



Pastor's Weekly Word:

"A Time to Prepare"

12.2.15

Mark Your Calendar

12.4.15

Women's Christmas Party

12.11.15

Men's Christmas Party

12.19.15

Newark Community Christmas Breakfast

12.24.15

Christmas Eve at Chapel on the Hill

12.27.15

Teen Challenge Choir Ministry

12.27.15

West Caldwell Care Center Ministry
(Kids will sing Christmas songs)

In this season of the year we attend all sorts of Christmas events and parties. It can take a great amount of effort while preparing for one of these occasions. We must consider what clothes we will wear, the shoes, and for the ladies there is also make up and accessories. Then, of course, the clothes must be purchased, washed, and ironed. After establishing what to wear, we must consider what gift we should bring the host. When attending a function it is only polite to bring a food item. However, do we bring a dessert or an appetizer, how much do we bring and will it be too healthy or not healthy enough? Should we show up on time, early, or should we arrive a few minutes late to give the hosts a few more moments to prepare?

We spend a great deal of time preparing for Christmas parties, decorating for the holiday and purchasing the perfect gifts for everyone on our Christmas list. However, how much time do we spend actually preparing for the meaning of the holiday itself? Many have proudly proclaimed "Jesus is the Reason for the Season!" While this saying is absolutely true, it must be more than just a saying. In order to make Jesus the center of Christmas we must take time to spiritually prepare for the coming of Christ. May it be that we carve out times between today and December 25th to ponder the significance of God's gift to humanity. Today, take a moment to give thanks, praise and stand in awe of one of Jesus' names "Emmanuel" which means God with us. Because of Jesus God's presence is with us today!

"All right then, the Lord himself will give you the sign. Look! The virgin will conceive a child! She will give birth to a son and will call him Immanuel (which means 'God is with us')."

- Isaiah 7:14

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