

▶ SERMON NOTES



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"CELEBRATION"
LUKE 2:1-21

▶ MRBC UPDATES

- ▶ **CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE:** December 24th at 5pm. Come celebrate with us as we reflect on our Saviour's birth at our candlelight service. This is a great opportunity to invite your friends and family as well! Invites are available at the Next Steps Center.
- ▶ **YEAR END GIVING:** If you want to get your year-end tax-deductible donation in before 2020 arrives, we are opening the office Monday, Dec 30th and Tuesday, Dec 31st for any last-minute giving.
- ▶ **SLUMBER SQUAD SUNDAY:** Next week Dec 29 we would love to have your kids join us downstairs for a movie and cereal. We will watch "The Star" together. This is open to kids in grades K-4. Preschoolers are welcome, but only if accompanied by an adult. Please check kids in as normal, but drop them off BEFORE the start of service in the Lower Auditorium. Kids are welcome to come in their Christmas pyjamas.
- ▶ **DISCIPLESHIP OPPORTUNITIES:** Grow with us in January! A new term of groups, classes, Alpha, Discipleship 101 Lunch are coming—there's something for everyone! Visit our "Next Steps" desk for info and mark your calendars for January 12th for a sign-up in the lobby after service.
- ▶ **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** Volunteers needed! We are looking for help on Thursday nights for discipleship ministry in the new year. Are you willing to help with Alpha (as host or leader)? Hospitality in the lobby (greeting, coffee bar)? A supportive role for classes / groups that are meeting? Do you have a heart for prayer ministry? If you're interested in any of the above, please contact Pastor Gary at the office or by emailing gary@ridgebaptist.ca to find out more.
- ▶ **LET'S GET OUR...LEGO!?:** Would you like to bless our youth and kids ministry this Christmas? We are looking for donations of LEGO. LEGO is a great tool to use as a teaching aid. We use LEGO to help kids who are hands-on learners to understand the story (for example, when Nehemiah rebuilt the walls of Jerusalem). LEGO is a great tool. If you can bless us by donating either used or new LEGO sets, we would appreciate it!

▶ MINISTRY FOCUS

- ▶ **CHILDRENS:** Newsflash. Jesus came as a baby! I'm sure you knew that. This means we have a Saviour who understands kids and most importantly, loves kids. This month in Ridgekids, we have been learning how Jesus came as a baby. This means that at some point he was also 6, 7 or 8! We quickly skip over to Jesus starting His ministry, forgetting He was a kid. If anyone felt like they did not belong, it was Jesus - He belonged with His Father in Heaven. If anyone knew He was different from others His age, it was Jesus. If anyone felt the pain of others, it was Jesus. Kids need to know Jesus is not another adult who just gives them a set of rules. He was a kid, and that means they can go to Him with any request or hurt and He understands. Make Jesus real to the kids in your home!

"Here is how you will know I am telling you the truth. You will find a baby wrapped in strips of cloth and lying in a manger." Matthew 2:12

▶ PRAYER REQUESTS

- ▶ Please be in prayer for our church and for the following individuals/families:
 - Christianne Morton
 - Carol Ann Thibodeau
 - Helen Reitsma
 - Kim Adams
 - Joy Elcheshen
 - Margaret Levitt
 - Wick Family

▶ PRAYER SCHEDULE

SUNDAY	9:30am	Pre-Service Prayer
TUESDAY	6:00am 7:00am	Men's Prayer Men's Prayer
WEDNESDAY	7:00am 11:00am 7:00pm	Women's Prayer Adult Prayer Church-wide Prayer