



Magnify The Lord

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Children's Ministry

We had a wonderful Christmas performance of "Angels we have Heard". Thank you to all the Angels, parents and our wonderful teachers and directors.

Sunday school is on break. Enjoy worship as a family!

We will resume regular class on Jan. 10th.

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What's Happening?

- **Ray & Terry Walls leave for Honduras to work at World Gospel Outreach** on Jan 15th. Help fill their luggage with medicines to benefit the people there. Naproxen (Aleve), Tylenol 160mg chewable, Claritin or Zyrtec, and Antacids are urgently needed. If you can donate any of these, please drop them into the wooden bins in the Narthex marked "WGO" by Sunday 1/10/2010.
- **Memo from financial secretary** ~ In order for your contributions to be counted and credited to your account for 2009 - they must be received by 12/27/09 ~ TODAY!.
- **Last Call** ~ Concordia Club Entertainment Fundraiser for school scholarships is coming to a close very soon. Skip the crowds at the mall and buy an Entertainment Book for your family, friends, co-workers, teachers, mailman. Find us after the 8:00 service on Sundays or call Laura at 714-968-3104 and leave a message.
- **Scrip Update** - Trader Joe's is no longer participating in the Scrip program. We can now get Starbucks in \$5/\$10/\$25. Thanks for supporting our Scrip program. We will keep you informed of new participating retailers and the deletion of any current ones.
- **Adopt-A-Family**—Your response to "Adopt-A-Family" was fabulous!! All of the families were "adopted" and the gifts have been or are being delivered now. Thank you so much for the compassion and love you showed toward those in need. You have made their Christmas a little merrier...God bless you all!!!
- **Faith Builders Group** - In only 14 months the brief overview of Genesis has already managed to cover almost 20 chapters. Come to the next meeting and learn about a startling new discovery - the Biblical words for colors match the words' wave frequencies. We will also be discussing why Sarah, Rebecca and Rachel were all barren. January 3, 2010 ~ 9:30 am in Rm 114 with Dr. Larry Vescera.
- The 2010 flower sign up chart is up and posted on the door to the Resource Center. Honor someone on their birthday, celebrate your anniversary or just give praise and glory to God for all He has blessed you with. Cost is \$40. A form is mailed to you in advance so that you may select the wording you would like on the bulletin.

CONTRIBUTION REPORT ~ CHURCH BUDGET ~ 12/20, 2009

	Weekly Worship Attendance	Weekly Offering Received	Weekly Offering Budget	Offering Variance
12/16	286	\$ 4,403		
12/20	448	\$ 6,334	\$23,600	\$ - 12,863
Budgeted YTD \$ 566,400		Income YTD \$ 504,019		\$ - 62,381 (Corrected)

4 Those 2 Come Capital Campaign

12/20 **Pledged \$1,577,000 ~ Received To Date \$698,571 ~ Balance \$878,429**

*"...They gave themselves **first** to the Lord....." 2 Corinthians 8:5*

Message Notes

December 27, 2009

Small Group Discussion Guide

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Jesus is Presented at the Temple: Luke 2:21-38

Sharing:

1. What is most significant/meaningful for you this Christmas? Why?
2. How or in what ways was the "spirit of Christmas" shared in your home or within your family?
3. What was your favorite gift given/received?

Study:

1. What do we know about Simeon? Luke 2:25
2. Wasn't every faithful Jew *waiting for the consolation of Israel*? Why was this special for Simeon? Luke 2:26
3. Did Simeon just happen to be in the temple when Mary and Joseph brought Jesus? Luke 2:27a
4. Did Simeon realize the baby Jesus was the Messiah that God had promised he would see? Luke 2:27b-29
5. *Nunc Dimittis*: What did Simeon claim he saw in Jesus? Luke 2:30-31
6. Was Simeon an eloquent speaker or did he plagiarize these words? Isaiah 52:10
7. While others looked for a Messiah who would politically rebuild Israel, what did Simeon see? Luke 2:32 (Where did these words come from? Isaiah 42:6; Isaiah 49:6)
8. Was this universal purpose of Jesus understood by the Jews during His time? Acts 11:1-4, 18
9. After seeing angels and shepherds, did Simeon's talk phase Mary and Joseph? Luke 2:33
10. What else did Simeon have to say? Luke 2:34-35
11. What did Simeon mean that Jesus would *cause the falling of many in Israel*? Isaiah 8:14-15
12. How did Paul explain why many Jews fell and continue to do so? Romans 10:1-4
13. What did Simeon mean that Jesus would *cause the rising of many in Israel*? Malachi 4:2
14. How was Jesus *a sign that will be spoken against*? Acts 5:40, 8:1
15. How would *the thoughts of many hearts be revealed*? Revelation 3:15-16; Luke 11:23
16. What was meant by, "*And a sword will pierce your own soul too*"? John 19:25-27
17. Who else was in the temple when Jesus was presented? Luke 2:36
18. What was significant about Anna being of the tribe of Asher? 2 Kings 17:22-24
19. Why does Luke make a point that Anna was very old? Proverbs 31:23
20. How old (and wise) was Anna? Luke 2:37
21. Being close to God by her age and temple life, how did Anna respond when she saw Jesus? Luke 2:38

Support

1. Pray for and with one another concerning expressed needs.
2. Pray for an increased "hunger" and "thirst" for God's Word and community.
3. Pray for intensified missional presence and impact of our Church family, locally and globally.

