

December 13, 2015

Welcome to Evangel Temple! Today is the third Sunday of Advent Today's theme is "Joy."

Pastor Charlie continues the Advent sermon series, today's sermon title is "The Gift of Jesus."

The Advent season helps us to focus on the coming of our Lord. We reflect on Christ's first coming into the world and look forward to His return. The purple candles represent repentance. The pink symbolizes joy. The center candle is called the Christ candle and is not lit until Christmas day. When you light the candle, it is customary to read verses of scripture that relate to the meaning of the candle.

**Bells are Ringing TODAY** at 4pm please join us for the annual Christmas ET Handbell concert. The concert features Concert Bells, Temple Bronze, and Kidz Chimez. What better way to start the holiday season than with the music of Christmas. Classics to contemporary pieces, and an audience sing-a-long on the Jingle Bells finale. (Bring your Christmas Bell to ring!) Don't miss it!

**TONIGHT Sunday Evening Prayer** We would like to pray for missionaries attending ET. If you are a missionary, please consider being our guest, during this prayer service in The Barn. Please come prepared to share in a small group your mission and two personal needs. RSVP to [dickbishop@centurytel.net](mailto:dickbishop@centurytel.net) if you can attend, 5:30-6:45pm.

**Pastor's Christmas offering** a Christmas love offering will be received for the pastoral staff today in both morning services. Special "love offering" envelopes are provided in your bulletin.

**MINISTRIES**

**Young Adults Ministry @ The Barn**

- ❖ This morning in The Barn, at 10:30, Pastor Dan will continue the Advent sermon series "A (Not So) Holy Family Advent." This series looks at the lives of the women in Jesus' genealogy. Today's sermon, "Showing Love to the Foreigner," will focus on the story of Ruth.
- ❖ #DeuceTalks has been a great discussion venue for our young adult ministry. This past week, we discussed gender issues in the church. Please encourage college students and young professionals to attend this weekly meeting, where they will discover that the church is talking.

**ET Youth Ministry**

- ❖ **Every Sunday** morning, Bible study and small groups meet at 9:00 in the Farm House.
- Every Wednesday** the youth have service at the Barn from 6:30-8:00pm. We are going through the series, "Simply Jesus" as we learn about the Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love of Jesus during this Advent season.
- ❖ **Fine Arts** Marilyn Quigley is having a writing session on Poetry and Book Chapter today in room 204. The Poetry session is from 12:15-2:00pm. The Book Chapter session is from 2:00-3:30pm.

**Missionaries of the Week** David and Christy Hunt (Latin America Caribbean)

**Wednesday Evening- Fellowship Meal**

Serving Time: 5:15—6:15 pm ET Fellowship Hall/\$4 (Adults); \$2 (Children); \$12 (Family)  
Dinner: Stroganoff, Pasta, Chili, Chicken & Stuffing, Salad, Desert: Pretzel Dessert

**ET Kids Ministry**

- ❖ **In Kids Church**, we continue to follow the same Advent series as to support parents as they have meaningful conversations with their kids at home. See your bulletin today for a family devotional to jump-start those conversations.
- ❖ **Looking Ahead:** Girls Ministries and Royal Rangers is dismissed on the 23<sup>rd</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> so you can enjoy time with your family over the holidays.

**Mid-week Bible Study**

- ❖ Please join us for our mid-week Bible study. This group meets on Wednesdays at 6:30 pm in room 203. Isaiah Jesch is leading a series in the book of Philippians.

**Inner City outreach Toys 4 Kids** We will be handing out the Toys 4 Kids on December 20. **Please bring all gifts back to the church, put under the tree by Wednesday evening, December 16.**

**Thank You** for the lovely flowers, prayers, and visits while I was recently in the hospital. They were lovely and the prayers were appreciated. Thank you very much to my ET family. Barbara Burgio

**Ready for Pick-Up** Lifetouch photos are ready for pick-up at the Resource Center for those families who selected to have their photos delivered to church.

**ET Music Department** Thank you for all the work that went into "Simply Jesus" advent music ministry last Sunday. All three presentations were outstanding.

**Part-Time Job** Evangel Temple is currently seeking an individual interested in working part-time in the custodial area of the church. This job is 20+ hours per week, working Monday-Friday. Flexibility with hours/time is helpful. If interested please e-mail Pastor Vance at [vance@etchurch.org](mailto:vance@etchurch.org) or call the church office.

**Upcoming Holiday Events**

Dec. TONIGHT Handbell Christmas Concert 4:00pm  
24 Christmas Eve Communion Service 5:00pm  
27 Family Service-One Service 10:30am  
25, 28 Christmas Holiday Church Office Closed

**General Fund Update**

Budgeted weekly income	\$ 21,934
Last week's giving	\$ 38,350
Budgeted Year to Date	\$1,074,766
Giving Received	\$1,064,143

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