

The Real Christmas ~ Part 1: Real History

Scripture: Is. 7:14; 9:6; Gen. 24:43; Matt. 1:20-25; Luke 1:34-35

- “The birth of Christ is the _____ in the history of the earth - the very thing the whole story has been about.” - C.S. Lewis

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Bethel
CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

December 21, 2025



Welcome

Christmas Choir Cantata

9:00 am - Engage 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.

The Real Christmas - Part 1: Real History

Pastor Derek Elkins

6:00pm ~ Blue Service



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WELCOME

For 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.

~ Isaiah 9:6

YOUR MINISTRY TEAM

Derek Elkins

Lead Pastor

Josh Potter

Executive Pastor

Kym Slater

Family Ministry Pastor

Weldon Shuman

Sr. Adult Pastor

Bob Cruthirds

Associate Pastor

Kaisha Vanden Bosch

Bethel Kids Director

Lydia Finger

Early Childhood Director

Nathan Díaz

Sr. High Interim

WEEKLY EVENTS

Wednesday, December 24

*Church Office is Closed
5:00pm Christmas Eve
Candlelight Service

Thursday, December 25



Friday, December 26

*Church Office is Closed

Sunday, December 28

Family Sunday

9:00am Engage Worship

10:45am Traditional Worship

*No Sunday School or childcare

*No Evening Service

Prayer Chain: Betty Gilbert (465-0439) or email 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 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 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

Blue Christmas Service ~ Sunday, December 21 at 6:00pm - Do you know someone who's having a hard time in their grief and loss this season? Are you? We hope you'll join us and invite someone to come with you to our Blue Christmas Service. We are gathering together to acknowledge the hope we have in this season, even in the midst of challenges, losses, and struggles. This service is followed by a simple soup supper.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service - Come join us for this special service at 5:00pm. We'll have candles for everyone, including battery operated candles for our littlest worshippers. We will be taking a love offering to support our Solo Mamas ministry. Collection boxes will be located near the candle table, or you can give online. Have a blessed Christmas!

Odd jobs for our Teens - Our teens are looking to raise money for Nazarene Youth Conference (NYC) in Salt Lake City, Utah. If you have any odd jobs, like leaf raking, yard clean-up, house cleaning, babysitting, etc. that you can use help with please contact KayLynn Pentecost 208-412-1967 or KayLynn@bethelnazarene.org.

Novel Ideas & Slice of Life Book Club - Thursday, January 15th at 6:30pm the assigned book is "Centennial" by James Michener. Contact Mimi Eshelman if you have any questions.

Fellowship Help - We are looking for someone to help in the Fellowship Time on 5th Sundays. If you can help please contact Jodi Severson or let us know on a Connect Card.

Christmas Cards - You can put your Christmas card on the bulletin board in the foyer for all to see or you can put them in the card box in the Fellowship Hall for this Christmas Season. Please pick up your cards by Sunday, January 4, 2026.

Fundraiser - Hire a teen to deliver your Christmas cards! Talk to Makenna Potter or Pastor Josh if you would like to try it.

Liberty Quartet in Concert - Back by popular demand! Join us on Sunday, January 4, 2026 at 6:00pm. We will be taking a love offering to support their ministry.

Lost & Found - There's lots of dishes in the kitchen and Bibles on the shelf that need to go home. Go check for yours!

2025 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 2025 tax year. Please keep in mind that the office will be closed December 31. Checks received in the offering January 4 but back-dated into December are **not** considered 2025 contributions. Donors having given more than \$500 during the 2025 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, 2025. If you don't get the email, or if you need a printed copy of your statement, please contact Amy in the church office.

Financial Update (3/1/25 - 12/18/25):

Projected Income: \$957,600

Received: \$999,792

New Scent: \$49,980

World Evangelism Fund (Faith Promise): \$53,817

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December 28th ~ Family Christmas Sunday

(No Sunday School or Childcare)