



Newsletter, December 2017

Merry Christmas

The other day my wife asked, "What do you want for Christmas?" I thought about it for a while and said, "A new basketball goal." I love shooting hoops, especially with the girls, but the goal at my house is entirely demolished. It made me wonder, "Ok, what do I really want for Christmas." Perhaps a better question is, "What do I need for Christmas." I will ask you the same, "What do you need for Christmas?"

John 1:14 tells us that, "the word became flesh and dwelt among us." Jesus is what Christmas is all about. It is not about trees, gifts, or even tasty cookies. Think about that as you plan your shopping and your schedule. We act like our children, grandchildren, and spouse need the latest gift or gadget.

As the old saying goes, "He is the reason for the season." We know that, but we often live as if we don't believe it. You know what you need for Christmas? You know what your family and loved ones need for Christmas? Jesus. We need to remember who He is. We need to share who He is. We need to worship Him for who He is.

P.S.

This year we will not have a Pastor's Open House. My wife and I thoroughly enjoy having you in our home. However, considering all that has happened in our family, we believe it is best to skip it this year. Also, we will not have a Hanging of the Greens Service. The church will still be beautifully decorated for the Christmas season! I pray, Lord willing, both will be a reality again next year. It is a blessing and honor to be your pastor. My family and I love you much.

Jason R. McNaughten

Keep Christ in Christmas

This time of year, I hear a lot of talk about keeping Christ in Christmas, but don't hear too much about how; so, here's a list of five ways.

- 1) Take time with your children to donate toys, or other items to the less fortunate in our local area; our gifts aren't the only ones.
- 2) Turn decorating the tree or putting up lights into worship. Turn on the Christmas music and explain the symbolism of the lights, star, and presents.
- 3) Be intentional about creating little teaching moments with your children or grandchildren. Go out of your way to share why Christ was born, and what it means for your faith.
- 4) Pray. Christmas is really a continuation of thanksgiving, only this time we are thanking Jesus for being born, a huge act of humility we often miss the importance of.
- 5) Read the Christmas story before opening gifts. This shows your kids that honoring God comes before everything else.

Happy New Year

Thank you for another great year. Anna and I couldn't ask for a kinder, or more welcoming place to celebrate our first year of marriage. I especially want to thank all the parents of our youth for supporting our summer missions trip to Memphis. May God bless your Christmas and New Years.

Joshua Peeler



Happy December Birthday

2 nd	Steve Aguiard	20 th	Gerald Humphreys
2 nd	Carolyn Hollier	24 th	Lawrence Cochran
5 th	Tony Fredieu	24 th	Donna Dial
6 th	Ray St. Romain	28 th	Ronnie Stafford
7 th	Nancy Langlois	29 th	Caleb Stuart
13 th	Florence Griffin	31 st	Kelly Couch
18 th	Frank Jarreau		

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Sunday Bible Study: 9:15 AM
Sunday Worship: 10:30 AM
Wed. Services: 11:30 AM, 6:00 PM

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DECEMBER EVENTS

- *Nursing Home Ministry, Wed., Dec. 6, 1:15*
- *No Wed. Adult Bible study in Dec.*
- *Adult Choir Practice, Wednesdays, 6pm*
- *Office Closed, Mon.-Fri., Dec. 25-29*

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