

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 circle of family and friends.

from Unplug the Christmas Machine. | by Jo Robinson and Jean Coppic

CONGRATULATIONS...

to Vanity Olvera on receiving her B.S. in Elementary Education at the University of Houston-Downtown. She graduated with Highest Honors and begin to work as a 2nd grade teacher on Wednesday!

Christmas Service

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22

JCC will feature traditional and contemporary songs of the Christmas season. This service will rekindle the Christmas story for you!

NEXT SUNDAY

2020 Vision

DECEMBER 29

A stand-alone message that will help you to raise your voice in faith!

CONNECTION CARD

Each week everyone will be asked to fill out a Connection Card in order to "MEASURE" our church in five key areas. There will be a summary report each week in the bulletin that identifies those five key metrics.

Please turn in your card each week. Members, leaders and guests will be asked to turn these in.



DECEMBER
TEACHING SERIES

VINTAGE Christmas

Dec 01 » God Has Given Us a Sign
Dec 08 » God Has Given Us Hope
Dec 15 » God Has Given Us a Child
Concert & Message
Dec 22 » God Has Given Us Great Joy

PRAYER REQUESTS

► SALVATION

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Brian H. | <input type="checkbox"/> Karen W. | <input type="checkbox"/> Rick L. | <input type="checkbox"/> Stein Family |
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► HEALTH ISSUES

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Kenny D. » Nuerological | <input type="checkbox"/> Keith M. » Cancer | <input type="checkbox"/> Valerie C. » Seizures |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Shirley K. » Health Issues | <input type="checkbox"/> Craig B. » Leukemia | <input type="checkbox"/> Rafael » Cancer |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Toni R. » Health Issues | <input type="checkbox"/> Corrine A. » Health Issues | <input type="checkbox"/> Tommy P. » Anxiety |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sam H. » Cardiac Issues | <input type="checkbox"/> Michael C. » Health Issues | <input type="checkbox"/> Marvin L. » Health Issues |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Danny R. » ALS | <input type="checkbox"/> Bethany » Health Issues | <input type="checkbox"/> Shirley B. » Health Issues |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ruth H. » Health Issues | <input type="checkbox"/> Art B. » Health Issues | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Phyllis L. » Health Issues | <input type="checkbox"/> Denny G. » Health Issues | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Jean G. » Health Issues | <input type="checkbox"/> Betty W. » Health Issues | |

► URGENT REQUEST

- Bill S. » Pancreatic Cancer

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“Strong Christians see God in both the good and the bad. The mature believer sees God not only in pleasures and palaces, but also in the barnyards and stables of life... Weak Christians see God in only the good.” —John Maxwell

METRICS THAT MATTER (12/15/19)

ATTENDANCE ► 54 GIVING ► \$537 GUESTS ► 14
VOLUNTEERS ► 21 DECISIONS FOR CHRIST ► 0

VINTAGE
Christmas

GOD CAME TO
GIVE US JOY

Always be joyful. 1 Thessalonians 5:16 NLT

Such things were written in the Scriptures long ago to teach us. And the Scriptures give us hope and encouragement as we wait patiently for God's promises to be fulfilled.

Romans 15:4 NLT

Truths THAT BRING YOU Joy

1 Joy IS HERE

⁸ That night there were shepherds staying in the fields nearby, guarding their flocks of sheep. ⁹ Suddenly, an angel of the Lord appeared among them, and the radiance of the Lord's glory surrounded them. They were terrified, **Luke 2:8-9 NLT**

2 Joy IS SENT

¹⁰ but the angel reassured them. "Don't be afraid!" he said. "I bring you good news that will bring great joy to all people. ¹¹ The Savior—yes, the Messiah, the Lord—has been born today in Bethlehem, the city of David! ¹² And you will recognize him by this sign: You will find a baby wrapped snugly in strips of cloth, lying in a manger." **Luke 10-12 NLT**

¹⁷ After seeing him, the shepherds told everyone what had happened and what the angel had said to them about this child. ¹⁸ All who heard the shepherds' story were astonished, **Luke 2:17-18 NLT**

Joy IS A JOURNEY

When they saw the star, they were filled with joy! **Matthew 2:10 NLT**

His anger lasts only a moment, but his kindness lasts for a lifetime. Crying may last for a night, but joy comes in the morning. **Psalms 30:5 NCV**

Very truly I tell you, you will weep and mourn while the world rejoices. You will grieve, but your grief will turn to joy. **John 16:20 NIV**

Let them all praise the name of the Lord. For his name is very great; his glory towers over the earth and heaven! **Psalms 148:13 NLT**



Joy IS SCARY



Then Simeon blessed them, and he said to Mary, the baby's mother, "This child is destined to cause many in Israel to fall, and many others to rise. He has been sent as a sign from God, but many will oppose him." **Luke 2:34 NLT**



Joy IS A DIFFICULT CHOICE

⁴⁶ Mary responded, "Oh, how my soul praises the Lord. ⁴⁷ How my spirit rejoices in God my Savior! ⁴⁸ For he took notice of the lowly servant girl, and from now on all generations will call me blessed." **Luke 1:46-48 NLT**

²⁹ Confused and disturbed, Mary tried to think what the angel could mean. ³⁰ "Don't be afraid, Mary," the angel told her, "for you have found favor with God!" **Luke 1:29-30 NLT**

fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. **Hebrews 12:2 NIV**

I have told you these things so that you can have the same joy I have and so that your joy will be the fullest possible joy. **John 15:11 NCV**



We Appreciate OUR Volunteers

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Thank You



FOR EVERYTHING
YOU DO!

