

RCC messenger

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER | ROSENDALE CHRISTIAN CHURCH | DECEMBER 2018

Live Nativity



Live Nativity at Rosendale Christian Church, Saturday & Sunday, Dec. 8 & 9 from 6-8pm. Sign up on the back table!

Candlelight Christmas Eve Service

The annual Rosendale Christian Church Candlelight Christmas Eve service will be Monday, December 24th at 9pm. Plan to attend and invite your friends and



The Miracle of Christmas

Join us in December for the Miracle of Christmas sermon series.



"She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins. "

Matt 1:21

Church Events

- Dec 2nd -Potluck Breakfast 8am & Teacher Appreciation during Worship
- Dec 5th—KICK & Momentum
- Dec 8th – Live Nativity 6-8pm
- Dec 9th – Live Nativity 6-8pm
- Dec 12th —Faith, Fiber & Fun 9am
- Dec 12th—Elder/Board Mtg 5:30 & 7PM (New Leader Orientation)
- Dec 16th Nursing Homes
- Dec 24th—Candlelight Christmas eve Svc 9pm
- Dec 29th—Momentum Night Out

The Equipper

The Equipper -- "Equipping the leaders of RCC through the plain and faithful teaching of God's word."

"And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name, JESUS, for He will save His people from their sins." Matt 1:21

The Miracle of Christmas! We toss around the word "miracle" quite a bit today. But, true miracles are rare, surprising and impossible from a human perspective. What we see happening on most days are the common and ordinary things of life. But, on some special occasions, we'll witness or at least hear about a miracle of amazing proportions! I guess that's what makes a miracle a miracle, is it's rarity. Charles Swindoll says, "If miracles happen everyday, they we would be called, 'regulars.'" Did you know that while the Bible is a book about miracles, it actually doesn't record miracles on every page. Oh, don't get me wrong! The Bible records an abundance of miracles--Creation, the Red Sea, the sun standing still for 24 hours while Joshua fought, Gideon's defeat of the Midianites with only 300 soldiers and many others. But, the bulk of miracles in the Bible typically fall into 3 major periods--Moses and the Exodus, the ministry of Elijah/Elisha and Jesus and the Apostles. There were others scattered about, but most of them fall in these 3 eras of time. Since we're talking about Christmas, we're going to focus on that last period of time--Jesus and the Apostles, but mostly Jesus. To say that the birth of Christ was a miracle may be a major understatement. My wife, Ana reminds me that all births are a miracle. That's true. But, what happened on that first Christmas was a very special miracle indeed. What set Jesus' miracle birth apart from all human births comes down to 3 things: 1.Prophecy. God showed His wisdom, power and sovereignty of Jesus' birth through the prophetic writings. God had Jesus in mind well before anyone or anything was around (Eph 1:4). But, God didn't just give us general prophecy, but specific prophecy. Someone has said, "God is in the details." No doubt. Micah 5:2 tells us that Jesus would be born in Bethlehem Ephrathah, from the tribe of Judah. He also told us that He

would be a ruler. Isaiah tells us that a Child would be born and a Son given (Is 9:6). That prophecy doesn't seem too impressive until you read on and discover what the Child, Son would grow up to be. 2.Virgin birth. I don't think any mother, from what I've read in history has ever had a child without being with a human father. It's impossible, except if God says otherwise. Isaiah prophesies in Is 7:14, that the virgin would conceive and bear a son. Then the angel dropped a huge "bomb" on Mary, telling her that the Holy Spirit would come upon her and overshadow her and that the Holy One would be born to her (Luke 1:35). The virgin birth is what makes this event of Christmas a miracle of historical proportions. If you don't have a virgin birth, then you would have a regular human baby--not God's Son. So, far, the Christmas story of Jesus fits our definition of a true, Biblical miracle--rare, surprising and impossible from a human perspective. But, wait! There's one more part of the miracle: 3.Salvation. Matt 1:21 says, "And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name, JESUS, for He will save His people from their sins." The Christmas story is a humble, beautiful and simple story of a Child being born in a feeding trough in a cave in Bethlehem. It's sad and tragic that many, many people remain in the dark as to the coming of the Messiah, the Savior of the World. But, that's why His light appeared to our dark world--to bring them out of darkness. The birth of Christ moves on 33 years to the real purpose of His coming--His death and resurrection. Jesus or Yeshua, in Hebrew means "Jehovah Saves" He came to save His people --Jew and Gentile from their sins because they couldn't and can't save themselves. In our sin, we're too proud, stubborn, unrepentant, rebellious and disobedient. But, with the power of Christ's love our hearts can be changed, lives renewed and hope secured. There's no better word for what happened at Christmas than a Miracle!!



