

Los Altos Church of Christ

"...being of the same mind, maintaining the same love,
united in spirit, intent on one purpose." *Philippians 2:2*

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This Sunday...Over Ruled

All who have watched courtroom dramas on TV have heard these words...“over ruled”. They’ve been uttered countless times by the man who has the power in the courtroom. Herod was a man who thought he had the power. He would soon find out that he was going to be over ruled.



Wednesday Night Fellowship...Dinner at 6:30 and the video is at 7, Max Lucado’s “The Message of the Manger”

1 Chapter...4 Days...3 Weeks

Set aside **four days** during the week to read the book of **Philipeans**. As you read the chapter one on the first day, **pick a verse** that stands out to you and **decide** how you can put that verse into practice. **Next day**, read chapter 2 and so on. By the end of the week you’ll have read through the entire book. The next week, do it over again but pick a different verses to focus on. Do that each week to work up to our series on Philipeans that we will begin on January 2.

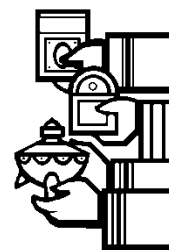
PRAYERS *Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:6-7*

- Jill is having lumbar decompression surgery on December 9. She will have limited movement for 6 weeks.

Continue to pray Jeff’s mother...Patti...the Townsend family...Jennifer and John...Peggy Spivey’s back problems...Judy McClure...Howie’s outreach...Amber’s step-father and sister...Terry Shipp...the Jang family... Lu... Autumn and Brooke...Mike and Sharon... Christine’s mother... Berry... Barbara... Gwen and her son Caleb... City of Children... Healing Hands International... Japhet’s work in Zimbabwe...and New Hope Uganda.

Sunday, December 19...Special Christmas service...11:00

As usual, bringing up gifts will be part of the service. We will be sending them again to Mountain States Christian Home in Longmont, Colorado. **We ask that you only bring gift cards.** Ideas for gifts cards: Target, Walmart, Kohls, and JCPenney.



We Need Christmas
By Matthew West

I read a troubling newspaper article titled, “How the Supply Chain Broke, and Why it Won’t be Fixed Anytime Soon.” Another headline called our world’s crisis an “everything shortage.” From automobiles to groceries, there is no shortage of, well shortages, these days Burger King even posted a sign on one of its stores saying, “Sorry, no french fries with any order. We have no potatoes.” A fast-food restaurant with no french fries? These truly are unprecedented times! Meanwhile, we are experiencing a massive surplus of one thing: Bad news! The abundance of bad news can make us feel like the “everything shortage” extends beyond just material things.

Hope is hard to see.
Peace is in short supply.
Love seems to be at an all-time low.
Joy seems nowhere to be found.

That’s why we need Christmas. Christmastime reminds us that while toilet paper and Clorox wipes may occasionally run low on grocery store shelves, God promised an endless supply of life’s real essentials, and He delivered on that promise in the form of a Savior born in a manger. I love the words spoken by an angel who appeared to shepherds in Luke chapter 2, “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will bring great joy to all the people.” The “good news” was the birth of Jesus! The angel then says, “You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.” The angel’s instructions to the shepherds are the same directions we can follow this December.

Desperate for hope? You will find Him lying in a manger.
Searching for peace? You will find Him lying in a manger.
Looking for love? You will find him lying in a manger.
Experiencing a shortage of joy? You will find Him lying in a manger.

This December, let’s set aside the surplus of bad news and let our hearts be reminded of the “good news” we have in a Savior. This world needs Christmas because this world needs Jesus. And we will find all that our hearts need “lying in a manger.”

Time For A Laugh:

