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**December Newsletter 2024**

Looking: I will preface these thoughts with the idea of notion that the Christmas season oftentimes over looks the Christ in Christmas. Consider how those who allegedly lived their lives in anticipation of the coming Messiah, and then missed that glorious occasion because they were so consumed with their expectations, their daily lives and routines, and of course living lives of oppression (to the Roman Empire) in the land that was promised to them by God. It appears they had spiritual ADHD; their looking was distracted by lesser things.

Makes one wonder whether what we are looking forward to as we near this Christmas season is the Christ of Christmas or something so much less. One of the great challenges for pastors during this sacred season is to keep Jesus the focus. At times the decorations, traditions, and songs of Christmas become distractions to the wonder of God becoming a babe in a manger. How I pray we do not miss the wonder, the love, and the grace that Jesus' birth brought to a lost and hurting world. What we were given when Jesus was born into our world was God's greatest gift to us, because what we needed most was a Savior.

Consider the angels message to lowly shepherds...

And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. **Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you;** he is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger." Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests." When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about." So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things

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**Office Hours**

Monday, Wednesday & Thursday  
 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

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**Weekly Schedule**

**Monday**

**Men's Group Meeting**

Men's group meets every 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday. This month the meeting is December 9<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am at the Athens Restaurant at 816 Harrison Ave SW, Canton, OH 44706.

**Tuesday**

**Because We Care**

Card Ministry Tuesday,  
 December 3<sup>rd</sup> 10-11:30 am

**Elders Meeting**

Tuesday, December 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM at the Faircrest Office.

**Wednesday**

**In-Person Prayer Meeting**

weekly at 10:00 am

**Sunday**

**Sunday School** 9:30 am  
**Worship service** 10:30 am.

**Sunday Nights (Grades K-12)**

5:30 -7:00 pm

**Sunday Adult Bible Study**

5:30-7:00 pm



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**Candles & Carols**

**Christmas Eve**

CELEBRATE WITH FAMILY

**Tuesday, December 24<sup>th</sup> 2024**

*Pre-music by Debbie McComas at 6:45 pm*

Join us at 7:00 pm for our special Christmas Eve Service with communion, music and candle lighting to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ.



they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told. ~ Luke 2:8-20

**A Savior has been born to you.** What this world needs more than anything else is a Savior. We can see this reality everywhere we look. Each of us needs this Savior because we have all sinned and missed the mark (Romans 3:23). For those who have not believed in who Jesus is what He has done and what it means for them, they need to embrace Jesus as their Savior. For us, who know Jesus as Lord and Savior of our lives, we ought to be like the shepherds who go out into our world to share the story of Jesus with others who need to experience this precious gift.

Look, this is our time to share Jesus with a world that needs Him. Do not become distracted with lesser things like the place of worship, the décor, the songs that are sung, traditions, or activities. Christmas is all about Jesus!!! Let us be faithful in sharing Jesus, serving like Jesus, and loving like Jesus.

Sharing our Savior  
Pastor Louie Pantelis

**Church Office has moved!**



**Pastor Louie Pantelis, Laura Dawson (Bookkeeper) and Jessica Hunt (Secretary) are officially moved in at the Faircrest office.**

