

LIFE TOGETHER THIS WEEK

Sunday, December 17

- 8:30 am Corporate Prayer (Sanctuary)
- 9:00am Early Childhood Leader Training
- Sunday School for all ages
- 10:20am Spanish Worship Service (Room 160)
- 10:30am Worship Service (Sanctuary)
- 3:00pm Food Pantry Distribution
- 5:00pm Student Ministry Life Together

Tuesday, December 19

- 6:30pm Community Prayer (Sanctuary)
- Student Ministries Connect Night (FLC)

Wednesday, December 20

- 5:20pm Teen Quizzing (Room 305)
- 6:30pm All Church Christmas Caroling
- Worship Choir (Choir Room)

Thursday, December 21

- 10:30am Dare To Care Ministries (Room 104)

Friday, December 22 Church Office Closed

Sunday, December 24

- No Sunday School
- 10:30am Worship Service (Sanctuary)

Monday–Tuesday, December 25-26 Church Office Closed



"MESSY" CHRISTMAS MESSY CONSEQUENCES

Jesus did not come _____ our messes.
He came _____ our messes.

Matthew 1:21 - *She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.*

Luke 1:26-27 - *In the sixth month of Elizabeth's pregnancy, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin's name was Mary. The angel went to her and said, "Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you." Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondering what kind of greeting this might be.*

MESSY CONSEQUENCES

1. **God's Plan is** _____.

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Luke 1:30-31 - *But the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary; you have found favor with God. You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High.*

3. **God's Plan is** _____.

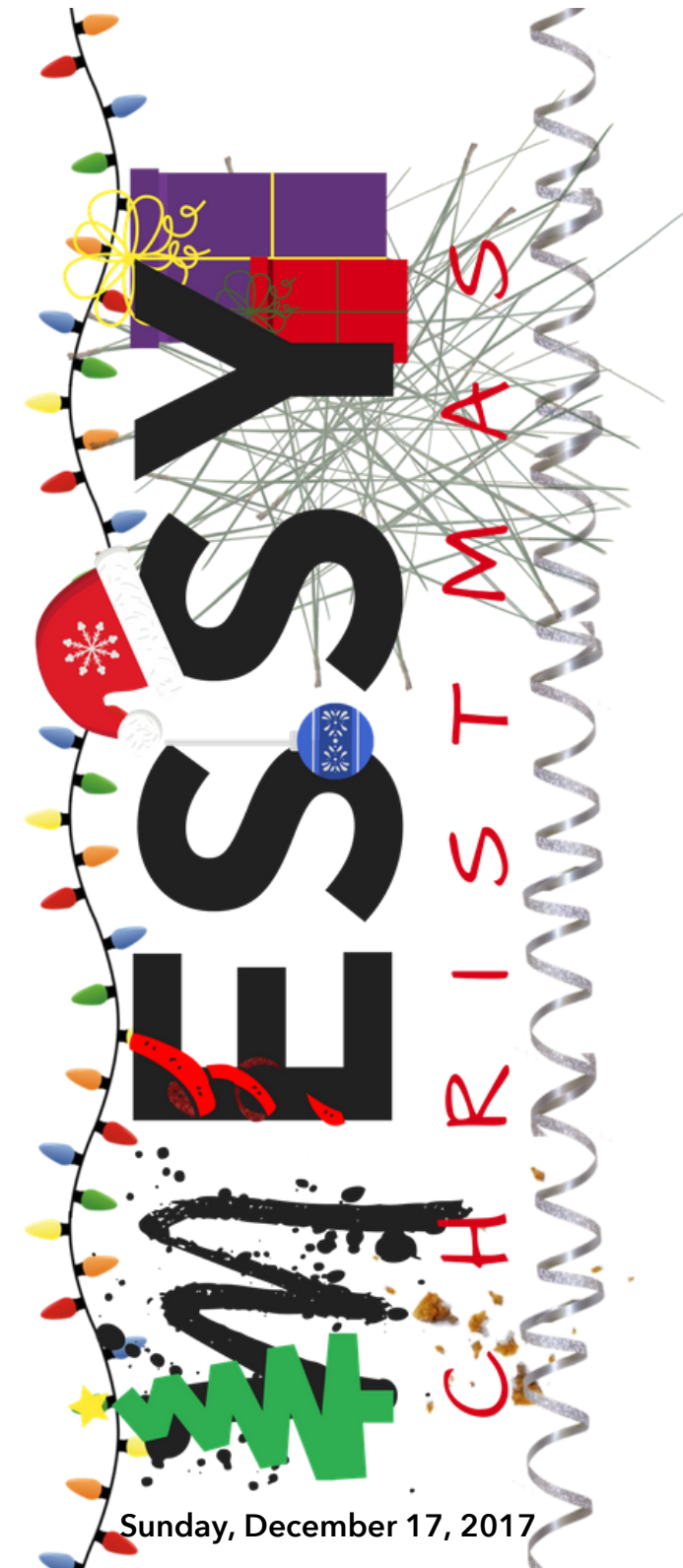
Luke 1:34 - "How will this be," Mary asked the angel, "since I am a virgin?"

