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Less Is More

I put up my Christmas tree last weekend, right after Thanksgiving. Perhaps you did, too.

This year, however, I only hung up about two-thirds of my ornaments. Also, many of the holiday knickknacks that I normally display I left remaining in their boxes. I didn't even run to the store to replace two strands of twinkly, white lights that quit on me while I was wrapping them around the tree. No, I just made do with what I had. And I was okay with it.

In fact, I decided that I like seeing some more of the Christmas tree. Negative space is good, and I don't need to cram ornaments and white lights into every nook and cranny where there's some green showing. Know what I mean?

Up until now, I wouldn't have believed that I would have been okay with the above two paragraphs. I was compelled to put out everything I owned that had a Christmas theme so it would all be on display. Then, I had to purchase several ornaments each year to augment my collection so that it was always growing and featured the latest and greatest in holiday decor.

But this year, something is changing inside of me. And I think I'm finally learning that Christmas is really more about less ...

- Less of me and my perfectly displayed decorations
- Less of me and my "impressive" gift-giving to family and friends
- Less of me and my attendance at see-and-be-seen holiday parties
- Less of me and what I want for Christmas or how I want God to bless me

It's more about what God has given to all mankind. ...

- More of Christ and what his coming to earth means to us all
- More of Christ and my response—the giving of my life—to him
- More of Christ and sharing the gift of the Good News and not burying it beneath other gifts
- More of Christ and making time for others, as my words and deeds are a reflection of him

The prophet Isaiah foretold it: "Immanuel ... God with us." And then Matthew quoted him years later in the New Testament. But what does knowing that God is "with us" really mean to me?

He lives in my heart, but I wonder how differently I would feel if God was sitting on his throne in my very own home—right there in my living room where I could see him. If he was visible, in all of his splendor and blinding light, I would certainly take notice. I would live differently, wouldn't I? My priorities would surely change. I probably wouldn't care about anything else this holiday season: the decorations, the baking, the gifts, the parties. I would just want to sit at his feet and worship him.

"Immanuel ... God with us." What more does Christmas need to be to me? To you? All we need is Jesus. He is *what is better*. And he is more than enough this Christmas. Let us ask him to help us focus less on our holiday agendas, as we spend more time at his feet worshipping our King.

Laura MacCorkle
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For our nation as we are going through troubled times

For our national leaders and world leaders as they lead their respective nations.

For our troops in Afghanistan, Bosnia, Korea, Iraq, Liberia, Haiti and other places.

For the innocent who are suffering in the midst of war.

For the "people in the box"-- the lost in our families and community.

For those who are being martyred and persecuted for Christ in our own time

For marriage to stand in our laws as God ordained it.

For the church in Siliguri and Naresh Chhetri

For the churches in Honduras and Haiti who partner with us in the gospel

Henry Coriell not doing well. Prayers for faith and healing.

Tim Wolfe dealing with a severe back injury.

Homer Miller now in a rehab facility but still struggling with infection, weakness and periods of confusion.

Kayla Meredith has her appointment at Cleveland Clinic on Thursday morning.

Lainey Parker heart surgery scheduled for December 15 in Columbus.

Carol Gammon (Bill's daughter and Price's sister in South Carolina) recently hospitalized with excess fluid and blood clots.

Eric Copas has been suffering for several months with back pain. Surgery scheduled December 29.

Esther Crisp able to come home on Saturday, having home healthcare.

Gene Madden (friend of Clyde & Penny Ball) had surgery on an aneurysm at Cleveland Clinic on Tuesday.

Rosie Davis (friend of Clyde & Penny Ball) surgery at James Cancer Center December 9.

Ralph Roberson (friend of Clyde & Penny Ball) internal bleeding, cause unknown.

Alex Cram had an ear-sinus surgery in Columbus on Thursday. All went well and he is home.

Leslie Allison seeing neurosurgeon January 10 about an herniated disc in neck.

