

December 20, 2015
Fourth Sunday of Advent
Merry Christmas!

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

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

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE
THURSDAY EVENING, 5-6PM

This will be a community service filled with Christmas carols and the story of Christ's birth. We invite you to join in this celebration of worship, communion and lighting The Advent Christ Candle. as we focus on our Lord and Savior.
(It is strongly recommended that you arrive early for seating. Don't forget to bring your bells!)

Next Sunday, December 27, we will have one combined family service at 10:30 am.

Young Adults Ministry at The Barn

- ❖ This morning in The Barn, at 10:30, Rev. Andrew Muilenburg will conclude the Advent sermon series "A (Not So) Holy Family Advent." This series looks at the stories of the women in Jesus' genealogy. Today's sermon will focus on the story of Bathsheba and David's treatment of her husband Uriah.
- ❖ #DeuceTalks has been a great discussion venue for our young adult ministry. We are looking forward to another season of fascinating discussions in 2016.

ET Youth Ministry

- ❖ Every Sunday morning, Bible study and small groups meet at 9:00 in the Farm House.
- ❖ There will be no Wednesday Night Services December 23 and December 30.
- ❖ **Fine Arts Winter Retreat** is the best youth event of the year and is happening January 15-17. The cost of registration is \$100.00 and is due January 11. Registration forms are available at the Resource Center. If you would like more information on retreat, please visit etchurch.org.

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.

There will be no Wednesday night meals or services on December 23 and 30. Happy New Year!

Important Dates to Start 2016

Jan. 3-9	Week of Prayer
Jan. 3	Prayer Meeting – 6:00pm
Jan. 6	6:30pm All Church Prayer Challenge with Superintendent of A/G George Wood (Teens-Adults) in The Barn
Jan. 31	Annual Business Meeting 2:00pm

Pastor's Christmas Offering On behalf of the pastoral staff, I would like to express appreciation for your generous Christmas offering. Thank you for your expressions of love and may God richly add His blessings to your life at this Advent season. Pastor Charlie

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.

End of Year Giving and Holiday Office Hours: Please be mindful that 2015 contributions must be in the office by 1pm on Thursday, December 31 or postmarked by December 31 to meet the 2015 deadline for tax credit. The church office will be closed Monday, December (28), open Tuesday/Wednesday from 8:30am-5pm and Thursday until 1pm. Last minute giving can also be done online at www.etchurch.org. Thank you for your faithfulness in giving. Please contact the church office if you have had a change of address this year. It is important that your 2015 giving statement is mailed to the correct address.

Help Needed The Center-city Campus of Evangel Temple, Embassy of Hope, is in great need of teachers and helpers for their Kids of Hope classes and childcare time. This would be a revolving schedule to allow each teacher and helper to have time off. The age group is from toddlers to 12 year old. If you have any interest or need further information please contact Elaine Sims at 417-569-6511 or Embassy of Hope at 417-773-4103. Thank you.

SAVE THE DATE Sunday, January 24, there will be an Informational Luncheon Meeting for anyone interested in learning more about Royal Family Kids' Camp and/or Royal Family Kids' Club. This 2.5-hour meeting will count towards the required 8-12 hours of training in order to volunteer at camp. Camp dates are June 19-24, 2016.

Thank You! Thanks to the pastoral staff and ET, church family for the prayers, visits, phone calls, flowers, transportation, and other expressions of love and support during Paul's recent illness and hospitalization. Paul and Norma Dear

Part-Time Job Evangel Temple is currently seeking an individual interested in working part-time in the custodial area of the church. If interested please e-mail Pastor Vance at vance@etchurch.org or call the church office.

Missionary of the Week Shannon Buckner (Europe)

General Fund Update

Budgeted weekly income	\$ 21,934
Last week's giving	\$ 20,343
Budgeted Year to Date	\$1,096,700
Giving Received	\$1,084,486

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For online giving.