



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. 16, 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, TODAY.

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

(Special Music and Candy Bags for the Children)

The anniversary date for our church mortgage is December 17, each year. It is at this time that we are able to apply extra funds directly against the principal without penalty. As we reduce and eventually eliminate the debt it releases more funds for ministry. We have this Sunday, Dec. 13, to give towards this. **The extra funds must be sent by Dec. 17.** If you can give extra towards debt reduction today, would you please mark that clearly on your offering envelope. If you need more time or have questions please see the treasurer, Ben Banfield. Thank you!

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!** Remember the Advent Candles are symbolic to the reality that Christ, through His life, death, and resurrection brought everlasting **HOPE, LOVE, JOY, and PEACE** to believers in this world. **It is a fact not a religious opinion!** What makes the fact a reality for individuals is their faith in Him. *"For everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith. Who is it that overcomes the world? Only he who believes that Jesus Christ is the Son of God."* (1 John 5: 4-5) Belief equates to spiritual revelation and rebirth by the Holy Spirit.

Jesus repeatedly claimed to be one, and equal with God. It was this claim that caused the most uproar by others surrounding his life. His claims were solidified by his incredible life and the works he did. Everything from healing the sick, casting out demons, calming the natural elements, feeding multitudes, reviving the dead, new teachings, love for all, and the culminating truth, witnessed by over 500; himself rising from the dead, in bodily form. The term **Son of God is never to be taken as less than God!** It is to be understood as God coming in flesh to save the world. Jesus said: *"Before Abraham was, I AM."* (Jn. 8: 58); *"I and My Father are One."* (Jn. 10: 30)

F.Y.I.

****We are leaving the "WE CARE" container at the front of the church until Sunday, Dec. 20th. We want to give you extended time to bring in extra NON-PERISHABLE FOOD for "KERR ST. MINISTRIES" The needs intensify at this time of year. We hope to triple the amount usually given. You can bring in your donation on Sunday or Wednesday. Giving, as unto the Lord is an act of worship! ****

Our new chairs will be arriving in Jan. PTL.