



### One Christmas:

Tis the season ... for gift giving! Yay! Tis also the season to come up with some perfect gifts to give! Boo! Do you feel that pressure to give someone a completely awesome, freakoutable (it's a word), dance around the room, perfect gift? If you do then you know - it ain't easy! By the way - underwear ... probably not the perfect gift. Necessary and important - yes! Perfect - not really. So there's a lot of wisdom involved in giving gifts. The wise men who visited Jesus must have brought awesome gifts - weren't they wise after all? This Sunday we're going to look at these wise men - who were actually magicians and astrologers and most definitely considered outsiders by those reading Matthew's account of the Nativity story. God, in His graciousness - brings them inside the great story of Jesus birth! We'll look at what they have to show us about the wisdom of the world in relation to God's perfect gift - Jesus, whom the bible calls - "the Wisdom of God." Looking forward to our gathering on Sunday as we catch up with our Not So Nativity, Nativity drama and continue to unpack One *chaotic, unexpected, honest, wonderful, gracious, authentic and necessary* Christmas!

## Church Events

- Envelope pick up Dec 17
- Christmas Eve Service December 24 @ 11am

## Happy Birthday!

Grace Kennedy celebrates her 16th birthday on Saturday! Happy Birthday Gracie!

## Happy Anniversary!

Dean & Lesley Kennedy are celebrating 23 years of marriage on Sunday!

## Christmas Eve Morning Gathering - Nursery:

We're looking forward to being together as a large family on Christmas Eve Morning! Just a gentle reminder that there won't be any nursery that morning so we can all enjoy our gathering together as multi-generational families! The kids will have something to teach us all that morning!

## Hearing God's Voice:

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

### 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 fol-

lower 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!