

# This Christmas It's Time to Connect

Despite the promise of vaccinations and assurances that this strange time will soon be over, many of us know that Christmas will not be the same this year.

Many of our family traditions: the Christmas Parade, children's pageants, Christmas Eve services, choirs and carols—just won't happen. So, this year we have to try even harder than ever to connect with family—both distant and close—with friends we've been unable to visit-- with folks who live alone.

The full impact of the virus and its aftermath is still unfolding and won't be known for months and recovery of other kinds will take years. One thing is sure, all our "disconnects" will need to be restored if we are to survive. Humans are not machines; we were made to live in communities, and without our human connections, much can go wrong.

For this holiday season, vow to avoid Covid Christmas Syndrome by reconnecting with as many folks as you can. Write those Christmas letters, call your uncle in the retirement home, facetime your New Jersey grandkids, Skype a cousin in Italy---there are so many ways to connect if we just take the time and do it.

When we stop to think about it, there were many connections at the time of Christ's birth as well. Redeemer Fellowship Church on Edisto will examine these connections during December.

## Christmas Connections

- November 29: The Joy of THE Christmas Gift
- December 6: The Wisemen and the Wisdom and Truth
- December 13: The Celebration of Shepherds, Defying Lockdowns
- December 20: The Connection of the Creche and the Cross.

During the Christmas season and until the pandemic is over, please join us at the Edisto Beach Civic Center Sundays at 10:00 where everyone wears a mask and is always socially distanced or watch the services live on Facebook.

