



The Glades Gazette December 2017

The True Christmas Story:

Christmas Devotion on the True Meaning of Christmas

(<http://www.heavensinspirations.com/true-christmas-story.html>)

Luke 2:1-20

The events leading up to the birth of Christ weren't coincidental, but were put in place by God, so that the prophecies of old would be fulfilled.

Everything that happened, from the time the census was ordered, to everyone returning to their own city to be registered, and then the birth of Jesus while Joseph & Mary were in Bethlehem, was orchestrated by God. Out of Bethlehem, a small town in the City of David, came the Messiah.

This event was the beginning of something so incredible. Jesus Christ left His throne in glory and took on human form just to bring us reconciliation to our Father God. He came into the world, miraculously conceived, and then born as all humans are. He was first a baby, then became a toddler, then grew into a child and went through adolescence before becoming an adult. He experienced humanity at all levels. He truly can identify with all people at all stages of life.

This very first Christmas, God gave the greatest gift ever. His Son! And His Son gave the gift of His life - which was why He came. Because of this, we can have relationship with God as His children. Through Jesus Christ, we are Sons and Daughters of the Most High God.

So this Christmas, bear in mind the 'True' Christmas story, which led to the 'True' Easter story. Let us give thanks and praise to our heavenly Father for these events, which have changed our lives forever.

No matter how 'secular' the world is becoming, disregarding the truth of Christmas, let us boldly proclaim the truth about the birth of Jesus as the reason for the season.

Let us claim 'CHRISTmas' back!

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Birthdays and Anniversaries:

I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.
Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well. Psalm 139:14

Birthdays

9- Tara Martin
14- Loan Ellis



Anniversaries

6- Adams
21- Bower

Take a moment to acknowledge those who have a birthday or anniversary this month. If your birthday/anniversary is not listed in your month, please contact the church office.

Join us here at Glades as we celebrate the birth of our Lord, Jesus Christ, with the Family Church!

Our joint candle light Christmas Eve service is on December 24th at 6 PM.

It promises to be a moving and joyful service for the whole family, so bring the children, grandma and your out of town guests.



Notes from Peggy:



Practices are on Wednesdays at 7:30PM. For more information, please contact Peggy at phoglund@ymail.com.

2¢ a Meal

Take a small bank and put it on the table where you eat. Say a prayer and put 2¢ a person in the bank. These donations will grow and when filled, bring it to church and put it in the 2¢ bank. At the end of the year, these donations will be sent to several organizations who help others less fortunate.



Kids of Glades, please continue to invite your friends to come to church with you. We will continue learning about how much Jesus cares for us!

Our next Boca Helping Hands is scheduled for November 18th at 8:30am at Boca Glades Baptist Church!

Anyone requesting a Prayer Shawl should contact new chair of the Prayer Shawl Ministry, Ginny DeMattei (561-350-8038). Many thanks for 10 years of faithful service to past chair, Lee Henderson and all the knitters. Glades Presbyterian has made and given more than 600 prayer shawls!



Guatemala Mission Trip
March 17th- March 25th, 2018
Contact Chad Cooper for more information.



Through House of Healing, we are building a bakery to teach widowed women a skill and earn income for their families. They will be able to take this skill and open their own bakery in their villages.



Small Groups

Thursday Men's Group

Date/Time and Locations are:

December 7th, at 7PM at Chili's
We'll reconvene in January!

Brian Claxton is facilitating.

Walk in the Word:

is Sunday evening
on December 3rd at 6PM .

**Mike Hoglund is
facilitating.**

Tot Time Program

Join us for Tot Time at Glades!

Adult supervision is required.
\$5 donation requested.

When: December 4th &
December 18th from 9-11am

**If you have any questions,
please contact Erin Deviny.**

Circle of Hope

We will meet on
December 13th at 1PM
at Lee Henderson's
house.

Tuesday, Women's Group

We will not be
meeting in
December



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November 9, 2017

TARA IN EAST ASIA

"For the word of the LORD is right and true; he is faithful in all he does." – Psalm 33:4

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Hey everyone! I hope that everyone had a great Halloween, and that you're all getting excited for Thanksgiving!! I am so excited to make some yummy western food over here to celebrate :).

In this newsletter, I wanted to share with y'all some on what has been going on in East Asia over the past few weeks.

Every five years, the government gets together and holds these BIG meetings where they talk about the direction in which their country is going, and how they want to direct the country over the next five years. The President will then address the rest of the country about what has been decided / what is going to change. It's kind of like the State of the Union Address in America, but a lot bigger. Last month the government had these meetings which lasted about a week long, and as a result of these meetings there will be new religion law going into effect starting in February. This new law is very broad and it gives the government a lot of authority to stop most any sort of unregistered religious activity. Obviously, because of laws already in place, we are already unable to have any sort of registered religious anything.

As has happened in the past, we are expecting that in the lead up to these new laws they will look for groups or organizations to make examples of (basically just by kicking them out of the country), and we are doing our best to not be one of those examples. What this looks like is slowing down our pace of ministry and spending more time on relationship building before we bring up spiritual topics and begin sharing the gospel. For example, in the past we aimed to share with students by the third or fourth time we meet with them moving at a very quick pace, but now we are not adhering to any sort of timeline and are allowing conversations about religion to come up more naturally.

Prayer Requests

Ways to come along side me in prayer over this next year!

- **The government!** Please pray for the salvation of those who are so blinded by the government
- **Our disciples!** Please pray that our disciples will continue to be able to grow in their faith and to meet with us when these new laws come into effect
- **The church!** Please pray that with the new laws coming into effect, those who pastor and attend underground churches will be safe from persecution



The group of us who ran a half marathon two weeks ago!

Language Corner

相信: xiāngxìn

(verb) to have faith in

This is something that is NOT new to this area of the world, and our company has a lot of experience in dealing with these types of situations. We know that God's law is higher than man's, and that although these laws are new to us they are no surprise to Him, and we must continue to have faith in His plan!

If you have any questions or want to know any more ways to be specifically praying against religious persecution please feel free to reach out to me!

Love y'all
Tara Martin

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