

*Jennings Road Church of Christ*  
*1124 Jennings Road, Van Wert, OH*  
[www.jenningsroad.org](http://www.jenningsroad.org)

*Pastor David Ray, Jr.*  
*December, 2016*



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**Happy Christmas!**  
**December 2016 Sermon Series**

What if you aren't someone that looks forward to celebrating the birth of Jesus? How could we convince someone that Jesus being born, living on Earth actually matters to them...whether they think it does or not? Maybe this will be the Christmas your non-believing friends and family celebrate His birth like never before...by seeing themselves in the four women mentioned in the genealogy of Jesus.

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**Tamar – Hurt**

**Matt 1:3**

Would you like to be related to a woman that disguised herself as a hooker to seduce your great-how-ever-many-grandpa into sleeping with her, just so she could have a baby? Yet, Jesus is related to this person! Why would God want that on his resume? The same reason he wants you and your story on His as well.

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**Rahab – Hiding**

**Matt 1:5a**

Speaking of prostitutes, Rahab is perhaps the most famous one in all of the Bible...and yet she, too is related to Jesus. Even better, she's the great-great-grandmother to King David! Why would God want to be connected to a woman who sold her body for money? According to the apostle Paul, because of her faith! What if you saw yourself as a person of great faith instead of a great screw up?

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**Ruth – Homeless**

**Matt 1:5b**

Life is incredibly unfair to Ruth. She has to leave her home when her husband has to find work in a foreign land as famine has hit hard. She goes from losing her home as she also loses her husband, who suddenly dies. What do we do when we find ourselves lost and alone? Look for God to redeem us!

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**Mary - Hallelujah!**

**Matt 1:16**

Finally, the woman that the birth of Jesus cannot be without, Mary...the unwed teenager that has her life turned upside down. Ever feel like all your problems are God's fault? Mary can relate, but if you can take her story and see what she turns it into it will change your life forever.

*JRCC Youth...*



*Where in the world is...*



*Carmen SanDiego...?!?*

*No! Josh Sharninghouse! ☺*

*No Youth News this month...  
please stay tuned next month,  
to see what is coming in 2017!!*



## **Prayer Requests & Praises**

*Pastor Dave - health*  
*Rosie Miracle - health*  
*Jerry Miracle - health*  
*Chris Bashore -cancer*  
*Jerry Smith - health*  
*Christian Niece – cancer*  
*Jenny Glaze – health*  
*Ralph Jessee – health*  
*Kathy Keltner – recovery from a fall*  
*Donna Klinger – Lupus*  
*Deb Bledsoe – recovery from shoulder surgery*  
*Alicia Voors – recovery from heart surgery*  
*Wilma Peterson – Parkinson’s disease*  
*Mike Cheesbro – Stage 4 Esophageal Cancer*  
*All cancer patients..*  
*Unspoken prayers...*

*Please let Anita Searl know if anyone needs  
to be removed or added to the prayer request list.  
Thank you!*

*Jeffrey Kinner – Navy – Deployed*  
*Josh Ray – Marines – Deployed*  
*Ryan Munoz – Marines – San Diego, CA*  
*Please remember all military men, women, Veterans and their families!*





## **December Birthdays**

12/3 Jordan White  
 12/14 Shae Hines  
 12/16 Earl Bledsoe  
 12/18 Arica Wermer  
 12/21 Rosie Miracle  
 12/26 Candy Clay



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### ***A note from Pastor Dave...***

As you may know, Christmas falls on a Sunday this year. As we have done in the past, JRCC will not have services on Sunday morning, December 25th. Instead, we will expand our Christmas Eve service on the 24th to include offering and communion, with a little longer service than usual. That service will begin at 7pm, and will conclude with our Candlelight Vigil! Make plans now.

December 11th is special for many reasons, but the most important: that's the day of JRCC's Ugly Christmas Sweater Celebration! Have a shirt that others groan at when they see it at Christmas time? Perfect! Now you'll have a place to wear it AND be celebrated! (Also - it's the return of Selfie Sunday!)



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**Sunday School 9:00 a.m. / Worship 10:00 a.m.**  
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**Pastor:** David Ray, Jr.  
**Elders:** Keith Langdon Earl Bledsoe Matt Langdon

**Ministry Leaders**

**Music/Worship:** Matt Langdon  
**Administrative:** Anita Searl  
**Maintenance/Servers:** Greg Roberts  
**Financials:** Johnna Roberts  
**Hospitality:** Jamie Ramos  
Deb Bledsoe

**We Believe...**

*...that Jesus Christ is the one and only Son of God, who died for our sins and rose from the dead.*  
**1 Corinthians 15:1-8; John 3:16**

*...that the Bible is the inspired Word of God - a lamp unto our feet and light unto our path.*  
**2 Timothy 3:16; Psalm 119:105**

*...that every person has worth in God's eyes, and that all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God.*  
**Romans 3:23**

*...that forgiveness of sins and the promise of eternal life are available to those who trust in Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord.*  
**John 3:16**

*...that those accepting Christ should repent of sin, confess their faith, and be baptized by immersion into Him.*  
**Romans 10:9; Acts 2:38**

*...that the church is the body of Christ on earth, empowered by the Holy Spirit to bring the lost to Christ and the saved into a nurturing relationship with Jesus.*

**Ephesians 4:1-16**  
**The Jennings Road Church of Christ exists to glorify God by turning unchurched people into fully devoted followers of Christ.**

## **December Serving Schedule**

### **Communion Meditation**

12/04	Keith Langdon
12/11	Dave Ray
12/18	Matt Mills
12/25	No Church

### **Prayer Room**

12/04	Rosie
12/11	Belinda
12/18	Marie
12/25	No Church

### **Greeters:**

12/04	Ramon & Rosie
12/11	Rick & Dalton
12/18	Lorraine & Brenda
12/25	No Church

### **Cleaning**

12/04	Live Nativity Volunteers
12/11	Jill Hufford
12/18	Drake/Celia
12/25	No Church

### **Nursery: Sunday School/Worship Service**

Fully equipped nursery available.  
Staffed as needed.  
For questions, please see Deanna Ray.

### **Toddler Room**

12/04	Danielle
12/11	Bianca
12/18	Lorraine Langdon
12/25	No Church

### **Brunch/Communion Prep for December:**

Bernie / Johnna

### **Servers for December :**

Doug, Drake, Stuart, Greg

### **Helpers:**

Candy Clay, Dalton Hines, Rick Hines,  
Derrin Kuhn, Chad Kraner, Johnathon Young