



Christmas Eve Morning!

Advent means “coming” and this season we celebrate the nativity or “birth” of Jesus - the Son of God, Saviour of the world! Jesus is God wrapped up so we could know Him! He came vulnerable as a baby and yet angels sang triumphantly and shepherds hurried expectantly to see this physical good news which would bring great joy to all people! The prophet Isaiah wrote that *"People walking in darkness have seen a great light! For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the greatness of his government and peace there will be no end."* Christmas is about Light in the Darkness!

We're looking forward to celebrating together on Sunday morning - the Eve of Christ's birth! Come early to enjoy apple cider and Christmas goodies! If you have a favourite Christmas sweater (ugly or otherwise) please wear it! Then we'll sing Christmas carols, light the Christ Candle and the children are excited to tell us all the Greatest Story Ever Told about the Greatest Gift Ever Given! Looking forward to Sunday morning! Merry Christmas!

Church Events

- Envelope pick up this Sunday
- Christmas Eve Service December 24 @ 11am

Happy Birthday!

Happy Belated birthdays to Andrea Wilson and David Body, who celebrated this past week! We hope you both had an awesome day!

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!

We also need volunteers to staff the nursery in the new year. If you can help out, please speak to Sharon Hennig.

Praise:

- Many of you have been praying for Andre Ouellet who was seriously injured in a work accident in the Spring. Last Sunday Dean shook Andre's hand! His injury significantly injured that hand so shaking hands was a real sign of how much healing is taking place! Andre said the doctors are overjoyed at how well he is doing! Amen and thank God for His answers to our prayers!

God tells us in His word that when we need wisdom to ask Him for it and He will give it. The elders want to thank Him for answering our prayers as we met to discern and seek clarity with regards to denominational direction as Roger shared this past Sunday morning. We asked for wisdom and God answered and we want to recognize and glorify Him for His faithfulness and grace to us!

Prayer:

Please remember to pray for Reta Campbell on her mission in Jamaica. Prayer for health, strength and wisdom as she ministers with and amongst the churches there.

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!

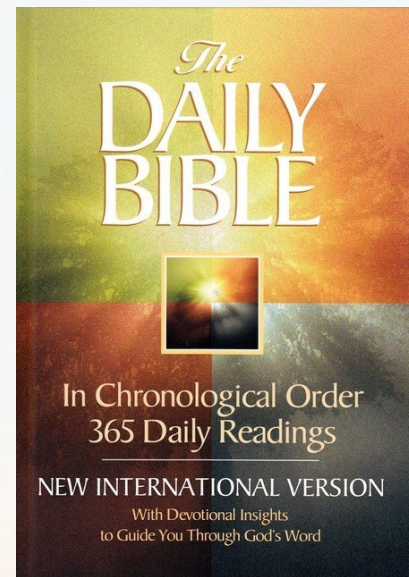


HOPE Magazine!

Light often brings the ability to see clearer and with that clarity there is hope! We have a great magazine resource from the Gideons entitled HOPE and it's available for free this Sunday. If you know someone that you'd like to give one to, please stop by the Welcome Centre to pick up your free copy or copies!

Daily Bible Reading idea:

Start the New Year with a plan for reading God's word each day! Here's a great resource to help guide you chronologically thru the bible from Genesis to Revelation in one year! Also available from Amazon as a kindle download!



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

