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CHRISTMAS NEED TO KNOW!

#1. DEC 25 & JAN 1

Just a reminder that on Sunday, Dec 25, there are no services. We hope you have the most wonderful day celebrating Jesus' birth. On Sun, Jan 1, there is an online family service. It's available live at 9 & 10:30 AM or can be watched on demand. So snuggle up and enjoy the service from where ever you are ringing in the New Year. Happy 2023!

#2. JANUARY

In the New Year, we are all back together for church on Sun, Jan 8! **Grace Kids** is kicking off a new series called Pet Rocks. It teaches kids about building a strong foundation in faith. Grace Kids is for ages 0-5th grade and is available at both 9 & 10:30.

Grace Youth is starting a series called Beloved. Students will be learning about their identity that comes from the love of God. Get signed up for small groups relaunch and for this year's Winter Retreat. Grace Youth is for students in 6th-12th grade - Middle School meets at 9 and High School meets at 10:30.

In Big Service, Pastor Joe is starting a series called "Momentum for Life". It's all about prioritizing that builds to a better you. Jan 8th will also be a Baptism Celebration. So if you have made Jesus the leader of your life, take the next step by getting baptized.

Merry CHRISTMAS

DEC 24 // CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE // PASTOR JOE BOYD

**God is moving.
God uses moments to create momentum in our spiritual life.**

God uses special moments to deliver special messages.

Mary and Joseph

God wants to do something IN you and THROUGH You.

"But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit." - Matthew 1:20

Because of the Holy Spirit, Mary is not the only person who experienced Jesus in their life.

Shepherds

That night there were shepherds staying in the fields nearby, guarding their flocks of sheep. Suddenly, an angel of the Lord appeared among them, and the radiance of the Lord's glory surrounded them. They were terrified, but the angel reassured them. "Don't be afraid!" he said. "I bring you good news that will bring great joy to all people. The Savior - yes, the Messiah, the Lord - has been born today in Bethlehem, the city of David! And you will recognize him by this sign: You will find a baby wrapped snugly in strips of cloth, lying in a manger." - Luke 2:8-12

God wants to move you from the fringes to the frontline of the greatest movement in the World.

The shepherds went back to their flocks, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen. It was just as the angel had told them. - Luke 2:20

Herod

When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. When he had called together all the people's chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Messiah was to be born. - Matthew 2:3-4

No matter your intentions, you can't control God's plans to change the world.

After Herod died, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who were trying to take the child's life are dead." - Matthew 2:19-20

We must recognize that God is in control, and we are not.

Wisemen

After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem and asked, "Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him." - Matthew 2:1-2

Worship has the capacity to move us as long as we keep taking steps to honor Jesus.

After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. 10 When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. 11 On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. - Matthew 2:9-11

Our choices are acts of worship and our obedience reveals our hearts and determines our future.

And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route. - Matthew 2:1-2

Will you trust Jesus this Christmas?