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MERRY CHRISTMAS

celebrate the Savior's birth

JUST JESUS

There is so much to think about during the Christmas season in a good year. Throw into the mix a dose of crisis and you have on your hands a full-blown case of holiday stress and worry. That's the reality for many during the holiday season as loved ones are missed and our hearts are heavy. If missing someone isn't your source of stress, then maybe your very own expectations can bring you down as you strive for the perfect Christmas. The perfect dinner, the perfect gift, the perfect family trip or gathering; you get the idea. The trouble is, there is no perfect anything. No perfect dinner, gift, trip or gathering.

No matter the source of stress and worry, the answer is the same. Just Jesus. At Christmas, we remember God's love demonstrated in the birth of His Son, our Savior Jesus. Be reminded that this baby born in the manger lived, died, and rose again promising that He brings us with Him on that journey from death to life! What hope we have to see those we love again! Remember that this baby would grow up to be King. The one who lives and reigns for all eternity, that His victory over sin and death is your victory and that nothing in creation can separate you from His love. None of the troubles, none of your anxieties can change His love for you. May your Christmas celebrations bring you Peace and Hope as we celebrate God's love revealed to you in the birth of Jesus. Amen.

In Christ,
Rev. Robert J. Tiner

*"For to us a child is born, to us a son is given;
and the government shall be upon his shoulder,
and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."*

- Isaiah 9:6

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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

DECEMBER 2

8:00 AM Worship w/Comm.
10:30 AM Worship w/Comm.

DECEMBER 5

5:30 PM Family Meal
7:00 PM Midweek Advent
Service

DECEMBER 9

8:00 AM Worship Service
10:30 AM Contemporary
Worship

DECEMBER 12

5:30 PM Family Meal
7:00 PM Midweek Advent
Service

DECEMBER 16

8:00 AM Worship w/Comm.
10:30 AM Worship w/Comm.

DECEMBER 19

5:30 PM Family Meal
7:00 PM Midweek Advent
Service
7:45 PM Live Nativity

DECEMBER 23

9:30 AM Service of Song

DECEMBER 24

6:00 PM Children's Christmas
Eve Service
8:00 PM Candlelight Service

DECEMBER 25

9:00 AM Christmas Day
Service

DECEMBER 30

9:30 AM Worship Service

DECEMBER 31

7:00 PM New Year's Eve
Service w/Comm.

ADVENT SERMON SERIES:

Join us during Sunday and midweek worship for this new series:

THE CARPENTER'S SHOP

- The Plans*
- The Materials*
- The Saw and Sawdust*
- The Square*
- The Hammer and Nails*
- The Paint*

Join us each service, as we work through these scriptures and learn how we are crafted and loved by our maker and the ultimate craftsman.

We hope that you would join us as we grow together in God's Word.



Christmas Poinsettias

The Friendship Circle is selling poinsettias to help beautify the church this Christmas. If you would like to order poinsettias in honor or in memory of a loved one, please see the forms in the Church Office and in the Narthex.

Each Christmas the Church Council asks the congregation to bless our staff with a small monetary gift in appreciation for their dedication and hard work throughout the year.

If you would like to take this opportunity to show your appreciation to our entire Immanuel staff, you will find a gift-envelope in a basket on the information tables in the Narthex and Fellowship Hall.

Please return it with your gift in the offering plate on Sunday or the Church or School Offices now through Christmas. This gift is very appreciated by all of the recipients.

DECEMBER EVENTS:

08 BIRTHDAY PARTY FOR JESUS
10 AM - FELLOWSHIP HALL

All children are invited to a birthday party for Jesus. Join the fun for cupcakes, activity and more!

Contact Mary Sue Zoch at (281) 543-0755 for more info or to volunteer.

19 YOUTH TAMALES ORDERS PICK UP
11:30 AM - FELLOWSHIP HALL

Tamales from the Youth fundraiser will be available for pick up from 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall.

***** Orders are due by Decemeber 12th!**

09 SENIOR SINGLES FOR JESUS
5 PM - LOS PATRONES

The Annual Christmas Party will be held at Los Patrones in Giddings. Reservations are at 5 PM. A carpool will leave the church at 4:45 PM.

Call Virginia McKamie at (979) 716-1090.

19 LIVE NATIVITY
7:45 PM - CHURCH LAWN

The Youth Group will hold their annual Live Nativity immediately following the last midweek Advent service on the church lawn.

To help or for more information contact Katie in the Church Office.

11 DORCAS CIRCLE CHRISTMAS PARTY
5:30 PM

The Annual Christmas Party will be held at the home of Barbara Wuneburger this year.

Contact Eunice Siegmund for more information.

24 CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS EVE
6 PM - THE CHURCH

Rehearsals for the Children's Christmas Eve service will be every Sunday from 1 - 2:30 PM in the Church Sanctuary.

To help volunteer or for more information contact the Church Office.

WEEKLY MEETS:

MONDAY:
10:30 AM – LifeLight Bible Study (Sm. Mtg. Room)
6:30 PM – Men's Bible & Basketball (ILS Gym)

WEDNESDAY:
9:00 AM – Moms of Prayer Bible Study (Sm. Mtg. Rm)
4:15 PM – Jr. High Youth
6:00 PM – Sr. High Youth

THURSDAY:
6:00 PM – Moms of Prayer Bible Study (Sm. Mtg. Rm)
6:45 PM – Adult Handbells
8:00 PM – Chorale