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**Reasons to Wildly Celebrate Christ at Christmas**

 This is the title (above) of my upcoming Advent Sermon Series. Advent begins on Sunday, December 1 and continues until Christmas. Most of our nation celebrates the holy day in some form or another. Some begin decorating as soon as early November. Others manage to delay their personal Christmas season until the day following Thanksgiving, Black Friday.

 It’s the biggest holiday we have. We, as Christians, have much more to celebrate than those without Christ in their hearts. As a matter of fact, Christmas is Christ. I think we should start pronouncing Christ-mas with a long “i” sound. We should lead the way in the celebration.

 Christmas should have a richer and deeper meaning for us since we personally know Christ. We know Him as our Lord. We know Him as our Savior. We know Him as our Deliverer. We know Him as the Son of God. We know Him as the One who was crucified for our sins. We know Him as the One who loves us dearly. **We personally know the baby in the manger!**

Therefore, equipped with these many legitimate and marvelous reasons to celebrate Christmas, why don’t we? I like Christmas decorations, but I don’t want to enjoy them more than Jesus. I like Christmas parties and parades and candy and gifts and family gatherings and plays, but I don’t want to take more pleasure in them than in the Savior of the world.

 We should celebrate Christ at Christmas. We should **wildly** celebrate Christ…because we have lots of fantastic reasons.

Living the GodLife, Pastor Joey



**STAFF MEETING…**every Monday 8:30AM (EXCEPT December 30) in the JOY Room.

**CHURCH OFFICES CLOSED…**Wednesday, 25-Wednesday, January 1. Will reopen Thursday, January 2.

**WEDNESDAY ACTIVITIES…** The last Wednesday activity for the season is December 4. Activities will resume on January 8! Enjoy your break!

**KIDZ KWIRE EXTRA PRACTICES…**will be held on Friday, December 6, 5PM-7:30PM(dress rehearsal/pizza for supper) AND Saturday, December 7, 9:30AM-11AM (donuts & milk). It is extremely important that you kids be at both of these practices.

**AWAY IN A MANGO…**the kids Christmas musical, will be presented on Sunday, December 8. Doors open at 5PM and the program begins at 6PM. Make sure to mark your calendar! You don’t want to miss it!

**BASIC LUNCH…**for FCHS students will be hosted by Trinity on Tuesday, December 10, 11:20AM-12PM. If you are available to help at any time that morning, contact Sharon Lude 364-5318 or call the church office 932-2866. There will be set up, prepping for meal & clean up that needs to be done.

**THE GATHERING…**a class for those interested in learning more about Faith, Trinity Church, Baptism and/or Membership, will be held on Sunday, December 8 & 15, 9am in the Gentleness Room (Sunday School hallway). It will be led by Pastor Joey Dunning. If interested, please contact the church office or Pastor Joey.

**CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT/COMMUNION…**service in the Chapel at 9PM. Make plans to bring your family & attend!

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**LADIES PRAYER** – Mondays, 6:30PM in Joy Room

**MEN’S PRAYER** – Tuesday, 6AM in JAM Room

**PRAYER FOR ALL** – Wednesdays, 9AM in Situation Room





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**SEPTEMBER FAITHFULNESS**

**DATE ATTENDANCE OFFERING**

1 Worship – **153 $6,016.**

JAM - **13**

 Discipleship Classes – **36**

8 Worship – **167 $5,697.**

 JAM – **15**

 Discipleship Classes - **46**

 15 Worship – **154 $4,800.**

 JAM **– 14**

 Discipleship Classes – **46**

22 Worship –  **155**

 JAM – **14**

 Discipleship Classes – **44**

29 Worship –

 JAM –

 Discipleship Classes –

2019 Budget Goal: **$353,585.**

**FOR THE MONTH…**

* **GREETERS:** Max & Sharon Lude
* **USHERS:**  Tim Ondo, Tim Braddy, Jack Calvert, Chad Bates,

 Todd Culp, Kyle Foder

* **DOORPERSON:**  Marsha Schultz

***December 1***

* **NURSERY:** Kim Fleck & Hannah Adkins
* **JAM:** Jackie Wilson, Matt Jacobs, Andrew Jacobs,

Bella Wilson, Adam Milligan

***December 8***

* **NURSERY:**  Sara Jacobs & Aleah Russell
* **JAM:** Martha Swift, Samantha Mize, Paige Mize,

Morgan Reiger, Aleah Russell

***December 15***

* **NURSERY:** Jan Farkas & Emma Chick
* **JAM:** Honey Bejmovicz, Johnny Mize, Jesse Helfrich,

Emma Chick, Zachary Helfrich

***December 22***

* **NURSERY**: Jane Murphy & Hannah Adkins
* **JAM:** Jackie Wilson, Matt Jacobs, Andrew Jacobs,

Bella Wilson

 ***December 29***

* **NURSERY**: Kim Fleck &Brooklyn Dodd
* **JAM:** Martha Swift, Samantha Mize, Paige Mize,

Morgan Reiger, Aleah Russell

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**MOVIE NIGHT…**Sunday, December 1, 5PM-8PM at the home of Brad & Katie Campbell, 14328 Number 9 Blacktop. The movie will be *“ELF”.* Come in you pajamas & bring a holiday treat to share!

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**UGLY SWEATER CONTEST…**Wednesday, December 4, 6PM-8PM.

**NO YOUTH…**Sunday, December 8 OR Sunday, December 22.

**PROGRESSIVE DINNER…**Sunday, December 15, 5:30 PM-10PM. Everyone is asked to bring a wrapped Christmas ornament to exchange – guys bring for a guy, girls bring for a girl.

**SCHOOL CHRISTMAS BREAK…**Monday, December 23-Friday, January 3. School resumes on Monday, January 6.

**MOVIE NIGHT…**Saturday, December 28. We will be going to see *Star Wars* in Marion. Time TBA.

**SUNDAY NIGHT LIVE…**EVERY Sunday (except Dec. 8 & 22) @ 5PM. Worship, Bible & Fun!

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**KIDS CHRISTMAS PARTY…**Friday, December 13, 6PM-9PM. Make plans to join us for an evening of fun, snacks and the movie *Polar Express.* Don’t forget to invite friends!!!

**SCHOOL CHRISTMAS BREAK…**Monday, December 23-Friday, January 3. School resumes on Monday, January 6.

**NOVEMBER FAITHFULNESS**

**DATE ATTENDANCE OFFERING**

3 Worship – **140 $7,089.**

JAM - **12**

 Discipleship Classes – **49**

10 Worship – **$4,087.**

 JAM –

 Discipleship Classes -

 17 Worship – **$2,972.**

 JAM **–**

 Discipleship Classes – **132**

24 Worship –

 JAM –

 Discipleship Classes –

2019 Budget Goal: **$353,585.**

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5 Amy Rice 31, 1984 Mark & Lois

 Lorraine Shouse Short

6 Lon Clutts

 Hannah Fleck

11 Bob Prince

12 Kaili Alexander

14 Heath Hancock

16 Debby Bussler

19 Danielle Hall

22 Diane Holt

23 Sarah Adkins

24 Gary Hood

25 Joyce Lucas

26 Jean Harkins

Nancy Shelby

28 Bill Alexander

Greg Murphy

30 Phil Lambert

Wendy Blades

31 Kyle Foder

 Ragini Jenkins