

## SCHEDULE

In-person Gathering **Sun. 10:00 am**  
Live-streaming **Sun. 10:00 am**  
Prayer Event **Wed. 6:30 pm**

## PROCLAIM HIS NAME

"Trust in the LORD forever, for the Lord God is an everlasting rock." Is. 26:4

## OUR CONDOLENCES...



to Wes and Charity Spurlock at the loss of Charity's mom, Barb Gies, She passed away quietly in her home on December 15.



## THANK YOU...

for your amazing response for Tornado Disaster Relief for Kentucky, Illinois, Missouri, Arkansas, and Tennessee. Your gifts of \$449 will be sent to Samaritan's Purse.



# 2022

When the pandemic began, and everyday choices became restricted, people became uncertain as to how to function effectively. As we usher in 2022, there are some things you can still choose: you can choose your **CONFESSION**; you can choose your **ATTITUDE**; and you can choose your **ACTIONS**. That's a solid place to start a new season and a new year!



# A Strange Way to Save The World

Dec 05 » A Virgin Birth  
 Dec 12 » So Ordinary  
 Dec 19 » Christmas @ JCC  
 Dec 26 » The Doctrine of Christmas

## PRAYER REQUESTS

### ► SALVATION

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Jason G.    | <input type="checkbox"/> Ray H.      | <input type="checkbox"/> Gearen Family | <input type="checkbox"/> Kirk Aricioglu |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Brian H.    | <input type="checkbox"/> Karen W.    | <input type="checkbox"/> Mike F.       | <input type="checkbox"/> Dave S.        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Benjamin G. | <input type="checkbox"/> Cheyenne W. | <input type="checkbox"/> Tom M.        | <input type="checkbox"/> Bato R.        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ryan K.     | <input type="checkbox"/> Tyler M.    | <input type="checkbox"/> Stein Family  | <input type="checkbox"/> Donald S.      |

### ► HEALTH ISSUES

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Sam H. » Cardiac Issues    | <input type="checkbox"/> Laura K. » Auto Immune         | <input type="checkbox"/> Michael D. » Ventilator    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ruth H. » Health Issues    | <input type="checkbox"/> Ozzie M. » Dialysis            | <input type="checkbox"/> Keith » Cardiac Issues     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Jean G. » Health Issues    | <input type="checkbox"/> Eloisa » Severe diabetes       | <input type="checkbox"/> Carol C. » Cancer Spots    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art B. » Health Issues     | <input type="checkbox"/> Armando L. » Back Injury       | <input type="checkbox"/> Evelyn K. » Cardiac Issues |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Don H. » Health Issues     | <input type="checkbox"/> Sergio P. » Needs kidney donor | <input type="checkbox"/> Wanda F. » Stroke          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tommy P. » Anxiety         | <input type="checkbox"/> Dan B. » Liver transplant      | <input type="checkbox"/> Wayne W. » COPD            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Noe F. » Health Issues     | <input type="checkbox"/> Javier » COVID                 |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Macario A. » Dialysis      | <input type="checkbox"/> Darius » Health Issues         |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Juan A. » Health Issues    | <input type="checkbox"/> Searria » Graves Disease       |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Randy F. » Immune disorder |   |   |

## QUOTE OF THE WEEK

*“Don’t be overwhelmed by the ‘much’ that may need to be done; instead, focus on a step you can take today.” —Charlotte Gambill*

## METRICS THAT MATTER (12/19/21)

ATTENDANCE ► 34

GIVING ► \$989

GUESTS ► 0

VOLUNTEERS ► 14

DECISIONS FOR CHRIST ► 2



*That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we looked upon and have touched with our hands, concerning the word of life—the life was made manifest, and we have seen it, and testify to it and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was made manifest to us— that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. And we are writing these things so that our joy may be complete. 1 John 1:1-4*

## 1 Christmas: Salvation is by Grace

**Jesus doesn't simply point to eternal life—He is eternal life. We cannot save ourselves by our performance. John uses sensory language not to impress us but to make a witness to the truth.**

- In every other religion, the founder is a human being sent by God to show us what to do to be saved.
- But Jesus is God come himself.
- His personal coming means he did not just tell us what we had to do to be saved, **but he did for us all that we could not do for ourselves!**

*For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast.*

**Ephesians 2:8-9**

*For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people,*

**Titus 2:11**

*But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life. Titus 3:4-7*

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## Christmas: Fellowship With God is Possible

This "fellowship" is 'a relationship or mutual sharing'. Eastern religions say that God is impersonal while other world faiths say that God is personal but not intimate. Christianity claims that God can be known personally and intimately.

*This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. 1 John 1:5-7*

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## Christmas: Jesus Came in a Very Ordinary Way

Jesus came in a very ordinary way taking the form of an ordinary human baby, to ordinary parents, in an ordinary place. This ordinariness is often what is so offensive to the world.

*Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Philippians 2:5-8*

Jesus is God

Hope landed centuries ago in Bethlehem. Whatever problems we face God will eventually turn them into triumph!

