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Happy New Year 2019!

One of the best things I experienced in 2018 is becoming pastor of Faith Fellowship. Thank you for the privilege and joy of serving as your pastor. I am excited to consider the exciting future awaiting us in 2019.



On Sunday February 10th we will celebrate 20 years together. Sharon Jackson and Twilene Macon are leading a team planning an exciting celebration on that Sunday. Please join me in seeking the Lord as we celebrate 20 years together and then look forward to the next 20 years as we consider **Future Focus 2019**. Beginning Sunday, January 6, 2019, I will call us to focus our attention on God's directions for us in 2019!

I hope you will join us this Sunday. We will take one more Sunday to consider ***“What Does Christmas mean?”*** from the text of John 1:1-14. Matthew and Luke tell us the facts of Christmas but John explains what these things really mean.

“And The Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.” John 1:14

In this verse we see that Christmas means that Jesus reveals who God is in a way we can understand *“And The Word became flesh...”*. *Jesus exposes us to God's certain reality, “and He dwells among us”.* In Jesus, God expresses Himself to us in grace and truth. Jesus is The Word of God in full bloom. He is God's direct and personal way to say, “Here I am.” Through the centuries, the prophets cried out, *“Listen, I have a word from God!”* But Jesus cried out, *“Listen, I am the Word of God!”* This Word is not one word among many, or one word of several words, or even the best word out of many possibilities. This Word is “THE Word.” He is God's last, final, and only Word in complete expression of Himself. (Heb 1:1-5) This means that Christmas is not a seasonal activity to be observed but God's present reality revealed in *“the fullness of time”* in a Person that we are to embrace and follow every day of our lives.

This means that Christmas is NOT over! This means as we believe in Jesus that Christmas is our present reality of His **Joy** overflowing, **Hope** Abounding, **Peace** beyond comprehension, and **Love** never ending and forever expanding!

So, I invite you to come celebrate Christmas with me this Sunday!

Merry Christmas!

Pastor Garry

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*"We are a **faith fellowship** of believers on our journey **together** with our Lord...
meeting needs, mending hearts."*