

## The Drumbeat

Relaying the Message of God's  
Love Through Our Lives

December 2018



FROM OUR PASTOR...

### How are You Celebrating Christmas

It is not unrealistic to imagine that 2000 years ago there was a young man in His early to mid-twenties walking through the streets of Nazareth contemplating His future. Perhaps as He walked to the carpenter's shop, He was thinking about how His life would unfold and how He would achieve the mission He came to accomplish. His mission was unlike any other. His coming changed the course of history by changing the course of individual lives.

We celebrate Christmas every year in recognition of the coming of Jesus Christ. As we look back on history, we can say, His coming changed history. Jesus separated time from B.C. (Before Christ) to A.D. (Anno Domini – the Year of our Lord). What started out as a small group of followers, while Jesus was alive on earth, now claims almost a third of the world's population (31%). His teachings have influenced society and government in profound ways.

All the above are reasons to celebrate Christmas, but if these are the only reasons we celebrate Christmas, then we have missed the real reason for Christ's coming. His purpose for coming was to restore the relationship that God intended to have with humankind when He created them. That relationship was broken when Adam and Eve decided to do their own thing in the Garden of Eden and has remained broken ever since. Jesus coming was to pay the price for wrong doing (sin) by dying on the cross. (The price for sin is death.) He then rose from the dead to give life to all who will trust in Him as Lord and Savior.

The question then is, "Why do you celebrate Christmas?" If you celebrate it for any other reason than for the fact of what Jesus came to do, you are celebrating it for the wrong reason. Jesus is the Subject. Jesus is the Reason for the Season.

But to all who believed him and accepted him, he gave the right to become children of God. (John 1:12 NLT)

Changing Lives Through God's Love

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But the angel reassured them, "Don't be afraid!" he said. "I bring you good news that will bring great joy to all the people."

LUKE 2:10 NLT

December 16th

Goal \$3000

You bring Joy to the World when you give to

**Christ's Birthday Offering**

### LAUGH AWHILE!

#### Christmas Riddles

(Ok some of these are corny or maybe all of them)

What is the perfect Christmas gift? A broken drum. You just can't beat it.

What do you call a kid who doesn't believe in Santa? A rebel without a Claus.

Why does Scrooge love reindeer so much? Because every single buck is dear to him!

Why do mummies like Christmas so much? They're into all the wrapping.

How much did Santa pay for his sleigh? Nothing. It was on the house!

What's every elf's favorite type of music? Wrap.

What do you get when you cross a snowman and a vampire? Frostbite.

What do you call Santa's little helpers? Subordinate clauses.

What's every parent's favorite Christmas Carol? Silent Night.

What do snowmen eat for breakfast? Frosted Flakes.

What's Santa's favorite candy? Jolly ranchers.



### Sagebrush Dinner

Thank you to all who helped make our dinner for the 40+ Sagebrush clients and families a success.

### December Events

- 1<sup>st</sup> 9 a.m. Decorate Church
- 1<sup>st</sup> 2 p.m. Baby Shower for Lauren Raney
- 2<sup>nd</sup> 6 p.m. Hanging of the Greens service
- 9<sup>th</sup> 5 p.m. Ladies Christmas Party
- 15<sup>th</sup> 2 p.m. Pastor Joe 60<sup>th</sup> Birthday Party
- 16<sup>th</sup> 10:45 a.m. Children's program  
Christ's Birthday Offerring
- 23<sup>rd</sup> 10:30 a.m. Candlelight Christmas
- 25<sup>th</sup> Merry Christmas

### MISSIONS...

Your support of missions helps God's work go around the world.

#### GOAL

October 2018 to September 2019	\$5000
Amount received	\$ 515

#### Your Dollars go to support

- The Torgeson's - Living Link Missionaries
  - The Langford's - Living Link Missionaries
  - Tim and Joy Coppess - Living Link Missionaries
  - Mid-America Christian University
  - Meals on Wheels Help Inc.
  - Work Camps Scholarships
  - Children of Promise Local Missions Projects
- See part of Langford's Newsletter on the back of the church calendar. For full newsletter go to [http://eccogok.org/december\\_newsletter](http://eccogok.org/december_newsletter)

### Wednesday Bible Study

#### Introducing Jesus (Study on Mark)

Mark was probably the first Gospel written. In this study we will see how Mark presents Jesus to his readers. Come join us on Wednesdays at 7p.m.



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### 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

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