

RCC *messenger*

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER | ROSENDALE CHRISTIAN CHURCH | DECEMBER 2019

Live Nativity



Live Nativity at Rosendale Christian Church, Saturday & Sunday, Dec. 7 & 8 from 6-8pm. Sign up on the back table!

Why Christmas?

Join us in December for the Why Christmas? sermon series.

"Glory to God in the highest, And on earth peace, goodwill toward men."

Luke 2:14

Candlelight Christmas Eve Service

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



Church Events

- Dec 4th—KICK & Momentum
- Dec 7th – Live Nativity 6-8pm
- Dec 8th—Men's Study 6:30am
- Dec 8th – Live Nativity 6-8pm
- Dec 11th—Elder/Board Mtg 5:30 & 7PM (New Leader Orientation)
- Dec 15^h Caroling at Nursing Homes
- Dec 24th—Candlelight Christmas eve Svc 9pm
- Dec 25th – Merry Christmas!
- Dec 29th—Men's Study 6:30am

The Equipper

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

"Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits, whether they are of God; because many false prophets have gone out in the world." I John 4:1

Which Spirit Do You Listen To? It would be easy and safe if there was only the Holy Spirit that talked and taught us. Unfortunately, that's not the case. We know the Holy Spirit would and does speak truth to us, enlighten our minds to understand, comforts us in our troubles and empowers us to obey. But, He's not the only one out there trying to communicate with us. John says that we're not to "believe every spirit, but test the spirits. Apparently, there are a myriad of spirits out there with voices that seek our attention and belief. Every believer, whether you have the gift of discernment or not, needs to exercise the gift of discerning between the Holy Spirit and the unholy spirits. How do we know which spirit is speaking the truth? 1. We're to think critically. That doesn't mean to be "critical". It means to think patiently, thoughtfully and wisely about what we hear. We're not to naively believe everything that we hear. Unfortunately, some believers are. That's dangerous. Just being aware that not every person, teacher, friend and even every pastor is going to speak the truth to you is a good first step to take. 2. We are to test the spirits. We're to make the spirits validate themselves, prove themselves to be authentic, truthful, etc. Prov 14:15 says, "The simple believes every word, but the prudent considers well his steps." We can't be blindly accepting and agreeing with everything we hear. We need to be prudent and consider what we're listening to and take the proper steps to seek out the truth. The biggest step believers can take to test the spirits is to measure their words by Scripture. The Bible is our measuring rod, our yardstick for truth. The simple way to detect something that is in error, is to know what is not error--that is the Scriptures. I believe many believers are struggling to discern the spirits, because they don't really have a firm

grip on the truths of the Bible. I'm not trying to be critical of Christians. But, we have to wake-up to the very real attack on the truth of the Bible. If we don't know what it says, we will not defend it very well and fall prey to the false teachers that are out there. We have to pray that God will give us all a greater hunger and thirst for righteousness, for truth! "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be filled." (Matt 5:6). When the U.S. Mint trains their employees to discern counterfeit money, they don't teach them what the counterfeit money looks like. They teach them to know the authentic bills and currency, so as soon as a fake bill pops up, they'll recognize it immediately. The same goes for us believers when it comes to having an intimate knowledge of God's word. We don't need to spend hours and hours studying the world's religions (Islam, Buddhism, Hinduism, Judaism, etc) and the cults (Mormons, Jehovah Witnesses). We probably need to know some of their beliefs, but the bulk of our time should be in God's Word! There are these and many more deceiving and destructive spirits out there. John says there are many false prophets in the world. And, that was in the 1st century. There are many more today and majority of them are going to focus on these errant teachings--works righteousness (you can save yourself), Gnosticism (a belief in a higher knowledge), Legalism (you have to do certain things to go to heaven) and even, Judaism (the belief that Jews will be saved because they're Jewish). On the surface, these teachings sound good and convincing but, they're from the devil. What it comes down is that people put teachers around them to tickle their ears--to make them feel good. (2 Tim 4:2-4). Our goal is not to feel good, but to know the truth!



We had a great month in November!
We finally got all of our preschool pictures taken. There are still 20 kids enrolled. We continue to work on our letters/sounds and have made it to K so far. Our Bible lesson for the month was Being Thankful for everything. The year is zooming by!



RCC Missions

- 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 1: Betty Hewitt/Margaret Grace
Dec 8: Roberta Schneider
Dec 15: Wehr Family
Dec 22: Larry & Pat Carr
Dec 29: Bill & Barb Elliott

Lead Deacon:

Dec 1: Lisa Hughes
Dec 8: Jean McGuire
Dec 15: Sallie Jo Potter
Dec 22: Phil Shahan
Dec 29: Lisa Hughes

Hospital Callers:

Dec 1: Gary & Theresa Nie
Dec 8: Bill & Barb Elliott
Dec 15: Phil & Tatia Shahan
Dec 22: Stacy Cole
Dec 29: Richard & Marjorie Taylor

Teachers: Nursery

1st Sun: Susan Haist
2nd Sun: Deb Wehr & Lauren W
3rd Sun: Breanna Ellis & Autumn
4th Sun: Judy Lewis & Amanda K
5th Sun: Lisa Hughes & Lindsey Thomas

Children's Moments:

1st Sun: Sallie Jo Potter
2nd Sun: Sallie Jo Potter
3rd Sun: Holly Mitts
4th Sun: John Boles
5th Sun: Richard & Jen Edwards

Children's Church Craft

1st Sun: Brylie Brincks
2nd Sun: Judy Lewis
3rd Sun: Shannon Schuman & Tyler
4th Sun: Holly Mitts & Audrey K
5th Sun: Frieda Houston & Amanda

Dec Communion: Nothstine Family



RCC Youth News

YOUTH NEWSLETTER DECEMBER 2019

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MomentuM

As I prepare this Newsletter update for December, it is still November and am reminded to be thankful. I'm thankful for the adult leaders that pour into these kids. I'm thankful for the groups that faithfully and skillfully supply a meal for our students ever meeting. I'm thankful for the students who challenge and inspire me. I'm thankful that when my Dad passed, I found a plant at the funeral home from MomentuM. My heart melted! Rich <><

KICK

KICK is still going like a wildfire. We see about 40-

50 kids each week who are ready to do about anything we challenge them with.

On November 20th, our meeting was very special.

Mason Nester's wish was to be baptized at KICK as a witness to his friends and family. As you can see from the pictures, it happened and was an incredible

moment for all that were there! Way to go, Mason and thank you God for your redeeming grace.



Mark your calendar:

December 4:
KICK &
MomentuM

December
11: KICK

December
18: Kick &
MomentuM

December
25: *Merry*

Christmas

January 2:
MomentuM
night out!!!

December 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4 KICK Momentum	5	6	7 Live Nativity 6- 8pm
8 Men's Study 6:30am Live Nativity 6- 8pm	9	10	11 KICK Elder/Board 5:30/7pm	12	13	14 NA Football Team Dinner
15 Caroling at Nursing Homes	16	17	18 KICK Momentum	19	20	21
22 Winter Begins <hr/> 29 Men's Study 6:30am	23 <hr/> 30	24 Candlelight Christmas Eve Svc 9pm <hr/> 31 New Year's Eve	25 Merry Christmas!	26	27	28

ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS

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