

Sunday, December 22, 2013

There are 10 days until January 1, 2014 –

Let's choose to make the most of them!

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THIS MONTH at MISSIONS CHURCH Orlando

December 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 MCO Sunday Services* 10 AM	2	3 MCO Corporate Prayer 7-9 PM	4	5	6	7
8 MCO Sunday Services* 10 AM	9	10 MCO Corporate Prayer 7-9 PM	11	12	13	14
15 MCO Sunday Services* 10 AM	16	17 MCO Corporate Prayer 7-9 PM	18	19	20	21
22 MCO Sunday Services* 10 AM	23 MCO Corporate Prayer 7-9 PM	24 Christmas Eve	25 Christmas	26	27 Boxing Day Party 7 PM *****	28
29 MCO Sunday Services* 10 AM	30 MCO Corporate Prayer 7-9 PM	31 New Year's Eve				

MISSIONS CHURCH Orlando Special Events

***Sunday, 12/22 at 6PM – City Beautiful Christmas Musical–** change in event & venue!!! Nathan Hattan is singing in The City Beautiful Christmas Choir and we want go and support him. Afterwards, we'll get dinner and maybe enjoy a stroll around Lake Eola. City Beautiful meets at SAK Theater at 29 S Orange Avenue, Orlando, FL 32801.

****Friday, 12/27 at 7 PM – 2nd annual Boxing Day Party –** Church office. Bring your favorite hors d'oeuvre, finger food, dessert or non-alcoholic beverage plus a fun gift under \$10 for our gift exchange. Re-gifting encouraged!

Change your life daily thru awareness, admission, an action plan and accountability. Consider reading through the Bible in 2014 with MCO and *read thru in 52!* Sign up today!

We must win the lost at any cost because people last forever!



Helping People Go From
Simply Surviving → **Actively Thriving**
Through a Personal Relationship with
Jesus Christ

Everything We Have Need of is Found In Him!

Jesus was a man who claimed to be God. Think about this for a moment. If this were true, how would it change the way you thought, felt or lived your life?

No one is more loved or hated than Jesus. This is not surprising, since He's the most famous person in all of human history. More songs have been sung to Him, artwork created of Him, and books written about Him than anyone who's ever lived. Even our calendar is based on His life, dividing time before and after Him.

Naturally, someone this important will have fans and foes. A lot of people have an idea of who Jesus is. They may get this idea from TV or movies, maybe from past church experience and Sunday school felt boards, from history books, or maybe from just hearsay. Just because we have ideas of who Jesus is doesn't mean we actually know Him.

At Missions Church Orlando, we believe that Jesus is God. We take Him at His word. Everything we do is all about Jesus. We invite you to learn more about this man who is God and how you can find new life and forgiveness in Him.



Scripture Focus

Isaiah 7:14 NKJV

¹⁴ Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel (God with us).

Matthew 1:18-24 NKJV

This is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be with child through the Holy Spirit. Because Joseph her husband was a righteous man and did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly. But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. 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." All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: "The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and they will call Him Immanuel"—which means, "God with us." When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took Mary home as his wife.

Unto us a child has been born, a Son given...

Luke 1:35 Good News Translation, Lexham English Bible & NKJV

²⁶ Now in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, ²⁷ to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸ And having come in, the angel said to her, "Rejoice, highly favored one, the Lord is with you; blessed are you among women!"

²⁹ But when she saw *him* she was troubled at his saying, and considered what manner of greeting this was. ³⁰ Then the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. ³¹ And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bring forth a Son, and shall call His name JESUS. ³² He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Highest; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David. ³³ And He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom there will be no end."

³⁴ Then Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I do not know a man?" ³⁵ The angel answered and said to Mary, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you and the power of the Most High will over-shadow and rest upon you. For this reason the One to be born to you will be called holy, the Son of God."

Luke 2:8-20 The Message & JB Phillips New Testament

There were shepherders camping in the neighborhood. They had set night watches over their sheep. Suddenly, God's angel stood among them and God's glory blazed around them. They were terrified. The angel said, "Don't be afraid. I'm here to announce a great and joyful event that is meant for everybody, worldwide: Listen, this very day, in David's town, a Saviour has been born for you. He is Christ, the Lord. Let this prove it to you: you will find a baby, wrapped up and lying in a manger."

And in a flash there appeared with the angel a vast host of the armies of Heaven, praising God, saying, "Glory to God in the highest Heaven! Peace upon earth among men of goodwill!"

As the angel choir withdrew into heaven, the shepherders talked it over. "Let's get over to Bethlehem as fast as we can and see for ourselves what God has revealed to us." They left,

running, and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in the manger. Seeing was believing. They told everyone they met what the angels had said about this child. And those who heard them were amazed at what they said. The shepherders went back to work, glorifying and praising God for everything that they had heard and seen, which had happened just as they had been told.

Isaiah 9:6-7 The Message

For a child has been born—for us!

the gift of a son—for us!

He'll take over

the running of the world.

His names will be: Amazing Counselor,

Strong God,

Eternal Father,

Prince of Wholeness.

His ruling authority will grow,

and there'll be no limits to the wholeness he brings.

He'll rule from the historic David throne

over that promised kingdom.

He'll put that kingdom on a firm footing

and keep it going

With fair dealing and right living,

beginning now and lasting always.

The zeal of GOD-of-the-Angel-Armies

will do all this.

Prayer Starter

- Jesus – the most wonderful name of all
- The only name that brings freedom
- When I speak Your name
- Mountains move, chains are loosed
- When I speak Your name
- Darkness flees for it has no hold on me
- Jesus – the most beautiful name I know
- Holy and exalted One – be exalted higher & higher
- Jesus, You alone have the power to save, heal & deliver. Do what You love to do in my life and the lives of those I love and those I've yet to meet