Seeking All Seekers
Matthew 2:1-12
Pastor Scott Slayback
December 11, 2022

What the light of this story displays:

1. God will do whatever it takes to ________________ people to ________ ________

2. God ___________ those who earnestly ___________ Him (Hebrews 11:6)

Implications for us:

1. How are you _____________ Him?

2. How are you staying in the ____________?

Welcome!

We are so glad you’ve chosen to visit LifeSpring.
Feel free to reach out to our Pastor of Connections & Formation for more info about our church! Elyse Aguirre: elysea@lifespringchurch.org

If you’re new, whether in person or online, please fill out a Connection Card at the Welcome Center or fill it out online (www.lifespringchurch.org/im-new) to let us know you’re here! This just gives us a chance to say hi and welcome you here.

If you would like to give an offering today to support the ministries of the church, there are offering boxes in the lobby and back of the sanctuary. Thank you!

To honor those among us seeking extra precaution, the far left side of the balcony is a masks-required zone on Sundays. Please wear a mask in this area.

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Stay In Touch

Today’s Advent readers are Evan & Jenelle Forbes
**Babies, Kids, Students**

**Nursery & Children’s Programming**
Please check in your kids before service at the south end. Drop off to nursery anytime; grades K-5 will begin with us in service then be dismissed before the sermon.

**Middle & High School**
- Find the fall youth calendar on the website (www.LifeSpringChurch.org) under Ministries > Students to see what’s coming up! For text updates, text @lifespri to 81010.
- Sunday morning classes meet upstairs at 8:45 for grades 6-8 and 9-12.
- December 18 & 25— no class — see you January 8, 2023.
- Wednesday nights are youth nights! This week it’s our annual Christmas Party! 6:30-8:30, and then we’re on break for Christmas and New Year’s. See you January 11, 2023.

**Upcoming Events**

- **Thursday | ROMEO**
  Retired Old Men Eating Out will meet the third Thursday on December 15, at 8:30 in the Commons. Again, our regular modest breakfast; scrambled eggs, bacon, tater tots, toast, OJ, coffee and maybe some mini-muffins. All are welcome; bring a friend. Come a little early if you can help cook.

- **December 18 | Christmas Pictures**
  Next Sunday, December 18, Brenda Rundback and Dave Priest will be offering Christmas photos! You can come ready for a family picture and head to the Connecting Center before or after service. We’re thankful to Dave and Brenda for offering this gift to our LifeSpring family.

- **Christmas Eve & Christmas Day**
  Christmas Eve we look forward to gathering together to celebrate Jesus’ birthday! Join us at 5pm or 7pm for our hour long candlelight service. Invite a friend or neighbor to come too! Childcare for kiddos 0-5 is available at the 5pm service. You can also join us online, although the magic of candlelight might not quite be the same.
  Christmas morning we will not gather in person; instead we invite you to join us online at 10am for a half hour Christmas celebration. (You can also watch any time after 10.)

**Adult Growth Class**

*Today concludes our Advent class. Then we’re on Christmas break the rest of 2022! We’ll regather in the new year.*

**Advent Devotionals**
If you’d like a digital copy of this year’s Advent Devotional, you can jump right in and don’t worry about the days that have passed. E-mail office@lifespringchurch.org

**Missions Highlight**

*Casa Hogar Los Angelitos in Manzanillo, Mexico works to provide shelter, nourishment, clothing, education, medical attention and emotional support to children in desperate and abusive situations. Throughout this year they have faced the challenges of Covid, school closures, funding shortages, crime, and now major earthquakes, and hurricanes. They are currently making major repairs in both casa 1 and 2 because of natural disasters. There are almost 60 children in full time care and all of the children are in the healing journey program which began several years ago with a special offering from LifeSpring. Through this program, progress with each child is continually seen. These activities help Casa Hogar maintain a balance in uncertain times, help to fight the problem of child trafficking, and continue to move them forward during the lock downs and Covid. As a church we are excited to participate with Casa Hogar as their ballet troop visits this spring!*

**Life Together**

**Order a Bag of Fresh Cardamom Coffee**
Top of the Lake has a specialty coffee infused with fresh cardamom from Guatemala for the month of December. Try it out in the café today. You can sign up to purchase a 6 oz or 12 oz bag on the order sheet in the café and you can pick up your coffee next week. As always, Top of the Lake Coffee purchases support local farmers in Guatemala and the Greater Good initiative. Talk to Brent with questions, or email brent@topofthelakecoffee.com

**Helping Hand Nomination Forms**
Today is the last day to nominate someone for a Helping Hand gift. If there’s someone in your life who could use a little extra monetary blessing this season, fill out a form online or at the Connecting Center; we will let you know when they’re ready to be picked up for you to deliver.

**Neighborhood Giving Tree**
Gifts for our Neighborhood Christmas Tree are due today; thanks to everyone who shopped! Thank you also to people who have given funds for the gift cards we give each family; we could still use more donations to sponsor all the cards. You can give online or in the Connecting Center today.

**Christmas Offering**
This year’s Christmas Offering is for Safe Families: Here & Beyond. The total given will be split between a local and a global cause. Locally, our offering will go to helping families in crisis in Loveland through Safe Families of Northern Colorado. Globally, funds will be given to help care for the real needs of several Christian Pakistani refugee families in Bangkok being assisted by our missionaries Carl and Karen Groot. You can give to the Christmas Offering online or mark your check. May our offering be a fish and loaves offering for God to expand and use greatly!