

If you are a guest with us today, we want to **WELCOME** you! If you have not done so already, we invite you to stop by our Guest Reception Center in the lobby at the welcome desk following the service. Someone will greet you, answer any questions you may have, and give you a gift as a **THANK YOU** for worshipping with us today!

The Ebenezer phone number no longer works. Please call (616) 741-0032 to speak to anyone on staff.

Prayer Ministry

- Do you have a prayer request? If so, please go to the Facebook Prayer Warriors page with any prayer requests. Please check out the care ministry prayer list at the information table regarding any Family church need.
- Please join us at 10:50 am at the Ebenezer Campus or 12:15 pm at the Grace Campus on January 16 to explore opportunities on how you can support Family Church in becoming a House of Prayer.

Teens Ministry

- Family Teens will go to Tarry Skate Hall in Grandville on December 12! The Family Church bus will leave from the Ebenezer Campus at 5 pm and return at 8 pm. All middle and high schoolers are welcome to join us! Contact keith@familychurch.app with any questions.

Young Adult Ministry

- Young Adult Small Group for adults 18 to 29 meets every Thursday at 7:45 pm at our Ebenezer Campus, immediately following the worship service. Consider joining us at 6:00 for FREE pizza from Vitales! Contact keith@familychurch.app with any questions.

Outreach Ministry

- Come relieve stress, grow strong in faith, and find community! This Christ-centered class uses yoga as a means to worship God with every breath and movement. The hour-long class led by a certified instructor, Becca Bishop, will help you celebrate Christmas with your whole self while also surrendering all you are to Jesus. Classes will take place at the Ebenezer Campus on December 11 at 9:00 am and December 13 and 17 at 7:30 pm. Bring a mat (if you have one) and a water bottle.
- Rest Haven Card Making is on Tuesday, December 7 at 9:00 am at the Grace campus. All are welcome to come and use their crafty skills to bless others!

Women's Ministry

- Wednesday Morning Bible Study will begin a new study, "Developing Intimacy with God," on January 5 from 9:00-10:30 am in the sanctuary of the Grace Campus. All women are welcome!

Family Church - Weekly Services

- **Thursday at 6:30 pm** - Live Service at Ebenezer Campus
- **Sunday at 9:00 am** - Live Service and Kids Church at Grace Campus
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- **Sunday at 10:45 am** - Live Service and Kids Church at Grace Campus

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December 2021 - Hope in Waiting
What is Christmas all about?

Isaiah 9:2-7, ²The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned.

There is always _____!

³You have enlarged the nation and increased their joy; they rejoice before you as people rejoice at the harvest, as warriors rejoice when dividing the plunder.

We can choose _____!

⁴For as in the day of Midian's defeat, you have shattered the yoke that burdens them, the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor. ⁵Every warrior's boot used in battle and every garment rolled in blood will be destined for burning, will be fuel for the fire. ⁶For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

We are offered never-ending _____.

⁷Of the greatness of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever. The zeal of the Lord Almighty will accomplish this.

We DON'T need a better philosophy of government or a more perfect system of legislation... We need a person who has the character, wisdom, and power needed to rule for God among men.

Life Application:

Take time this week and reflect on what it means that Jesus FREELY offers you hope, joy, and peace. Try to focus this month on helping OTHERS find hope, joy, and peace in Jesus.



December 2021

Hope in Waiting

1. What is Christmas all about?
2. Despite our best efforts at efficiency....
Christmas is a season when much of our time is spent waiting. Do you wait well?
3. Do you find joy in waiting?
4. Did you know we can find Joy in waiting?

Key Point: We can choose JOY!

5. Isaiah 9 has a familiar Christmas passage that prophesies the birth of a future child, Jesus, who will bring about true freedom, peace, and joy for the people. It is a beautiful reminder of the power of hope.

READ: Isaiah 9:2-7

6. Put yourself in the shoes of the Israelite people for a moment. Their country was on a path away from the God they loved. How might we relate to what they were experiencing?
7. There seemed to be no hope on the horizon for them. Are there things you feel hopeless about?
8. When this was written it became a message that the people of God would cling to for hundreds of years. What is a hope you are clinging to in your life?

KEY POINT: There is always HOPE!

No matter what you are going through today there is HOPE!

Pastor Adam said: Life is all about perspective. You can have two people looking at the SAME EXACT situation and see it totally different! It is all about the lens you are looking through.

9. Have you ever experienced this? Is there only one way to view a situation?

KEY POINT: With Jesus Our HOPE remains the same, God will use this difficult thing to

bring God more glory and expand His Kingdom.

A Quote from Pastor Adam... A child, a son, would be born to usher in the greatest gift: true peace! We are offered never-ending PEACE. What we are all looking for in this Christmas season, Jesus brings us and freely offers us! Isaiah's prophetic words were spoken into a broken and slowly dying country. And it would take 700+ years for this prophecy to come true. What the world needs, as the prophets saw clearly back then and still today, is Jesus! We DON'T need a better philosophy of government or a more perfect system of legislation. We need a Person who has the character, wisdom, and power needed to rule for God among men. The hope for the people of God could be found in and fulfilled by only one person: Jesus!

10. Have you ever really given thought to the fact that they waited 700+ years and then they were disappointed in their gift of Jesus? So, they chose to hate and crucify their Messiah. Discuss this.
11. As we grow older, we learn what disappointment feels like. In adulthood we can gain perspective. It is easy for us to judge the Jewish nation for rejecting Jesus. It's easy to judge others for their mistakes, but it is more productive to learn from their mistakes and correct our own issues. How are you doing with looking inward?
12. God gave the Jews a king who was more concerned with conquering sin and inviting people into an everlasting kingdom than with wearing a political or national crown of power. Likewise, we have been given the gift of Jesus out of God's love and goodness. What should our response be?

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