**Secretary Hours: Monday, Wednesday & Thursday 9:00 am - 3:00 pm**

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# Birthdays of the Month

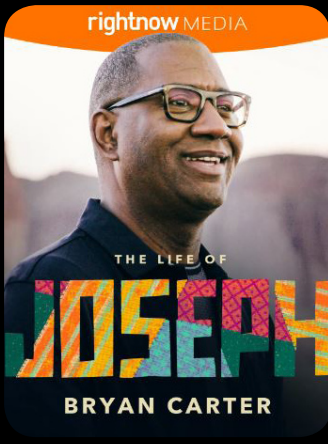
## December Birthdays

- 12-5 Nicholas Lanzo
- 12-5 Nicolette Lanzo
- 12-7 Brenda Howell
- 12-7 Tony Yoho
- 12-8 Mick Yoho
- 12-9 Jill Eckroate
- 12-10 Ruth Capper
- 12-12 Lukas Knight
- 12-12 Greg Yoder
- 12-15 Ashlie Howell
- 12-16 Mario Snellenberger
- 12-16 Dan Larson
- 12-16 Landon Koch
- 12-17 Dominic Larson
- 12-18 Trai Thomas
- 12-19 Melissa Capper
- 12-20 Ralynn Medina
- 12-21 Sheila Miller
- 12-21 Rico Medina
- 12-22 Ryan Clapper
- 12-22 Mark Hunt
- 12-22 Rachel Medina
- 12-23 Robert Medina
- 12-23 Jeffrey Smith Allen
- 12-24 Doug Eckroate
- 12-25 Bethany Knight
- 12-28 Jamie Arena
- 12-28 Lee Harris
- 12-28 Emma Smith-Allen
- 12-30 Mark Burlingame
- 12-30 Sarah L Bowen
- 1230 Brittani Dalrymple
- 12-30 Cameron Schwartz
- 12-31 Jaymie Schwartz
- 12-31 Louise Worsham

## December Anniversaries

- 12-6 Mike & Kristta Kessler
- 12-13 Randy & Wanda Shafer

**The Life of Joseph | Sunday Nights Bible Study with Pastor Louie**



**Sundays from 5:30-7PM**

Joseph is one of the most inspiring figures in the Old Testament. Everything he endured was for a purpose, his success came from the Lord, and even the most devastating events in his past were used to accomplish God's purposes. The exciting news is that God works in our lives the same way he worked in Joseph's. In this six-session series, Pastor Bryan Carter will trace the themes of purpose and faithfulness through the life of Joseph, teaching us how to identify and live in our God-given purpose. God will do far more than we could hope or imagine. Today, he is calling us to be people of purpose.

**“GOD STAYS WITH YOU THROUGH THE TEST.”**

-BRYAN CARTER

**Hanging of the Greens**

**Saturday, November 30<sup>th</sup> 9:00 am - Noon**

**Come and help us decorate at Eleventh Street Church of God for Christmas!**



**Advent Luncheon**



**Sunday, December 1<sup>st</sup> at 1:00 PM**

**First Christian Church**  
**6900 Market Ave N, North Canton, OH**

**Meal :** Parmesan Crusted Chicken, parsley potatoes, salad, roll and cookie & ice cream for dessert.

**Adult Ticket: \$14.00 Children 10 & under \$7.00**

**Ticket sales: November 3<sup>rd</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup>**

**Program: Sheri Davidson**

### Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup> Christmas Caroling

Meet us at the Eleventh Street Church of God at 4:30 pm to go caroling to those on our shut-in list. We plan to return around 7:00 pm for fellowship, food and refreshments at the church.



**Kids Club Grades K-5** meet during Worship Sunday mornings. Youth will stay upstairs for the sermon. **(Kids are upstairs the first Sunday of the Month)**

Our **Sunday Nights program Grades K-12** will be on Sundays from 5:30-7:00 PM. We will be meeting at the church. We will inform everyone when we are able to make the change to meeting at Faircrest.

If you would like to receive texts about our Sunday Nights Program join by **texting SUNDAYNIGHTS to 84576**

**Sunday Nights Christmas Party**  
**Sunday, December 22<sup>nd</sup> | 5:30- 7:00 PM**  
Connect with Laura Osborne for details and location.



### Kids/ Youth Dairy Queen Fundraiser Monday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> from 5-8 PM

Kids/ Youth Dairy Queen Fundraiser from 5-8 PM at 4110 Hills & Dales Rd NW, Canton, OH. 20% of all sales go to our kids/youth program. Big thank you to the Hills and Dales Dairy Queen for all of their support and letting us do these fundraisers!



Please pick-up your new 2025 tithing envelopes this December. They will be on a table back by the welcome desk. Please call into the office and let us know if you would like to receive tithing envelopes.