RCC Missions

Preschool has had a great month! We talked about being thankful and the first Thanksgiving. The kids have been working hard on the letters and the sounds they make. We have learned A-I so far. We also talked about how we needed to thank God for everything we have!

- Trans World Radio
- Indian Mission-Church of God
- Salvation Army
- Andrew County Ministries
- Emmanuel Children's Home
- Grace Covenant
- 3:18 Ministries
- Heinrichs
- Chosen People
- Show Me Christian Youth Home
- Lighthouse
- Campus House Ministries
- Rapha House
- Back Pack Buddies
- Creation Truth
- Pregnancy Resource Center
- Amanda W -Thailand
- FCA-Zach Weston



Volunteers

Greeters:

- Dec 2: Richard & Jen Edwards
Dec 9: Betty Hewitt/Margaret Grace
Dec 16: Gary & Theresa Nie
Dec 23: Phil & Tatia Shahan
Dec 30: Miles & Holly Mitts

Lead Deacon:

- Dec 2: Sherri Barton
Dec 9: Michelle Grimes
Dec 16: Jennie Edwards
Dec 23: Charlotte Myers
Dec 30: Sherri Barton

Hospital Callers:

- Dec 2: Bill & Barb Elliott
Dec 9: David & Sallie Jo Potter
Dec 16: Phil & Tatia Shahan
Dec 23: Stacy Cole
Dec 30: Jim & Kathy Ray

Teachers: Nursery

- 1st Sun: Lisa Hughes & Lindsey Thomas
2nd Sun: Deb Wehr & Lauren W
3rd Sun: Toni Hurst & Amanda K
4th Sun: Judy Lewis & Audrey K

Children's Moments:

- 1st Sun: Edith Thereau
2nd Sun: Tracie Warder
3rd Sun: Nova Hughes
4th Sun: John Boles

Preschool Craft:

- 1st Sun:
2nd Sun: Shanna Brincks & Brylie B
3rd Sun: Shannon Schuman & Tyler S
4th Sun:

K-1-2 Craft

- 1st Sun: Amy Nester & Kendall N
2nd Sun: Holly Mitts & Audrey K
3rd Sun:
4th Sun: Andrea Schildnkecht & Amanda K

Dec Communion: Nothstine Family



RCC Youth News

YOUTH NEWSLETTER DECEMBER 2018

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The Event

This crew plays some serious dodgeball! While attending The Event at Ozark Christian College in Joplin, MO, most of our crew engaged in raucous game of caged dodge ball that also had basketball elements. Sound wild, it was!! During the weekend we



L to R: Nic , Nick , Daniel , Faith , Jade , Carlie , Audrey , Alaina

enjoyed the main sessions where the up and coming band Carrollton led worship (You should check out their music) and was challenged to rest from Psalms 23 by speaker Chad Monahan. These students are a joy to hang out with. I loved the small group discussion times we had with each other, you really get to see their hearts and the way God is working in them. Thanks to Nicole Keck for being our lady leader for the trip. Rich <><

Mark your calendar:

- ⇒ December 5: KICK & MomentuM
- ⇒ December 12: KICK Only
- ⇒ December 19: KICK & MomentuM
- ⇒ December 26: No KICK or Momentum Merry Christmas!
- ⇒ December 29: MomentuM Christmas Night Out

Night Out

MomentuM Night Out

MomentuM students, mark your calendar for December 29th. We will be having our Annual Christmas Break Night Out. Plans are to go Ice Skating, Dinner, and a scavenger hunt. Details will be announced on Messenger and at meetings.

Thank You

Just wanted to share a personal note of thanks for the way our congregation goes out of its way to bless me and my family. Pastor Appreciation month is always a highlight to the calendar. I love the gifts and donations that come in and they are a huge blessing, but most of all I love the notes of encouragement that you take time to write. I love serving with all of you. I echo Paul's sentiments in Phil. 1:4-6. Rich <><

December 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4	5 KICK Momentum Women's Study	6	7	8
9 Men's Study 6:30am	10	11	12 Faith, Fiber & Fun 9am KICK Elder/Board 5:30/7pm	13	14	15
16 Nursing Homes	17	18	19 KICK Momentum Women's Study	20	21 Winter Begins	22
23	24 Candle- light Christmas Eve Svc 9pm	25 Merry Christmas!	26	27	28	29 Momentum Night Out
30 Men's Study 6:30am	31 New Year's Exe					



ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS

From all of us at Rosendale Christian Church

