

THE *Christmas* PLEDGE



1. To remember those people who truly need my gifts. | 2. To express my love for family and friends in more direct ways than presents. | 3. To rededicate myself to the spiritual growth of my family. | 4. To examine my holiday activities in light of the true spirit of Christmas. | 5. To initiate one act of peacemaking within my family and friends.:

Christmas Card Shower

Please sign a Christmas card for Bonnie Taylor today. It will lift her spirits during this festive season!

THANKS!

Thanks to Peggy and Sue for doing a superb job with the décor in our facility!

BIBLE STUDY (Off Campus)

Studies are scheduled at Kimberly's on:
December 7, 14, & 21.



NEXT WEEK...

We want to bless Rodolfo and Toni Rios for Christmas with gift cards to local restaurants as a token of our love for them. There will also be one Christmas card for us to sign. Let's share God's goodness!

HOLIDAY SERVICES

Please mark your calendars for these important gatherings!

CHRISTMAS SERVICE
Sun, December 24, 2017 @ 10AM

NEW YEAR'S SERVICE
Sun, December 31, 2017 @ 10AM

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FROM MANGER TO MAJESTY

Dec 03 » The Humanity of Jesus

Dec 10 » The Deity of Jesus

Dec 17 » The Virgin Birth

Dec 24 » Jesus: The Savior of the World

PRAYER REQUESTS ▶ THINKING-OF-YOU PRAYER

Breanna V. ▶ Health Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>	Michelle G. ▶ Spiritual growth	<input type="checkbox"/>
Elizabeth S. ▶ Health Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>	Brian H. ▶ Salvation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Suzie S. ▶ Health Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>	Benjamin G. ▶ Salvation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Noe F. ▶ Health Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>	Rick W. ▶ Pinched nerve	<input type="checkbox"/>
Kenny D. ▶ Neurological	<input type="checkbox"/>	Ray H. ▶ Salvation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Danny L. ▶ Peace Corps	<input type="checkbox"/>	Karen W. ▶ Salvation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Phyllis L. ▶ Health Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>	Cheyenne W. ▶ Salvation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Misty L. ▶ Headaches	<input type="checkbox"/>	Tommy F. ▶ Healing	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jason G. ▶ Salvation	<input type="checkbox"/>		

▶ URGENT PRAYER

Barb S. ▶ Cardiac Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>	Stein Family ▶ Salvation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Toni R. ▶ Health Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>	Danny R. ▶ ALS	<input type="checkbox"/>
Peggy K. ▶ Health Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>	Gerry G. ▶ Health Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>
Emma G. ▶ Health Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>	Ray S. ▶ Health Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sam H. ▶ Cardiac Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>	Ruth H. ▶ Health Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>
Judi G. ▶ Health Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>	Terry P. ▶ Cancer/spleen	<input type="checkbox"/>
Gearen Family ▶ Drawn closer to God	<input type="checkbox"/>	Bob Z. ▶ Lung Cancer	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cindy ▶ Cardiac Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>	Paul B. ▶ Surgeries	<input type="checkbox"/>

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“Let him into the mire and muck of our world. For only if we let him in can he pull us out.” —Max Lucado

METRICS THAT MATTER (11/26/17)

ATTENDANCE ▶ 28 GIVING ▶ \$527.²⁵ GUESTS ▶ 0
 VOLUNTEERS ▶ 15 DECISIONS FOR CHRIST ▶ 0

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FROM MANGER TO MAJESTY

THE HUMANITY OF JESUS

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth. *John 1:1, 14*



JESUS WAS FULLY HUMAN

As you study Scripture, it is easy to establish the truth that Jesus was fully human. *Hebrews 2:17* tells us He was like us in all ways.

