

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.

This is the day the Lord has made!

Pastor Mills will be sharing from the Scriptures today.

***Wed. Worship, Bible Study, and Prayer gathering Wed. Dec. 2, at 7:00 PM.
A Study of 1, 2, and 3 John.**

ROCC Youth Gatherings—Friday Nights @ 7:00 PM SEE PASTOR MARCO!

Part three "Christmas with Style" Video Series for youth in the foyer room.

****All the money pledged for our new 150 chairs has been received and they are being assembled. Thanks for giving!****

Christmas Eve Service: Dec. 24th 7-8 pm celebrating our Savior's Birth!

Thanks to all who planned, helped, and assisted with the Church Christmas Banquet on Friday night! You made a difference!

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.

On the first Sunday of each month (Communion Sunday) our children will stay with their parents in the main sanctuary for the entire service. Nursery will function as usual and be available every Sunday.

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

Over the next few weeks we are going to examine several reasons why we believe that God became man! Truthfully that is the primary reason believers began to celebrate what has become known as Christmas. Christmas is a birth celebration but no ordinary birth. It is the "Advent"; the arrival of God in flesh!

Last week we considered Mary's wonderful confession stating she was visited by the angel Gabriel, who told her she would conceive a unique child, even though a virgin. She never changed or retracted the declaration and her first born child became the most matchless human ever born. Isaiah a prophet of the Hebrew, Old Testament era predicted that a God-Man would be born. In the second chapter of his prophecies he foretold, by the Spirit that a Servant of the Lord would rule the earth at the end of time. That He would bring in a magnificent time of peace and all nations will come to Jerusalem to worship God Almighty. The prophet announced, "*Unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given; and the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.*"(Is.9: 6) Isaiah also wrote a mysterious prediction that was only partially realized in his era, "*The Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel.*" (Is.7:14) The Apostle Matthew, centuries later, clarified that the name meant, "*God is with us*" (Matt. 2: 23)

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We support four missionary works on a monthly basis: "First Century Foundations; Kerr St. Ministries; Japan, PAOC, Sonnenbergs; El Salvador, PAOC, John & Audrey Van Belle. Thank you for giving extra to missions!

Operation Christmas Child Boxes: Thank you for making a difference in the lives of over 40 children this Christmas. The Christmas shoe boxes were delivered to the designated Distribution Centre. Along with many others they will be sent to children all over the world. Thanks for your help!