

NEWSLETTER

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The Christmas Servant

I will give you as a covenant for the people, a light for the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. Isaiah 42:6-7

At Christmas, many of us feel tremendously cozy as we think about the familiar Nativity story. Filled with all kinds of sentimentalism, it is entirely possible for us to completely disengage from the whole panorama of God's purpose: to allow familiarity with the scene to blind us to the awe-inspiring truth that as we look at the baby in a Bethlehem manger, we are looking in on the Servant of God.

This Servant, Jesus, had a mission. Even Mary and Joseph had only an inkling about all He would accomplish—yet hundreds of years before Jesus arrived, God had announced what He would do to fulfill His purpose (Isaiah 42:1-4).

Jesus came to open the eyes of the spiritually blind. During His earthly ministry, He gave a wonderful illustration of this by granting physical healing to the blind. The greatest issue, however, concerned not the body but the soul. He came to open the eyes of men and women who were blind to God's truth.

The Servant also came to free captives from prison. Many of us have felt the captivity of our guilt, trying countless hoped-for solutions to wash it all away. But nothing works except Jesus. He breaks our chains and sets us free. Once slaves of sin, we have now been rescued. Our Savior releases from the dungeon those who sit in darkness, if only they see His light.

The story of the Servant is a story not about what we must do but about what Jesus has done. He came down into the dungeon, into our enslavement, into our blindness, and said, You've failed and broken the law, and you are entirely unable to rectify your condition. But I save sinners. I open blind eyes. I release captives. I bring light. I have done everything required for you. Turn to Me in simple faith and childlike trust and you will see. You will be free, and your darkness will give way to sunshine.

The one who has done all this is the one you are gazing at as you consider that familiar Nativity scene. Never let it fail to move and inspire you to praise and worship of the divine Son, who came as our Servant.

Devotional material is taken from the Truth For Life daily devotionals by Alistair Begg



December 21st at 6PM
THE MCNEILLS

*Christmas Eve
 Candlelight Service*

Wednesday, December 24th at 6PM

EVENTS IN DECEMBER

- 2 Women's Missionary Auxiliary 10AM
 - 3 Youth Service at Amazing Grace
 - 6 Men's Breakfast 8AM
 - 6 Youth Christmas Party following the Mineola Parade
 - 10 Youth Caroling at Nursing Homes 6PM
 - 12 Senior Adults Game Day 1-4PM in the Fellowship Hall
 - 13 Ladies Christmas Party 10AM-1PM
 - 16 Women's Missionary Auxiliary 10AM
 - 17 Youth Trip to Santa Land 5PM
 - 21 Christmas Cantata 10:50AM with lunch following
There will be no 8:30AM service on this date.
 - 21 Christmas Concert 6PM. Fellowship to follow.
 - 24 Christmas Eve Service 6PM
 - 25 Merry Christmas
 - 31 No Wednesday Night Bible Studies
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MINISTRY TEAM MEETINGS

BUILDING UTILIZATION- DEC 3 & 17 AT 6:30PM
CHAIR: DAVID CURRY

TECHNOLOGY- WORK DAYS AS NEEDED
CHAIR: MARK MYERS

BUILDING & GROUNDS- DEC 14 AT 4:30PM
CHAIR: PHIL STEPHENS

SAFETY- DEC 7 AT 5PM
CHAIR: FRANKIE SPENCER

MISSIONS- DEC 14 AT 5PM
CHAIR: CODY FRANCISCO

DEACONS- DEC 21 AT 5PM
CHAIR: RANDY OSBORNE

WEEKLY BIBLE STUDIES

MON 6PM- ACTS STUDY AT THE CURRY'S HOME

WED 6PM- ADULTS

WED 7PM- CHILDRENS & YOUTH

THURS 5PM- WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY: ACTS

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DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

4 Jay Jones

5 Jay Finstead

8 William Hill

9 Emalee Teeters

12 Macy Mize

13 James Schafer

15 Floyd Piercy

16 Joshua McClain

18 Kathleen Jennings

20 Jim Little

20 Tisha Radney

21 Lillie Sutton

22 Robin Goff

22 Abbey Mize

26 Christy Fajerson

26 Georgia Utley

28 Wayne Wansley

DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

7 Daniel & Bobby Utley

14 Jerry & Brenda Scott

15 Bo & Suzanne Yates

16 Randy & Becky Osborne

27 Pete & Nancy Ringo

31 Danny & Connie Stark