Christmas Is Always Here ~ **Part 1: Celebrate the Child** Scripture: Luke 2:8-12, Gen. 3:15, Matthew 2:2, 10-12

"The birth of Christ is the	event in the history of the
earth — the very thing the	has been about."
Good news in the	vv. 10-11
Great joy for	v. 10
"They rejoiced	with great joy"
"Joy is the	_ <i>business of Heaven!"</i> - C.S. Lewis



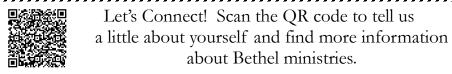
December 15, 2024

Choir Christmas Cantata 9:00 am - Contemporary Worship Enjoy a time of refreshment between services in our Fellowship Hall 10:45 am - Traditional Worship *Sunday School classes are available during both services.*

Christmas Is Always Here ~ Part 1: Celebrate the Child Pastor Derek Elkins

6:00pm ~ Evening Service

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WELCOME

Faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word of Christ.

~ Romans 10:17

YOUR MINISTRY TEAM

Derek Elkíns Lead Pastor Josh Potter Executive Pastor

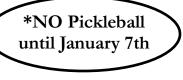
Kym Slater Family Ministry Pastor Desíree Ferrína Youth Pastor

Bob Cruthirds Associate Pastor Weldon Shuman Sr. Adult Pastor

WEEKLY EVENTS

Monday, December 16	<u>Friday, December 20</u>
7:00pm Secret Sister Reveal Party	6:30pm Gingerbread Bash
<u>Tuesday, December 17</u>	<u>Saturday, December 21</u>
5:45pm 50-UP	5:30pm Blue Service
6:30pm Young Adult Bible Study	<u>Sunday, December 22</u>
<u>Wednesday, December 18</u>	9:00am Contemporary Worship
6:30pm Teens Christmas Parties	10:45am Traditional Worship
6:30pm Embrace Grace	*No Evening Worship
7:00pm Adult Bible Study	
7:00pm Ladies' Christmas Party	
Thursday, December 19	*NO Pickleball
7:00am Men's Prayer Group	until January 7th
10:30am Tot Time	until Junuary 7 th
6:30pm Celebrate Recovery	
7:00pm Adult Bible Study	

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Prayer Chain: Betty Gilbert (465-0439) or email bethel@bethelnazarene.org Our Prayer Chapel is available for prayer during church services and open office hours. Let us know if you would like to be a part of this ministry.

Our online giving program is Amplify. Text "GIVE" to 208-428-6344 or scan the QR code here. You can also visit our website at **bethelnazarene.org/give** to give online.



If you can't find a parking space close enough to the building and need assistance parking your car, please let a member of our Safety Team know as they would gladly park your car for you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Blue Christmas Service - Is this Bule Christmas Service just for people who are grieving? Not really. The Blue Christmas Service is for anyone who has a little sadness, loneliness, or loss this season. Because let's face it, life is hard sometimes. And all this holiday noise doesn't always make us feel included or loved. Lots of us are missing something or someone this season. Whether you want to honor someone you've lost or you want to honor your own conflicted emotions, we hope you'll join us on December 21 at 5:30pm. There is a soup supper to follow.

Secret Sister - Reveal party and new Secret Sister name draw Monday, December 16 at 7:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring a treat to share! New forms are on the table by the Fellowship Hall. Please return by January 12th if you would like to participate.

Support Roger & Damaris Kellogg's Ministry through Child Development Centers and Pastoral Training - They are collecting used Android tablets and specific items for crafts and gifts for pastors. Please see the box in the lobby. Rosie Kerr will take the items to Guatemala on January 17th with a W&W team from our district.

Membership Class - Starting Wednesday, January 8th from 6:00-8:00pm for 3 weeks. Sign up at the event table if you are interested in learning about the Nazarene Church.

50-UP December 17 at 5:45pm - This event is for anyone, especially age 50 and older. This month bring a favorite sweet or savory Christmas treat. Entertainment this month will be the Encore Carolers. Please be prepared to give a love offering. Signup at the Event Table outside the Fellowship Hall if you can come and if you need a ride.

Ladies' Ministry Christmas Party - DATE AND LOCATION CHANGE - Wednesday, December 18 at 7:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. We will be making a Christmas ornament, have a gift exchange (\$10 or less) and eat some yummy Christmas treats. Please sign-up at the Event Table so we can plan for enough food. We look forward to seeing y'all there!

Gingerbread Bash - December 20 at 6:30pm. Come join us for the Gingerbread Bash! It's a super fun. hands-on way for your family to celebrate the real reason for the Christmas season! Together. we're going to build and decorate gingerbread nativities while hearing the Christmas story from the Bible. Everyone is invited to this free event...families, grandparents, singles, young adults. Sign-up ΠD with Kids Director Kaisha if you would like to attend.

Bethel Christmas Card Station - available now through January 5th. Please remember to check the mailbox for your cards.

2024 Contribution Reminder - Only those contributions actually received in the office by December 31 or postmarked by that date may be recorded as given during the 2024 tax year. Please keep in mind that the office will be closed December 31. Checks received in the offering January 5 but back-dated into December are not considered 2024 contributions. Donors having given more than \$500 during the 2024 tax year should delay filing their tax returns until after they receive their contribution statement from the church. IRS regulations require that the contribution statement be in hand prior to filing the return. Bethel Church contribution statements will be emailed or made available by January 30, 2025. If you don't get the email or if you need a printed copy of your statement, please contact Amy in the church office.

Financial Update (3/1/24 - 12/12/24):

Projected Income: \$881,500 Received: \$958,874 World Evangelism Fund (Faith Promise): \$40,578

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Christmas Services:

December 22nd ~ Normal Sunday Worship & Sunday School (no Evening Service) December 24th ~ 5:00pm ~ Christmas Eve Candlelight Service December 29th ~ 9:00am & 10:45am ~ Family Christmas Sunday (No Sunday School or Childcare)