Livie Amato (8 year old daughter of Ben and Adrienne) having an insulin pump installed soon.

Melissa Gampp scheduled for surgery tomorrow at SOMC.

Megan Coriell (Kathy Coriell's daughter-in-law in Norwalk, OH) having some issues with her heart and is seeing a specialist in Cleveland this next week.



Bible Study Curriculum

Sunday

12/11 Mk 14:32-52
12/18 Lk 23:1-25; Mt 27:3-10
12/25 No Classes
1/1 Mt 27:32-66
Jn 19:23-24
1/8 Mt 28:1-15; Lk 24:13-43
Jn 20:1-8; Mk 16:1
1/15 Jn 20:26-31; 21:1-25
Mt 28:16-20; I Co 15:7
Lk 24:44-49
1/22 Preaching
1/29 Lk 24:50-53; Ac 1:9-12
Mk 16:19-20
2/5 Ac 1:1-8; 1:13-26

Wednesday

12/14 Gen 30-31
12/21 Gen 32-36
12/28 Gen 37
1/4 Gen 39-40
1/11 Gen 41-42
1/18 Gen 43-44
1/25 Gen 45-46
2/1 Gen 47-48
2/8 Gen 49-50



Coming Events

12/16 Christmas Program 6:30 pm
12/25 Worship Assembly at 2 pm

Special Prayer

Today immediately following morning services, the ladies of the congregation will meet for a time of prayer for Ashley (Hayward) Parker and for her baby, Lainey, before her upcoming heart surgery on **December 15**. All the ladies are encouraged to attend. (You may sign up in the foyer if you would like to lead a prayer, otherwise just join in with us for this time with the Father.) We will meet in the new classrooms in the annex.

The Frazzled Female Continues

Finding peace in the midst of daily life. Ladies Bible study continues this evening. It is not too late to join in as this is only the second meeting of the class. See **Cheryl Villinger** for more information.

Changes for December 25

Due to the fact that Christmas falls on Sunday this year we are adjusting the schedule for that day. We will meet for worship at 2 pm in the afternoon. No classes will be held that evening. **The Elders**.

Spirit Club

Will not be meeting this evening.

Christmas Program Date

Friday, December 16, 6:30 pm with cookies and refreshments to follow the program. **Practice tonight at 5:00 p.m.**

Deacons Meeting Tonight

This evening after Bible classes the deacons will be meeting in the annex to finish working on next year's budget.

- **Budget Requests for 2012**

The deacons are currently finishing up the budget for 2012. If anyone has an item that needs to be considered for next year's budget please bring it to the attention of one of the deacons ASAP.



Welcome, Lucy!

Lucy Kate Montgomery was born November 11, 2011, to Aaron and Katie Montgomery weighing 7 lb, 12 oz. She was at church last Sunday and both mom and Lucy are doing well. Congratulations to parents, grandparents, brother Myles and all those cousins. We welcome Lucy to "the jungle."

Children's Bible Time Meeting Today

This morning right after the morning services all CBT Leaders are urged to stay for a meeting to set up the schedule for 2012. There are some big changes in store for 2012. Don't miss this meeting. Questions see Kristin Riley.

Women's Ministry Meeting

Gabe Coriell is holding a meeting with any women of the congregation with an interest in Women's Ministry. The focus of this meeting is to discuss events, activities, and budget of the coming year. The meeting will be held on **Thursday, December 22nd, at 7:00 p.m.** in the annex.

Coats for Kids/White Christmas

It is time for our annual "Coats for Kids" and "White Christmas" drive. As expected due to economic stress for many families in our area, the requests from Minford School District are up this year. Coats will be purchased first, then with any leftover money, White Christmas will take place. Please give donations to **Kristine Coriell, Eugene Risner**, or drop it in an offering box in an envelope marked "Coats for Kids."

Treats for the Troops!



