

Scripture: Luke 2:8-12, Matthew 2:2, 10-12

"Joy is the \_\_\_\_\_ business of Heaven!" - C.S. Lewis

news - v.10

\_\_\_\_\_ joy - v. 10

“they rejoiced \_\_\_\_\_ with great joy”

"This is what \_\_\_\_\_ is all about Charlie Brown." - Linus

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**Bethel**  
CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE  
December 17, 2023

# Welcome

9:00 am - Contemporary Worship  
Enjoy a time of refreshment between services in our Fellowship Hall

10:45 am - Traditional Worship  
\*Sunday School classes are available during both services

**Keeping Christmas Well—Part 2: Good News & Great Joy**  
Pastor Derek Elkins

6:00pm - Family Christmas Service

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# WELCOME

*If anyone acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God,  
God lives in him and he in God.*

*~ 1 John 4:15*

## YOUR MINISTRY TEAM

**Derek Elkins**

*Lead Pastor*

**Josh Potter**

*Executive Pastor*

**Kym Slater**

*Family Ministry Pastor*

**Desiree Ferring**

*Youth Pastor*

**Bob Cruthirds**

*Associate Pastor*

**Weldon Shuman**

*Sr. Adult Pastor*

## WEEKLY EVENTS

### Tuesday, December 19

1:00-4:00pm Pickleball

### Wednesday, December 20

9:30am Moms in Prayer

*\*No 3D Kids or Nursery\**

6:30pm Teens

8:15pm Board Meeting

### Thursday, December 21

7:00am Men's Prayer Group

6:30pm Young Adult Bible Study

*(At Nielsens' 1907 W Flamingo Ave #11)*

6:30pm Celebrate Recovery

7:00pm Adult Bible Study

### Sunday, December 24

Christmas Eve

9:00am Contemporary Worship

10:45am Traditional Worship

*\*No Sunday School or Childcare\**

5:00pm Candlelight Service

Prayer Chain: Betty Gilbert (465-0439) or email [bethel@bethelnazarene.org](mailto:bethel@bethelnazarene.org)  
*Our Prayer Chapel is available for prayer during church services and open office hours. Let us know if you would like to be a part of this ministry.*

Our new online giving program is Amplify. Text "GIVE" to 208-428-6344 or scan the QR code here. You can also visit our website at [bethelnazarene.org/give](https://bethelnazarene.org/give) to give online.



**\*\*If you can't find a parking space close enough to the building and need assistance parking your car, please let a member of our Safety Team know as they would gladly park your car for you.\*\***

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Adult Sunday School Classes

### 9:00AM

Maranatha - Room 106

WORD Study - Room 109

Foundations of Faith - Room 112

Kingdom Seekers - Room 102

Faith and Reason - Conference Room

Christianity 101 - Room 108

### 10:45AM

Word Searchers - Room 112

Family Builders - Room 109

College Class - Room 108

This Is Not Our Home - Room 106

**Christmas Cards** - feel free to bring your Christmas cards for church members and use our indoor "mailbox" in the foyer. Check the box for ones you receive!

**Secret Sister Forms** - are available in the foyer to fill out if you would like to participate. We will draw new names in January and begin a new year of this prayer ministry.

**Liberty Quartet** - Sunday, January 7th at 6:00pm. Liberty is a Gospel group that will be sharing with us. We will be taking a Love Offering to support their ministry.

Family Christmas Evening Service - Sunday, December 17 at 6:00pm. ALL AGES are invited to join us for a fun service of a variety of Christmas songs, specials, and dramatic readings. Hot Cocoa Bar fellowship time to follow! Bring a favorite holiday treat to share.

**Indonesia Work & Witness Meeting** - Sunday, December 17th at 4:30pm. A \$300 deposit is due at the meeting.

**Ladies' Bible Study** - Starting January 9-March 12 (10 weeks) study called "Sermon on the Mount" by Jen Wilkin. In His sweeping depiction of kingdom citizenship, Jesus utters some of the most familiar passages in all of Scripture. What if we navigated these three chapters in Matthew as they were originally heard? What if we read them as one cohesive, well-ordered message, intended to challenge us to think differently about what it means to be a follower of Jesus? Come and learn from Jesus, just as His disciples did. Books are \$25 each. Sign up in the foyer if you need a book and/or childcare.

**Lost and Found** - Our Lost and Found outside the Fellowship Hall has a lot of Bibles. Please look and see if your missing Bible is there.

### Financial Update (3/1/23 - 12/14/23)

Projected Income: \$861,000

Received: \$890,614

New Scent: \$35,334

World Evangelism Fund (Faith Promise): \$47,085

**2023 Contribution Reminder:** Only those contributions actually received in the office by **December 31** or postmarked by that date may be recorded as given during the 2023 tax year. Please keep in mind that the office will be closed December 25-29. Checks received in the offering January 7 but back-dated into December are **not** considered 2023 contributions. Donors having given more than \$500 during the 2023 tax year should delay filing their tax returns until after they receive their contribution statement from the church. IRS regulations require that the contribution statement be in hand prior to filing the return. Bethel Church contribution statements will be emailed or made available by January 30, 2024. If you need a printed copy of your statement, please contact Amy in the church office.

### Christmas Services:

December 17 ~ Choir Christmas Cantata (both services)

December 17 ~ 6:00pm—Family Christmas Service & Fellowship

December 24 ~ 9:00am & 10:45am—Family Christmas Eve Sunday

(No Sunday School or Childcare)

December 24 ~ 5:00pm (new time) - Candlelight Service