

Celebrating Christ at Christmas

Christmas is right around the corner and we have a couple of suggestions to for you to attempt following ideas of how to preserve the most important piece of the Christmas season: ***Honoring and Celebrating our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!***

For those of you that enjoy at least 8 out of the following 10, we have a small gift for you that we will present at the final Advent Worship Meal on December 19 at 5:30 pm. Take photos, bring in examples, prepare to show us how you & your family has made an intentional change to your Holiday Tradition and added some of these to your annual fun! Your transformation can change other's lives.

- Open your Bible and read the Christmas Story: Luke 1:5-56 & 2:1-20. Read this out loud often in your home as we remember that this is the REAL Christmas Story.
- Set up a Nativity and make it a focus in your home. Make sure this is displayed in a room you are often in; and more than one Nativity is always acceptable.
- Limit Gifts! Remind kids (of all ages) that it is His birthday, not ours.
- Give often with a joyful heart. There are many ways to give during the holiday season. Sponsor a Christmas Angel, provide Christmas morning gifts for a Single Parent, give the gift of your time to a project.
- When sending your Christmas cards be sure they contain our spiritual beliefs. Glory to God, Merry Christmas, Peace on Earth are all great reminders of Christ and his birth.
- Be Thankful. We often reserve our thankfulness for November, but we remind you to find things to be thankful for. Pray for those gifts both before and after Christmas.
- Do something for someone else on Christmas Day. Fire stations, hospitals, restaurants, nursing homes...these staff members and residents are there 24/7. Share his grace and love by arriving with food, handmade cards, or Christmas Carols to share Christmas with them.
- Give a gift to God. Pray about what he would want from you. Maybe a gift of forgiveness to someone else, a gift of committing to spend time with God daily, or maybe there is something God has asked you to give up. This could be the most important gift of the season!

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- Hang a stocking for Christ. Fill it with notes just for Him. Read them together on Christmas morning.
- Invite someone to share Christmas dinner with your family. Share your traditions with someone else and inspire others with an impact of love and grace with an invitation and a meal.

Join us as we Celebrate Christ at Christmas!

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