

WELCOME



If you are a first time visitor please fill out one of our **Information Cards** available at the Information Center or in the Sanctuary. We want to thank you for joining us today as we celebrate God's grace and goodness together. Please be sure to introduce yourself to us and thanks again for coming.

TODAY:

From Sunday, Nov. 30-Dec. 24, we will be celebrating "**Immanuel... God with us.**" (Matt. 1: 23b) We rejoice in the purifying **HOPE**, enduring **PEACE**, and His strengthening **JOY**. This week as Advent culminates on Dec. 24, we will celebrate the **LOVE** of God as demonstrated in the gift of **CHRIST** the Lord.

Advent means "Coming" or "Arrival" The emphasis for us as believers is the true meaning of Christmas; Christ's birth and God being with us. It is also a focus on His Second-Advent. We live in anticipation of His glorious appearing. **"I am the Alpha and the Omega, says the Lord God, 'who is, and who was, and who is to come, the Almighty.'**" (Rev. 1: 8)

Wed. night Prayer Meeting is "SUSPENDED" until Jan. 14, at 7:00 PM.

*** Worship Team Practice, SUNDAY, Dec. 28th, 8:30 AM***

YOUTH WINTER GAMES, Sat. Dec. 27, 2 PM. (Check e-mails for details or see Pastor Marco)



JUST FOR KIDS

Our children join us for worship in the main Sanctuary until they are called to the altar area for prayer. They will then attend Sunday School and will be supervised by our capable workers. Their special Bible lesson will conclude at the same time as the adult service.

Nursery is also supervised and available when the children are dismissed from the sanctuary.

Parents please note that your child needs to be signed-in and signed-out every Sunday.

MANNA



"Sine qua non" is Latin for "**Without which, it could not be**". It is a legal term meaning that there is an indispensable condition, an absolute prerequisite, a prime ingredient without which something is not possible. The Cambridge Business Dictionary defines it as "something that must be done or achieved before anything else is done or achieved".

"Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel." (Isaiah 7:14)

"Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take to you Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit. And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins." (Matt. 1: 20-21)

The virgin birth of the Lord Jesus Christ is "**Sine qua non**" in regards to our salvation. For us to be delivered from the power of sin, Christ had to be born of a virgin, conceived by the Holy Spirit. He was the sinless, perfect, pure, Son of God. Humanly, He was the Second-Adam and was not born into sin like the rest of the human race. Consequently, His sacrificial death totally satisfied the righteous burdens against Creation. He was and is the impeccable substitute! Divine Will, moved Matthew to begin his account of Christ's life with the miraculous virgin birth. "**Without which, salvation could not be**"

COMING:



New Window Blinds for the church have been ordered in our ongoing commitment to improve God's house. If you would like to contribute, above your regular tithes and offerings towards the cost of the new blinds and the new paint please indicate that on an offering envelope. Thank you!

*****Special Christmas Eve Service, Wed. Dec. 24, 7:00-8:00 PM*****

The new Alarm Codes have been programed into the church alarm system. If you currently have an active-code please see Patricia for your new-code. After Dec. 21st the old-codes will not work. Thanks, Deacon Board.