» HE WAS CONCEIVED

Matt. 1:18; Luke 1:31

» HE WAS BORN

Matt. 1:25, 2:2; Luke 2:7, 11

» HE PARTOOK OF OUR FLESH
AND BLOOD

John 1:14; Heb. 2:14

» HE WAS CIRCUMCISED *Luke 2:21*

» HE INCREASED IN WISDOM
AND STATURE *Luke 2:52*

» HE WEPT

Luke 19:41; John 11:35

» HE HUNGRED

Matt. 4:2, 21:18

» HE THIRSTED *John 4:7, 19:28*

» HE SLEPT

Matt. 8:24; Mark 4:38

» HE BECAME WEARY

John 4:6

» HE WAS A MAN OF SORROWS

Isa. 53:3-4; Luke 22:44

» HE WAS NAILED TO THE CROSS

Luke 23:33; Ps. 22:16

» HE DIED *John 19:30*

» HE WAS PIERCED IN HIS SIDE

John 19:34

» HE WAS BURIED

Matt. 27:59-60; Mark 15:46

» HE WAS RESURRECTED

Acts 3:15; 2 Tim. 2:8



WHY DID JESUS BECOME FULLY HUMAN?

When God became flesh and dwelt among us, becoming flesh was not a handicap or a mark of inferiority, but a conscious choice on God's part to become that God-man (a second Adam) from Heaven *1 Cor. 15:47*. He was God taking on flesh. As a result, Christ became the author and perfecter of our faith.

1. IT ENABLED JESUS TO REGAIN MAN'S LOST DOMINION

Man once had dominion over the earth but lost that dominion as a result of the fall. *But we do see Jesus, who was made lower than the angels for a little while, now crowned with glory and honor because he suffered death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.* Hebrews 2:9

2. IT ENABLED JESUS TO BRING MANY SONS TO GLORY



Christ's suffering and death, Jesus became the author of our salvation. He made us holy through His perfect holiness and is not ashamed to call us brothers in His family. He regained for us the life from above that man had lost. *In bringing many sons and daughters to glory, it was fitting that God, for whom and through whom everything exists, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through what he suffered.* Hebrews 2:10

3. IT ENABLED JESUS TO DISARM SATAN & DELIVER US FROM THE FEAR OF DEATH AND PURCHASE SALVATION FOR US

By His death and resurrection Jesus "destroyed" the devil. ¹⁴ *Since the children have flesh and blood, he too shared in their humanity so that by his death he might break the power of him who holds the power of death—that is, the devil—* ¹⁵ *and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death.* Hebrews 2:14-15

4. IT ENABLED JESUS TO BE A SYMPATHETIC HIGH PRIEST.



¹⁷ *For this reason he had to be made like them, fully human in every way, in order that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in service to God, and that he might make atonement for the sins of the people.* ¹⁸ *Because he himself suffered when he was tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.* Hebrews 2:17-18

DECEMBER 2017 EVENTS

SUN 03 Praise Team REHEARSAL / PRAYER
Worship / Young Adults / Communion

TUE 05 Praise Team
REHEARSAL

THU 07 Off-Campus
Bible Study - McHenry

SUN 10 Praise Team REHEARSAL / PRAYER
Worship / Grapple Event Grapple Gifts Galore

TUE 12 Tuesday Bible Study
Unashamed

THU 14 Off-Campus
Bible Study - McHenry

SUN 17 Praise Team REHEARSAL / PRAYER
Worship

TUE 19 No Classes
Christmas Break

THU 21 Off-Campus
Bible Study - McHenry

SUN 24 Praise Team REHEARSAL / PRAYER
CHRISTMAS SERVICE

TUE 26 No Classes
Christmas Break

THU 28 Off-Campus
No Classes

SUN 31 Praise Team REHEARSAL / PRAYER
Worship

Notes _____

▶ MISSIONS PROJECT: *ECUADOR*

In April of this year, an earthquake that registered 7.8 on the Richter Scale devastated the coastal part of Ecuador. Many buildings were destroyed. One of those belonged to a congregation in Pedernales, Ecuador pastored by a former Bible College student—Pastor Adolfo Agualsaca. Because of the garage sales and your donations, we were able to assist them in the reconstruction with \$300.

THANK YOU for your efforts!



BUILDING COMPLETED DESTROYED
- PEDERNALES



EXCAVATION AT NEW PROPERTY



PROGRESS AND ARTIST'S RENDERING
OF NEW BUILDING

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CARD SHOWER



This week please help us **shower** blessing on Bonnie Taylor with a Christmas Card Shower. Please take time to fill one out.

These cards will be mailed to her on Monday. She will both enjoy and appreciate your thoughtfulness!

OH WHAT
FUN!