

THE SUMMIT

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Christmas Eve EVE Service

Friday December 23 @
6:30pm-7:30pm

This year we're doing Christmas Eve a day early with our annual Christmas Eve service.

Bring your family and friends out to The Summit for an evening of Christmas music and musings.



December Prayer Focus

During this month, let us pray together that our lives may be a testimony of the grace shown to us through Christ's birth, death and resurrection. When it comes to our relationships, the core of the gospel is the message of reconciliation (2 Corinthians 5:18-21). Let us seek harmony and continue praying for resolution among those bearing the pain of broken families or relationships. And let us remember those in need of love, of hope, and of the gospel's transforming power in their lives.

Pastor's Note

"For unto us a child is born..." Isaiah 9:6a

Such a simple statement, yet so profound and life changing. For those of us who've had a child born, we know the excitement that comes and the precious gift that they are to us. And at times I think we read these words "a child is born" and picture Jesus cute and cuddly, all wrapped up in a manger. We see the child and forget what this all really means.

I have a picture up in my office with me and my boys. In it, I'm holding Deklyn as a newborn. He's looking directly in my eyes, me in his. I can tell you now that I remember how I felt at that

moment; complete love and amazement at this precious gift. But looking at this picture right now, my mind is wondering what Deklyn must be thinking. Is he wondering how popular I am, is he wondering how rich I am, is he wondering how many toys I'll give him ... I don't think so. I'd like to think that when he's looking into my eyes he's simply wondering if I'll always love him and be committed to him. Those thoughts cause me to see the Christ Child in a different light.

Jesus Christ is absolutely the most precious gift we've ever been given. He's God's only Son. He willingly sacrificed his life so that we could live. He's not looking for 'ooohhs and aaahhs'. He's not looking for you to be famous or rich. He's looking for your

whole life commitment to Him, this is the most precious gift we could give Him.

The magi travelled far to bring various gifts to Jesus the child, but we don't have to travel very far at all, He's right here, and the only gift He desires from us is a life of total love and commitment to His Lordship. Maybe you've been seeing the child as only a child and missing the fact that He is the KING of KINGS and the LORD of LORDS and that He wants your life.

Will this be the year that you finally give Him what He's looking for? His arms are open and ready to receive you and the most precious gift you could give!

Pastor Jeremy