Anyone interested in participating we will be sending rice krispie treats (any variation) to the troops that are still overseas. We will collect them Sunday evening, **Dec. 18**, before evening services, seal them up and send them Monday. If you would like to donate to this effort please feel free to make as many batches as you would like, but please include \$1 for shipping with your treats. See **Heather Gragg** with any questions! Also, if you would like to send a personal message along that would be great!

Homeless Shelter Donation

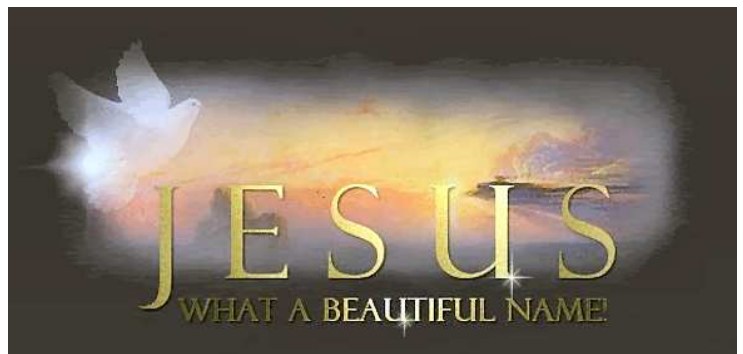
For anyone interested we are taking up a donation of gallon size freezer bags for the homeless shelter on **Dec. 18**. Please place donations under the coat rack in the foyer. Thanks!

Strawberry Point Mission Trip Coming

A mission trip to Strawberry Point Christian Camp on Manitoulin Island, Ontario, Canada is being planned for this summer (**June 16th to June 22nd**). The major goal for this trip is the construction of a new pavilion. Please see **Caleb or Jacob Miller** if you are interested in coming and have any questions.

Teen News

December 18: We will have our annual Youth Group Christmas party on December 18 after evening services. Please bring a passing party gift of \$10.00 or less. Pizza will be provided. Boys should bring pop/sodas, girls should bring chips and anyone wanting to bring desert is encouraged to do so.



THOSE WHO SERVE

Sunday Morning December 11

Welcome & Prayer Tom Kelley
Song Director Scott Gamp
Worship Leaders Gabe Coriell
Mark Villinger
Message Steve Miller

December 18

Rich Book
Shaun McCray
Aaron Kallner
Mark Gamp
Steve Miller

Sunday Evening

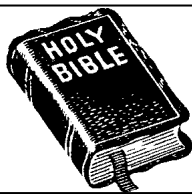
Song Director Tyler Jones
Scripture Reading Tim Coriell
Lord's Supper Mark Gamp
Assist Matthew Hoskins
Prayer Greg Shepherd
Bible Class Text **Mark 14:32-52**

Aaron McCray
Shane Mougey
Dewey Cordle
Tim Gamp
Jason Coriell
Lk 23:1-25; Mt 27:3-10

Wednesday Evening

Song Director Zach Coriell
Prayer Eric Copas
Bible Class Text **Genesis 30-31**

Shawn Gragg
Steve Williams
Genesis 32-36



Children's Bible Time

December

3-5: Kristin Riley, Autumn Risner, Kendall Riley
6-8: Jamie Riley, Tyler Jones, Luke Purpero

Regular Service Times

Sunday

Worship - 10:00 am
Bible Study - 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday

Bible Study - 7:30 p.m.

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WORD SEARCH

Find these key words and phrases from Mark 14: 32-52 that are hidden in the grid at the right.

- GETHSEMANE
- TARRY YE HERE
- WHAT THOU WILT
- WATCH YE AND PRAY
- THE FLESH IS WEAK
- SON OF MAN
- JUDAS
- HIGH PRIEST
- FALSE WITNESS
- BLASPHEMY
- PROPHECY
- DENIED
- GALILAEAN
- SORROWFUL
- ABBA FATHER
- SLEEPING
- TEMPTATION
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- PETER
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- CONDEMNED
- NAZARETH
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Word Search Solution

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