God's "_____" are often the key to His _____.
Where is God "Messing Up" your plans right now?

Luke 1:35, 37 - *The angel answered, "The Holy Spirit will come on you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God...For **nothing is impossible with God.**" "I am the **Lord's servant,**" Mary answered. "Maybe your word to me be fulfilled."*

We don't have to know _____.

We simply have to say "_____ " to the _____.



Sunday, December 17, 2017

NOTEWORTHY

ONU Men's Basketball vs. Ohio Christian University

Monday, December 18 // 7:00pm // ONU McHie Arena
Free admission and popcorn for all First Church Members
Come support your ONU Tigers! Good fun, good basketball!

Fa la la la la la la

Wednesday, December 20.

Join the staff for All-Church Christmas Caroling. The "caroling bus" will leave the North parking lot at 6:30 pm. Please arrive by 6:15pm. We will be caroling to local shut-ins. If you have a family/neighbor who would enjoy our visit, contact the church office with name, address and phone number.

Lighthouse Café

The Lighthouse Café will be closed Sundays, December 24 and December 31.

Free Christmas Day Dinner

Monday, December 25 // 11:00am-1:00pm // 9 locations.
Enjoy food, family and friends. Reservations required by December 20 at 815-614-2697. No carryouts. Dine-in-only. Spanish-English flyers available at the Welcome Centers.

Leadership Community

Monday, January 15 // 6:30 - 8:00pm // FLC
Leadership Community is an invitation-only gathering of the K1 Leadership Team to share our vision and initiatives for 2018.

RECHARGE 2018

February 2-4 // Sherman Lake YMCA (Augusta, MI) // \$175
Each year the student ministry takes a weekend to retreat, relax, and recharge together. This year's theme is "Your Move" and will focus on the how the decisions we make move us in a specific direction. Speaker: Pastor Andrew Twibell. **You must complete the online registration and deposit payment no later than Friday, December 22.**

NOTEWORTHY

Dare To Care Ministries

Thursday, January 4, 2018 // 10:30am // Room 104.

K1 Kids Sports

Wednesdays, January 17 - March 28, 2018 // 6:15-7:30 pm.

Soccer skill building; Archery II; Cheerleading and School Review. Registration opens December 1 // www.k3naz.org

Junior Soccer

Saturdays, starting January 20, 2018 // for children 4 - 7 years // through March 17. Registration at K1 Kids Sports/ Junior Soccer www.k3naz.org/indoorsoccer

Baptismal Service

Sunday, January 21, 2018

If you are ready to declare your faith in Jesus Christ through baptism, RSVP by January 17 to the church office 815-933-1000 or by placing a connection card in the offering plate.

Do we have your current correct address?

Now that the end of the year is nearing, the Financial Office will be sending out new tithe envelopes and giving reports. We need your current correct address in order to receive these in a timely manner. Please use a contact card or call the Church office if you have a new mailing address, email address or any questions.

End of the Year

The end of 2017 is fast approaching. All end of the year contributions must be received in the church office by Friday, December 29 by Noon or postmarked by December 31, to be counted as a contribution in 2017.

Score Big Concession Stand

Score big with fans and players by volunteering to run the kids' soccer league concessions stand on Saturdays mornings January 20 thru March at the church. Supplies will be provided. Contact cindischimm@k3naz.org or the church office to step up for this short-term way to serve.

NOTEWORTHY

DECEMBER 2017–JANUARY 2018

Wednesday, December 20

All Church Christmas Caroling // 6:30-7:30pm

Friday, December 22

Church Office Closed

Sunday, December 24

No Sunday School // Worship Service // Communion

Monday, December 25

Building Closed

Tuesday, December 26

No evening ministries

Building Closed

Wednesday, December 27

No evening ministries

Sunday, December 31

No Sunday School // Worship Service

Monday, January 1, 2018

Building Closed

Tuesday, January 2

No evening ministries

Building Closed

Wednesday, January 3

No evening ministries

Sunday, January 7

Full Schedule resumes

PLEASE NOTE

December 18–December 29
the Church Office will be open
from 8:30am to 3:00pm