



## Tis The Season

Last Thursday was a strange experience for me. For the first time in 10 years I woke up on Thanksgiving day with nowhere to be until that evening. After a decade straight of three meals on the day itself and five or six stretched out over Thanksgiving week, this year I only had two. While I missed the the time with extended family, I cherished the relative peace these days provided our immediate family. As we move into a Christmas season that will feature a great deal that is different, both here at church and in our individual lives, my prayer is that we can also embrace the opportunities this different reality brings us. 2000 years ago so many were lamenting the differences in the way things were and the way they thought they should be that they missed God entering the world. May we not find ourselves too distracted to see God at work in this Christmas season.

The 2020 Youth Christmas Party will take place on Wednesday December 9 in the gym. We will social distance as much as possible but students will be encouraged to bring and wear masks when they are not eating. Students are also encouraged to bring a gift costing no more than \$10 for a group gift exchange.

## "Rest," Winter Retreat 2021

January 15 - January 17



Today's teenagers are more worn out and stressed out than any generation before them, and there are pages of statistics to back that up. In the face of a world that overworks, over schedules, and overwhelms so many of us Jesus offers rest and restoration for the tired, weary and beat-down. If those words describe you, I hope you'll join in January as we dive into Jesus' words in Matthew 11:28-30:

*Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you **REST**.*

*Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find **REST** for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.*

Come away with us. Let's find REST together

Total Cost - \$100. \$25 deposit due December 9, Balance due January 15

[Register Here](#)

### December Schedule

December 1 - 9th Grade Getting Tue Know You Meal, 6:30pm

December 2 - Worship on Wednesdays, 6pm

December 6 - High School Handbells play in worship (arrive at 8am), Regular Sunday Night Schedule

December 8 - 8th Grade Getting Tue Know You Meal, 6:30pm

December 9 - Youth Christmas Party, 6pm. *Winter Retreat Registration and Deposit Due*

December 10 - College Student Extreme Bingo Night

December 13 - Caroling to Senior Adults (Masks will be required due to interaction with folks in high risk age group)



### **Extreme Dodgeball**

**December 10**

Parents of College Students, encourage your student to join us for a time of fellowship as we put an extreme twist on a classic game. Students should RSVP to Andrew at 864-923-5841

### Getting Tue Know You Meals (see revised schedule)

December 1 - 9th Grade

December 8 - 8th Grade

January 5 - 7th Grade

January 12 - 6th Grade (Last Name A-K)

January 17 - 6th Grade (Last Name L-Z)

### Join us Christmas Week!

This year the church will offer 4 opportunities for Christmas Candlelight Worship. Please contact the church office at (864) 984-7500 to sign up for your service. Please help us out by signing up sooner rather than later, that will allow us to know whether additional services are needed

### Options:

Monday, December 21, 7pm

Tuesday, December 22 - 7pm

Wednesday, December 23, 5pm and 7pm

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