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MONTHLY MEMORY VERSE

"The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel"—which means, "God with us."

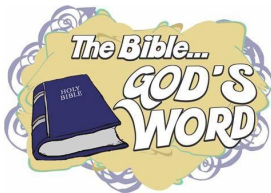
Matthew 1:23



BIBLE IN A YEAR

We welcome you to finish with us as we get through the bible this year.

You will need to read through Revelation 22 by December 31st.



Sun 12/3 ~ through 1 Corinthians 7
Sun 12/10 ~ through Ephesians 1
Sun 12/17 ~ through 2 Timothy 4
Sun 12/24 ~ through 2 Peter 2
Sun 12/31 ~ through Revelation 22

Christmas decorations vs. the Light of Christ

I have said in the past "I do not like putting up decorations", I do however like to LOOK at decorations. All around our neighborhoods, you can see lawns and houses decorated with many types of Christmas décor.

So have Santa Clauses. Some have Christmas lights. Some have reindeer. Some have manger scenes. And depending on which lawn or house you look at, some places have all of them. And if you keep your eye on TV, you will notice that there are even times when houses even compete against each other to see which house has the BEST set of decorations.

It is amazing at what we can see and how we can decorate. Some decorations are blown up ones. Some are strings of lights. Some tassels that are stapled up. Others are solid pieces. And don't forget at the hard plastic pieces that are put up as well. One last type, the type we have at our house, is a light that plugs in and changes the color and design scheme on the side of your house. Like I say, easy up and easy down.

While decorations are great, and they do help us to get into a "jolly" mood, they sometimes don't remind us of why we celebrate Christmas. It is my hope, that all of us reading this article, do know the reason we celebrate Christmas. Yes we love getting and hopefully giving gifts. But, the real reason we celebrate is to recognize Jesus and His birth. Christmas is the celebration of the birth of the Son of God.

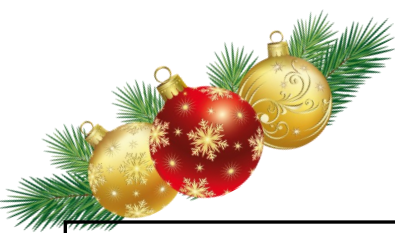
Why I share this fact to remind us that the display that we can share not only at Christmas time, but throughout the year, is the display that Jesus makes in our life. Lights and displays and objects are great. But, the BEST light, is the one who is the Light of the world - Jesus. And if we have Jesus, the Light of the world, in our lives, His display in our lives can be shown not just in December but also throughout the year. Not only that, but when people see God's light in us, it gives them an opportunity to really see the power of God on display.

We know that believing in and following Jesus is not just a one day decision. No, it is ongoing relationship with Jesus, and that relationship changes us - how we live, how we act, and how we believe. So, when we display Jesus' light in our lives, hopefully people are seeing the full effect of what Jesus actually does in a person's life. And this is a great display that does not take any effort at all to put up. And it is also a display that you never have to take down either.

So, while you are looking at the lights that are on display in your neighborhood, and likely in your house, remember, you have a greater Light to display, and that is the Light of Jesus. As we live for Jesus we are sharing His light. Not just in December, but each and every day of our life.

Matthew 5:16 In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven.

By Pastor Jesse Stevens



What's Happening



Monthly / Yearly 2023 Financial Report

Month of October	Year to Date
Actual Income \$13,623	Actual Income \$151,077
Actual Expense \$15,186	Actual Expense \$168,612
Difference -\$1,563	Difference -\$17,535
Budgeted Giving \$17,366	Budgeted Giving \$173,649
Budgeted Expense \$17,518	Budgeted Expense \$176,070
Difference -\$152	Difference -\$2,421

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Wednesday Youth Night

December 6
December 13
December 20

December 27 – No meeting

Starts at 6PM

For kids from

K - 12th grade

Church Board Meeting

**December 6th
@ 7:15PM**



**MEETING
NOTICE!**

Merry Christmas
from our family to yours...

And the angel said to them,
“Fear not, for behold, I bring
you good news of great joy that
will be for all the people. For
unto you is born this day in the
city of David a Savior, who is
Christ the Lord.
~Luke 2:10-11

December Birthdays

1 Clyde Martz
2 Kristen Djonne
2 Stephanie Johnson
6 Tim Meise
10 Allyson Green
11 Dave Sherven
16 Cindy Doescher
17 Jenna Meise
17 Lisa Meyer
20 Isabelle Westendorf
21 Nikki Hanke
21 Jonathan O'Donnell
22 Dale Lempa
23 Lydia Gabardy
30 Randy Wallace



**Jesus is
the reason
for the
season**

Jingle Mingle

December 3, 2023
Starting at 2pm

Women's afternoon with tea, snacks, games,
fun & fellowship

Call Sabre Dessauer at 231-499-9979 or email her at
sabradess@gmail.com to reserve your spot!

Happy Anniversary

31 Benjamin & Lindsey Marty



Children's Program on

CHRISTMAS

Eve

6:00PM

At New Life Community Advent Christian Church