

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...Searching For Springtime

Winter comes to each of us at some time. Some winters are global, some personal, but all are powerful. And the questions are all too common: will this winter ever pass? Is God near? Does he care? What's really happening when God seems silent? The story of Esther reveals that though God may be quiet, he is quietly at work. There are times when we don't see his hand, but Esther shows us God is in the details. This Sunday we close out the year with a new series by Max Lucado.



Bringing Our Gifts To Jesus...Gift cards won't be sent out until January so there is still time to get them to Jeff to be mailed. Ideas for gifts cards: Target, Walmart, Kohls, JC Penney and Amazon.

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*

Continue to pray those diagnosed with Covid: Bubba, Sheila Howell, Mike Rosenthal, Don and John Beckwith, Larry and Francis Cornejo (Rachel's in-laws) ... John and Jennifer...Terry (Rosique) Benson ...Roger Townsend...Tim's heart condition...Berry... Jeff's mother...Blake... Jene's hand...Christine's mother...Bill Spivey ... Allen Sawyers...The Britton Family ... Barbara... Sadie Smith... Gwen and her son Caleb... Emmy Creswick... Jene's friend, Jim Thorpe... Lu...City of Children... Healing Hands International... Japhet's work in Zimbabwe...and New Hope Uganda.

Thoughts about Christmas

*The great challenge left to us is to cut through all the glitz and glam of the season that has grown increasingly secular and commercial, and be reminded of the beauty of the One who is Christmas.
- Bill Crowder*

The giving of gifts is not something man invented. God started the giving spree when He gave a gift beyond words, the unspeakable gift of His Son. - Robert Flatt

The story of Christmas is the story of God's relentless love for us. - Max Lucado

The Son of God became a man to enable men to become sons of God. - C.S. Lewis

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men. - Luke 2:14

Christmas is the time to talk about Love By Steve Ridgell

It is probably the most famous Bible verse, John 3:16. God loved the world so much that He gave His only Son. If you believe in Jesus you get to live forever with God. If not, you perish.

That is the essence of the baby Jesus story so many tell at Christmas. Good news of eternal life. Saved from our sins. God's love. One of the things I do like about Christmas is all the talk about love. Love seen in the amazing truth that God's own son came into this world. A Savior was born.

And no matter how many times I hear about it, I am always overwhelmed by the fact that God could love me that much. O holy night. It is the night of the dear Savior's birth. My soul does feel worthy because of the love of God.

The amazing and wonderful story of love. It is not just a Christmas story. It is an everyday story. Every day until Jesus returns to claim his own.

God loved you enough to send His Son to live among us. His son Jesus loved us enough to die for our sins. If you believe, you will live forever.

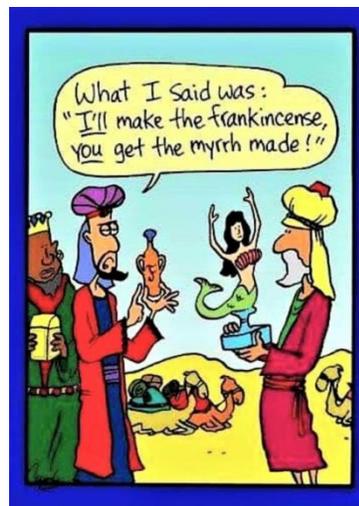
That is the Christmas message. And the day after Christmas message. Live that love if you are a believer. Share the good news of that love with those who do not believe. That love leads to hope, joy, and peace.

Forever.

Christmas Laughs



Thanks to Dad Hengeveld (See Luke 2:1-16) 12-20-2001
SORRY FOLKS, WE'RE BOOKED SOLID ... GOD
HIMSELF COULDN'T GET A ROOM HERE TONIGHT



There will be no bulletin the next two weeks