



**One > *chaotic, unexpected, honest, wonderful, gracious, necessary, authentic* > Christmas!**

The birth of a baby is surrounded with joy, wonder and happiness. Anticipation begins at the first announcement of pregnancy as the families anticipate and eagerly await the arrival. Chaos usually ensues after the baby is born as normal lives are turned upside down. This Sunday we're looking at in Matthew 1:18-25 and when the realization of pregnancy happens but instead of joy, wonder and happiness there is confusion, pain and sadness as Joseph finds out that Mary is pregnant and he knows he's not the father. What a maelstrom of emotions that must have pushed in and overwhelmed him. Can you identify? Perhaps you can't identify with the exact situation he was in (can any of us, really??) but whether at Christmas or at other times we can all identify with being overwhelmed and the emotional chaos life's circumstances can bring. In the midst of his dilemma - God speaks - making a big ask, inviting Joseph into a big story and making a big promise. Hope to see you Sunday!

## Church Events

- KCA Christmas Concert@ 7pm
- Last day for sock drop off Dec 15
- Envelope pick up Dec 17
- Women's Connect and Grow December 19@ 7pm
- Christmas Eve Service December 24 @ 11am

## Thank you!

To all who helped make the Egan Christmas Candlelight Memorial such a blessing to our neighbours and community! We are a people who live out the love of God and that was evidenced on Sunday! Thanks to all who contributed Christmas goodies for refreshments and to those who helped with set up and clean up! Special thank to Gail Lister for her kitchen co-ordination and to Roger Elliott for all the logistics to help make this event possible!

To the NRCC body for contributing food to the Young At Heart Christmas Luncheon on Monday! Our intention was to be a blessing and by all reports the Seniors ministry was blessed and encouraged! Special thanks to Lynne Elliott, Eric Jordan and LeeAnn Major for serving to prepare and work in the kitchen and serve the meal! A good time was had by all!

### CONNECT CARDS:

Church is a people who God's love and grace are changing! We get to be a large family! Families communicate the important stuff that's happening in their lives often around a dinner table! We'd love to celebrate, support and pray for one another when we hear about what's happening. One way to do that is with the Connect Card. Think of it as the family dinner

table in convenient card form! You can pick one up any time and place it in the offering plate on a Sunday or the Connect Card box



### Baptisms - Sunday December 31st!



One of the great blessings as a follower of Jesus is baptism! Those who have placed their faith in Jesus Christ and received Him to be their Lord and Saviour are to be baptized. The reason for this is that baptism is a visual representation of the transforming power of the gospel! It is a visible, outward sign of an inner spiritual reality! It's also a unique opportunity to publicly affirm our devotion to Jesus. If you have been thinking about being baptized - we're excited to help as we look to celebrate baptisms on Sunday Morning December 31st! What a great way to start off a New Year! If you are interested, please speak to one of our elders or leaders for more information!

## FREE!!!!!!

### Free Books!

We have a large number of Children's books that have been donated to the school and we are invited to look thru them on Sunday! Please check them out and you are welcome to take as many as you would like for free!

# Living out the Love of God

## Living out the love of God with Hospitality:

The apostle Paul asked for prayer that God would open up a door to share the Good News of Jesus! Over the last few months we have had several requests from our neighbours if they can use the building for a weddings. Might this be a door that God is opening to us as a church body? We have a great facility but our desire is not simply to provide a room but to show the love of God thru our hospitality here. So we're wondering if there are those in the Nashville Road body who have a desire to serve as part of a hospitality team that would be able to host families from the community who may want to have their wedding ceremony at our building? Can you please prayerfully consider that and if that is something that God has placed in your heart - please speak to Dean or one of our elders or contact the church office as we'd love to talk with you about it!



## Hearing God's Voice:

Please join us in the staff room at 10 am. Bring your journals

## ANNOUNCEMENTS



Julian Boyton is hoping to collect 200 pair of **NEW SOCKS** and 117 **GENTLY USED BLANKETS** by December 15, for donation to The Scott Mission and the homeless. Please consider giving Julian a hand by donating this Sunday. Donations can be accepted at the church office until December 15th.

## KCA Christmas Concert

The students have been working hard preparing their songs and skits for out community to enjoy. Please come out and join our KCA and KELC families in celebrating this most wonderful time of the year. A love offering will be held to raise funds to by animals for World Vision. The concert will begin at 7pm on Thursday December 14th.