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SERMON NOTES: "How to prepare for Christmas"

Our Vision

Restoring our broken places in community with Christ.
We are a community of Spirit-led believers offering hope, healing, and grace to restore ourselves and our community with Godly peace, love and wholeness.

What We Value

- God's Word
- Being devoted to Christ
- Friendliness
- Authentic relationships
- Caring for one another
- Serving our community
- Grace filled fellowship
- Children and youth
- Questioning and discussion
- Growing in Christ

How to prepare for *Christmas*

"Listen! I hear the voice of someone shouting:
'Prepare for God's arrival! Make a highway
for the LORD through the wilderness. Make a
straight, smooth road through the desert for our God.'"
Isaiah 40:3

FAITH COVENANT

AN EVANGELICAL COVENANT CHURCH

SUNDAY, 2 DECEMBER, 2012

Faith Christmas concert

Christmas Concert and lunch

We invite you to join us for a very exciting Christmas celebration! On the 23rd of December we will host a Christmas concert that features our local talent. We will celebrate the gift of Jesus Christ through carols, solos, duets and music of various kinds.

After our concert, we invite you to join us for our Christmas potluck lunch! There will be no Sunday School on this day. The concert will start at 10:30am. This is a great opportunity to invite friends and family for a great day of singing and eating together!

A BIG thank you from the OPS Team!

"The Operations Team would like to thank everyone for taking time out of their busy schedules to help accomplish various tasks throughout the church. We did everything on the list in three hours! Your efforts were truly appreciated."

A special thanks to Bob West, Rich and Tina Martinez, Susan Miller, Bill Hendricks, Cyndi and Tom Wacker, Amanda Grace, and of course the Ops Team: Pam, Bruce, Mark, Caroline, and Matt too!

Lifegroups

It has been a great blessing to see over half of the church participate in lifegroup meetings. The "Beautiful Outlaw" series was a great way to relaunch our Bible Study groups! If you are in a lifegroup currently, speak to your host about your desire to continue. Some groups are taking a break for the Christmas holiday and will resume again in January. If you would like to continue in the current series, we have many more weeks available. Just call the office and let Pastor Naas know - he'll prepare the curriculum for you!

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Our Kids' Christmas Project

In December, our kids are going to partner with a local crisis center through Springs Rescue Mission. They have renovated an old motel downtown to house homeless single moms and their children, some of whom recently lived out of their cars. We have the opportunity to help the first 5 families enrolled. We will help create an "Old Fashioned Christmas" through the giving of Christmas Stockings filled with gifts. We are suggesting that each of our children bring at least $1 to contribute to buying these gifts and we welcome extra donations from anyone else in our church family. On December 9th, our kids will help decorate the giant Christmas stockings and wrap the gifts purchased. We are extremely excited to adopt this as our next Children's Mission Project. It is right in line with our churches focus on helping parents and families in our community. *-Tina Martinez*

Upcoming Events:

Adult Formation Series: "Advent" - Presented by Susan Miller - 2nd Dec - 16 Dec
Christmas sermon series: 2nd December - 24th of December
Christmas Concert: 23 December @ 10:30am
Christmas potluck: 23 December @ 12pm
Christmas Eve service: 24 December at 5:30pm
New Year's Service: 30 December @ 10:30am
Sunday School starts again: 6 January, 2013 @ 9:15am
Adult Formation Series: "God & Hostory" taught by Pastor Naas - 6 Jan. 2013
Annual Meeting: 20 January after worship service

Prayer Requests

We continue to pray for Dick Prince to be healed!

Amanda Grace has been experiencing health problems for years and is praying to get a greater understanding of how she can improve her general health. Pray for her to get answers.

Also pray for Sue Bigari as she mourns the loss of Gene.

As you pray continue to lift up Elizabeth Hendricks and Zarette Beard for healing.

VOLUNTEERS TODAY

WORSHIP NURSERY: Diane Sanford
USHERING: Gordon & Sonja Snyder
SOUND: Chuck Eklund
CLOSING: Bruce Nicklas
COUNTING: Sonja Snyder & Peter Hills

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Sunday School - Youth and adults: 9:15am
Worship service: 10:30am