

Worship Service

Dec. 18, 2011

997 O Come All Ye Faithful
1018 Joy to the World
1002 Angels We Have Heard on High

Scripture Reading Prayer

1028 O Holy Night
287 There is a Redeemer

****Lords Supper ****

All Christians are invited to partake in this feast of remembrance. The bread & fruit of the vine symbolize the body and blood of our Savior who died and was raised for us. In eating together we proclaim our unity with Him and with one another until He comes again.

Offering: 71 As the Deer

Children Down Front: 1003 Silent Night

1001 Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Children's Bible Hour

Message By Larry Macomber

288 Fairest Lord Jesus

Announcements

1005 Beautiful Star of Bethlehem

Closing Prayer

Please fill out an attendance card – white for members and gold for visitors. Please place it in the contribution basket when it comes around.

Hearing Devices available in the foyers

Welcome Visitors!!!!

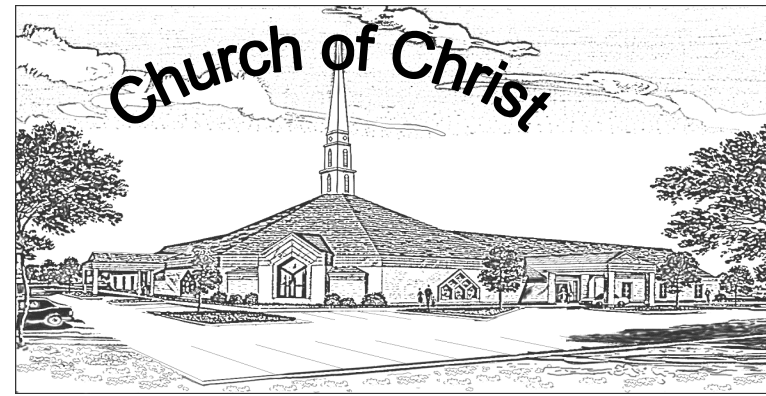
Sermon Notes

Presented by Larry Macomber

“The life appeared”

I John 1:1-4

Our only limitation is the size of our faith!



*Seek Life - Share Life - Obey One Life
Focusing Our Lives Around ONE Savior, Jesus Christ*

Extravagance

I have to confess: I like looking at extravagant Christmas gifts. Not out of any desire to give or receive them. I just like to marvel at what's available. Some of them are amazingly expensive. Like the Ferrari FF listed at Neiman Marcus; it can be yours for only \$390,000. You may want to hurry. They only have 10 available. For mom, Amazon lists a black pearl necklace for a mere 76,500 dollars. Don't worry... the item ships for free. Another option is a gift card from Halcyon jets. A \$5 million gift card! Actually, it's called a Dream Card, and it gives you full access to their complete fleet of jets, as well as a private aviation specialist and a personal concierge. For the truly discriminating, might I suggest you consider purchasing an island? You can get a lovely 20-acre island off the coast of Rio de Janeiro for a mere \$8 million. Sorry... only one per customer.

Most of us won't be spending quite as much on Christmas gifts, though many will spend more than they should. There's something about the Christmas season that makes us want to give gifts in a big way. However, we know that the greatest gift has already been given. No one can match the extravagance of our Heavenly Father, who gave us what the apostle Paul calls an "indefinable gift" (2 Corinthians 9:15). God gave us His own Son, not as a Christmas gift, but as the gift that never stops giving. God's Son, Jesus, came and died, to give us all the right to claim the gift of eternal life. The apostle John famously wrote, "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life" (John 3:16-17).

In this season of giving and receiving, let's take time to remember the greatest gift of all: God's Son. And let's make sure that we've claimed the gift He offers each of us: the gift of eternal life.

Pulpit Minister
Larry Macomber

Youth Minister
Johnathan Dobbs

Children's Ministry
Diane Beyer

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Doug Anderson
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Harvest House Food Ministry

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Open on Wednesdays ONLY
9:00a.m. – 12:00 noon

For the Records December 11, 2011

Bible Study.....134
AM Worship.....220
Wed. (12/7)114
Love Offering Received.....\$7571.37
Weekly Budget Needed\$7720.94
Budget Year to Date
(Plus+ or Minus -).....\$37,659.93+
Weekly difference.....\$ 753.20+
Missions Offering.....\$ 35.00

Nursery Volunteers Today

Tina Gallo
Lyndee Purswell

There is an attended nursery in room #4. You may stay with your child if you wish, audio feed there.

Schedule of Assemblies

Sunday:
Bible Classes9:00a.m.
Worship10:00a.m.
Life Groups & Seekers.....5:00p.m.
Wednesday:
Bible Classes for all ages.....7:00p.m.

Elder of the Month

Doug Anderson
If you have a matter that needs to be brought to the attention of the elders, please talk to the elder of the month.

Prayer List Updates

Rita Rawlings chemo in Sugarland. Tests show that the tumor in her lung has shrunk to half its size & no new ones have come up.

