

Lifeline

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LET'S DO LIFE TOGETHER!

As this month brings thoughts of Christmas parties, family gatherings, gifts, tree-decorating, traveling, let's not forget the true reason for this season: Jesus!

"Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel," which is translated, 'God with us'" (Matthew 1:22).

His Birth and Our New Birth

His Birth in History. "...that Holy One who is to be born will be called the Son of God" (Luke 1:35). Jesus Christ was born *into* this world, not *from* it. He did not emerge out of history; He came into history from the outside. Jesus Christ is not the best human being the human race can boast of - He is a Being for whom the human race can take no credit at all. He is not man becoming God, but God Incarnate - God coming into human flesh from outside it. His life is the highest and the

holiest entering through the most humble of doors. Our Lord's birth was an advent - the appearance of God in human form.

His Birth in Me. "My little children, for whom I labor in birth again until Christ is formed in you..." (Galatians 4:19). Just as our Lord came into human history from outside it, He must also come into me from outside. Have I allowed my personal human life to become a "Bethlehem" for the Son of God? I cannot enter the realm of the kingdom of God unless I am born again from above by a birth totally unlike physical birth. "You must be born again" (John 3:7). This is not a command, but a fact based on the authority of God. The evidence of the new birth is that I yielded myself so completely to God that "Christ is formed" in me. And once "Christ is formed" in me, His nature immediately begins to work through me.

God Evident in the Flesh. This is what is made so profoundly possible for you and for me through the redemption of man by Jesus Christ.

-from My Utmost for His Highest by Oswald Chambers

*Merry Christmas Church
Family, Love from Sandy*



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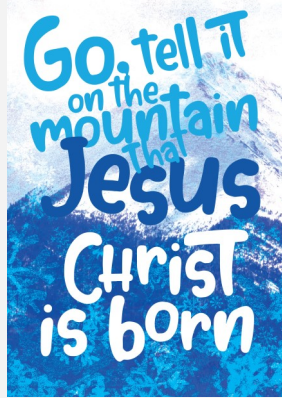


FROM THE PASTOR:

Life Lessons from the Word!

A page from my daily devotional....

King forever...there is only one. As Christians we know and believe in the only King that will reign forever. The proverb for today speaks of who He is and why. Listen to these words, **“If a king judges the poor with fairness, his throne will be established forever”** (Pr. 29:14, NIV).



King Solomon may have been thinking of his father, king David, or maybe even himself, and there may have been some truth as we know Jesus would come from David’s lineage, but Jesus would be the real identity of the one who fulfills this proverb.

So, this writing is not so much of a life lesson, but a lesson that has brought life to many. Jesus came not to judge just the poor, but to set the captives free, and guess what

he does so with all fairness. Jesus did come for the poor, but it was the poor in spirit, it was for the sinner that needed saving from themselves, and this means the rich, the poor and everyone in between. This is why the life of Jesus is called the Gospel, the Good News. Jesus died once and for all, His fairness surpass-

es all others, even king David and one day He will return and His Kingdom will come, and His will, will be done on Earth as it is in Heaven.

So if you need a lesson from this, then choose whom you will serve, He has already chosen you. He is our forever King.

*Blessings,
Pastor Don*



Board Christmas Dinner

Sunday, December 10
6:00 to 8:00 p.m.



It's that time of year again! Pastor and Sandy will be hosting a Leadership Team Christmas Dinner on Sunday, December 10 at 6 pm

Menu:

Brisket, turkey, ham, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, corn, rolls, & dessert

If you are a part of our leadership team please join us and spouses are invited as well!



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Christmas Eve Services

Sunday, December 24th

10:45 a.m. & 6 p.m.

We will have two services on Christmas Eve this year.

Our Sunday morning service will be as usual, Sunday School at 9:30 and worship at 10:45.

Make plans to return at 6 pm for "Christmas Around the World" as we celebrate Christmas in the six regions of the Church of the Nazarene!

We will celebrate Christmas in South Africa, The Philippines, Russia, Guatemala, Argentina, and Canada.

Hope to see you there!

Dec 24th AM Service:
Fourth Sunday of Advent: Love
"Call Him Jesus" Luke 1:26-38

Dec. 24th PM Service:



**Christmas Around
the World**

Women's Ministry

Christmas Blessings Banquet...



Women's Ministry

Christmas Banquet

Saturday, Dec. 9th, 6 pm
in the church sanctuary

Men's Saturday Brunch!

Invite Friends & Neighbors....

Make plans to attend the
Men's Saturday Brunch!

**Saturday,
January 13
10 a.m.**



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