7<sup>th</sup>** — “Secrets of Finding Contentment: Live a Satisfying Life,” features a filmed interview with Justin Mayo, who organizes proms—for senior citizens.

**December 14<sup>th</sup>**— “Children with No Place to Call Home: Helping Kids in Crisis,” features a filmed interview with Jennifer Herrera, director of the Colfax Community Network, an organization dedicated to serving children and families living in rundown motels in the heart of Denver, Colorado.

**December 21<sup>st</sup>**— “Mental Illness: Breaking the Silence, Overcoming the Shame,” features a filmed interview with Amy Simpson, author of the book “Troubled Minds.” Simpson grew up with a mother who was later diagnosed with schizophrenia.

**December 28<sup>th</sup>**— “Overcoming Hardship: A Father and Son Beat the Odds” features an exclusive film of Patrick Henry Hughes and his father.

**January 2<sup>nd</sup>** — “Inside the Gun Debate: To Hunt? To Defend? To Assault?”—features filmed interviews with Tom Mauser, whose son died at Columbine High School, and Michael Lang, a concealed weapon firearms instructor.

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