Cindy Phillips the cancer in the liver is growing again. Also a tumor in the ovary has more than doubled in size. They took her off the chemo drug she was on & are putting her on another Chemo drug that is stronger & may make her sicker. It is 5 days on 28 days off.

Jimmy Crum having chemo treatments.

Thomas Petter (Cindy Phillips' brother) esophageal cancer
Geordan Burt (G.W. & Tricia Burt's son) he has Chronic Kidney Disease along with FSGS & Arterial/Arterio Sclerosis of the kidney. He is on a high dosage of Prednisone Steroids. They will know in 3-6 mo. if it is working. He has to go to the Dr. every two weeks to keep any eye on the side effects.

Barbara Gates recovering from broken hip at home
Rachel Ashworth has a mass in her cheek. She has put off any activity until after the 1st of the year

Pat Miller (Bob Fraley's niece) was in a bus accident from ACU on a mission trip to Medina Children's Home. She is in the hospital with injuries. She has slightly improved.

Crystal Roy (Niece of Bill & Suzanne Beaver) had a heart attack. She has multiple blockages, plaque, & a birth defect they found in her heart that prevents them from doing either by-pass surgery or stents. Medications are her only option.

Jesse Jackson fell & broke his hip. Home address is 3223 Belmont Lane, Terrell Texas 75160 Phone # 972-564-5877

Norma Gates is in Matagorda Nursing & Rehab for dizziness & is falling.

Blaine Newton (Kerri Schurtz' cousin's 18 yr. old son) began chemo treatment for Grey Area Lymphoma..

James Cantu (Friend of G.W. & Tricia Burt) was in a serious car accident suffering from many broken bones. He came home Wed. but has a long road to recovery ahead.

Crystal Allison recovering from surgery on her neck. She is home & doing well.

Bradley Sabrsula had an ultrasound done last Mon. He has 3 lumps in the groin area. He will have a biopsy done soon.

LaVerne Westbrook is in Matagorda Regional hospital with an infection.

James Williams his heart cath postponed till 21st

J.T. Carlton (Elaine Cox' son-in-law) has a bacterial infection in his blood. He has been hospitalized for over a week. He has pneumonia & it is affecting his heart & lungs.

James Folmar (Bill & Suzanne Beaver's son-in-law) had arthoscopic knee surgery on Fri.

The complete Prayer list is on table at the back of the Auditorium.

Shut-Ins

Sheila Kunz Artie Hicks James White

Nursing Home

Legacy: Martha Jane Etie #724 Gerry Rogers #214
Marguerite Kettle #216
Bay Villa: Matthew Smith
Matagorda Nursing & Rehab: Norma Gates

Independent Living

Copperfield Estates Betty McNeill #238

Upcoming Events

Dec. 20th Military Family Support Group Meeting

Dec. 23rd & 26th Office closed for the Holidays

PRAY FOR OUR



MILITARY

Military Family Support Group Meeting

The Military Family Support Group will meet on Tues. Dec. 20th in the Fellowship Hall at 7p.m.



Office Closed for Holidays

The office will be closed on Fri. Dec. 23rd & Mon. Dec. 26th for the Christmas Holidays.

Response

Adam & Eve Reyna responded on Sun. Dec. 11th asking the congregation for prayers so they can rededicate their lives to serving God.

Thank You Note

To My Brothers & Sisters in Christ,
Just a note to thank you for your incredible kindness, calls, cards and concerns, but most of all, your prayers. Jesse is recovering very well, and with your continued prayers he will be home for the holidays. We really appreciate the thoughtfulness of everyone.

In Christian Love, Laverne Jackson & Family

Youth Group News

We will be having an NSYG New Year's party again this year at the Anderson's house. Come any time after 6p.m.. We'll be shooting fireworks as well. Bring some goodies to eat and an air-soft gun if you have it. The air-soft gun is NOT a requirement to come have fun that night. For more info see Johnathan.

The Youth are selling beautiful scenic calendars with scripture for \$6.00 each. They will get \$3.00 to go on their individual accounts for the trips & retreats & other activities with this money. They make beautiful gifts!



Medina Children's Home

Thank you for your generous contribution for the Medina Children's Home Christmas. We collected \$2577.00 to send to them for Christmas.

*To All My Church Family,
I am doing well. I am going to West Houston Church of Christ on West Road. Your youth ladies met me here – was so happy to see them! Miss you all. Come have lunch – I have plenty of guest dinner cards. Bless all & thanks for the church news. God's blessings and a bright & full & Happy New Year to all! Betty McNeill*

Graduation Announcement

The Faculty, Administration and Graduating Class of Texas A&M University-Kingsville announce that Sarah Elaine Exum Stephens was a candidate for the degree of Bachelors of Science in Range and Wildlife Management with a Minor in Biology at the Commencement Exercises Steinke Physical Education Center 700 University Blvd. Kingsville, Texas 78363 Sarah graduated Friday, December 16, 2011 Congratulations Sarah!!