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Sunday School...9:45 AM...Sunday Morning Service...11:00 AM

Wednesday Evening Bible Study & Prayer...7:00 PM

## December 20, 2020



**Welcome to our visitors!** Our deepest desire is to bring glory to God through lives changed by the powerful Gospel of Jesus Christ. We pray that our church will be a place where you can experience the love of God.

### **THROUGH FEBRUARY - 11:00 WORSHIP SERVICE ONLY**

Our congregation will continue only meeting for Sunday Morning Worship service (11:00 AM) through February. Our ministry leaders encourage distancing 6 feet apart and wearing of masks.

### **ZOOM CHRISTMAS SPECIAL WEDNESDAY AT 7:00 PM**

A reminder of our Bible Study Wednesday Evenings at 7:00 on **Zoom**. Contact Pastor Glenn with your email address and you will receive the Zoom meeting link in advance each week. Those some distance away are welcome to take part.

### **CHRISTMAS GREETING FROM PASTOR WOOD**

A most blessed Christmas and a New Year filled with God's Peace and Joy to Pastors Glenn Dryden, Gary Williams, officers of the Church and the Saints!!

I want all of you to know what a great blessing you have been down though the years to Sister Wood and I and Kings Crossing Community Church of God.

The out-pouring of love and sympathy has brought much comfort and hope to me and my family. Be assured of my continued love and support in the coming days.

May the New Year be filled with God's love and grace!!

Love and prayers,  
Pastor Emeritus Jennings Byron Wood

### **A CHALLENGE FOR 2021!**

Begin reading the Bible through! Here is one way: place bookmarks in the Bible at three places: Genesis, Job and Matthew. By reading one chapter from each of these sections every day, you will read the Old Testament once and the New Testament twice in about eighteen months. A balanced reading of the Bible calls for reading the Old and New Testaments simultaneously.

### **MISSIONS-MINDED**

#### **December 11 Message from Pastor K. Bobby Emmanuel in India:**

*Precious greetings in the gracious name of our Lord.*

*The Lord had done great things in FE ministry during these months. These are the blessed achievements that we have achieved through your prayers even in Corona pandemic time. We to wish to bring some good tidings among many.*

*This report was shared by pastor John Mark Opendoor Church.*

*He said that the Lord has given two more souls in this year. Previously four New souls were added now in the month of November 29th one couple is Baptized. All together 6 New souls are coming to the Church services. The Church is strengthening with new souls. The Church ministry is developing and saints are more consecrated for the service of the Lord. The Church building's renovation work was completed. Total flooring is changed with new things. Previously the flooring was damaged and not comfortable to sit. Now the flooring is fixed with ceramic tiles with pleasant colours. Because of flood waters the building foundation was also damaged and there were some breaches in the walls. By the grace of God through your prayerful support all the renovation work is completed. Now white wash work is going on. It's also almost finished. we pay our ardent thanks for all your kind help for this good work. Please pray for Sister Ratnamma member of Opendoor who cooperated in this work by supplying food for the workers.*

*With thankful hearts, Your Bondservants, Bobby, Jonse and John Mark*

### **SAVE THE DATE – ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING**

**Sunday afternoon, February 7, 2021, 2:00 PM.**

Your participation in the business of our congregation is important and a part of your stewardship. Take advantage of this opportunity.

### **THOUGHT:**

The beauty of Christmas is not in the presents but in His presence!

**(Please turn to the back of the bulletin....)**

## REMEMBER THOSE WHO ARE LESS FORTUNATE

There are families around us who are in need. You may help them by donating either non-perishable food items or personal care items (e.g. soap, toothpaste, deodorant, cleaning supplies, etc.). A box will be in the foyer through the end of the month for collection of such items. You also may arrange with the Drydens to drop off items at the parsonage. Contributions will be delivered to needy church members and/or to area food banks. Thanks for giving!

## SCRIPTURE:

And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

**Luke 2:10-11 KJV**

## THE BIRTH OF JESUS

The birth of Jesus is the sunrise of the Bible. Towards this point the aspirations of the prophets and the poems of the psalmists were directed as the heads of flowers are turned toward the dawn. From this point a new day began to flow very silently over the world – a day of faith and freedom, a day of hope and love. When we remember the high meaning that has come into human life and the clear light that has flooded softly down from the manger-cradle in Bethlehem of Judea, we do not wonder that mankind has learned to reckon history from the birthday of Jesus, and to date all events by the years before or after the Nativity of Christ.

-Henry Van Dyke, "The Birth of Jesus," The Book of Jesus (New York: Simon & Schuster, 1996), edited by Calvin Miller, p. 168.

The Lord's supper comes to us like a ring plucked off from Christ's finger, or a bracelet from his arm; or rather like his picture from his breast, delivered to us with such words as these, "As oft as you look on this, remember me." -John Flavel

## Galatians 3:1

*O foolish Galatians, who hath bewitched you, that ye should not obey the truth, before whose eyes Jesus Christ hath been evidently set forth, crucified among you?*

"It is to be observed that the Galatians, here addressed, were not Jews; neither had they been dwellers in Jerusalem, when Christ

died upon the cross. It was not therefore true of them, any more than of ourselves, that, with the bodily eye, they had beheld Jesus crucified. If the Savior had been evidently set forth before the Galatians, sacrificed for sin, it could only have been in the same manner as he is set before us, through the preaching of the word, and the administration of the sacraments. There was no engine brought to bear on the Galatians, except that of the miracles which the first teachers wrought, which is not also brought to bear upon us; and the miracles were of no avail, except to the making good points on which we profess ourselves already convinced. If therefore the very gospel which St. Paul preached, be preached in our hearing, and the very sacraments which he administered, be administered in our assemblies, it may be said of us, with as much propriety as of the Galatians, that 'Jesus Christ hath been evidently set forth, crucified among us.'

**"The greater distance at which we stand from the introduction of Christianity does not necessarily occasion any greater indistinctness in the exhibition of the Savior.** It was not the proximity of the Galatians to the time of the crucifixion which caused Christ to appear as though crucified among them: for once let a truth become an object of faith, not of sight, and it must make way by the same process at different times -- there may be diversity in the evidence by which it is sustained, there is none in the manner in which it is apprehended."

-from Henry Melvill, "The Unnaturalness of Disobedience to The Gospel," One Hundred Revival Sermons and Outlines (New York: Richard R. Smith, Inc., 1930), compiled by Frederick Barton, p. 202

  
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