



*Jennings Road Church of Christ*  
 1124 Jennings Road, Van Wert, OH  
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*Pastor David Ray, Jr.*  
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**He's Here!**  
**December 2017 Sermon Series**

Thousands of years after His birth, we have more than one recorded instance of Jesus promising that He is with us. Always, even! Then, why does it feel like He isn't? Why do so many have such a difficult time finding God if He is so close? Believe it or not, it all has to do with screams, dirty diapers, and the devil...and one fully human, fully God, baby.

**Dec 3                      Backpack Baby                      John 1:14**

The apostle John has a unique (weird?) telling of the birth of Jesus. He doesn't just talk about the birth of a baby, but the birth of the universe. Why? What does that have to do with feeling like God is with us? Everything, considering God himself decided to go camping...right down here with us.

**Dec 10                      Nightmare Baby                      Matt 1:18-25**

Joseph had everything a guy could ask for: a trade, and a bride to be. Even better, he had quite the reputation: he was righteous. (So?) His family and friends didn't just think so, God Himself *said* so! And yet, one thing shatters his dreams of a perfect life, so he has a choice to make. Follow what the church says, or what God tells him. Where is God when life gets turned upside down?

**Dec 17                      Dream Baby                      Luke 1:46-56**

Mary's gonna have a baby! Wahoo...wait a minute. You mean Mary, who's a teenage girl? The one that is engaged to perfect Joseph? Does she know that the church says she has to be drug into the center of town and killed by pelting her with stones? If she does know all this, then why is she singing?

**Dec 24                      Baby Boy                      Luke 2:8-20**

An overbearing and cruel government. A church that cares more about rules and money than it does people. A society that keeps women and minorities "in their place". An economy that makes the rich richer, and the poor workers doing long hours and bad shifts just to get by. Sound familiar? It should - that's exactly the world that Jesus was born into in Israel thousands of years ago. If they needed a God nearby, then so do we.

**Dec 31                      5th Sunday Celebration!!!                      Wahoo!**

What better way to celebrate a new baby than throwing the first ever all JRCC baby shower!

## Youth News



**The Youth Group will not be meeting during the month of December. We will start back up in January, and one of the first items on our To Do List will be to start planning the Winter Jam trip this year!**

**More information to come, so as always...  
keep watching the Youth News for more information.**



**Thank you for all your support with the candy bar sales and donations for Samaritan's Purse! We were able to double our goal of 30 boxes, and as the last delivery going out this season, we put Van Wert County over the 2000 goal they had with our donation!**

**We will continue to collect toothbrushes and soap through the end of the year. Also, we are always looking for larger shoeboxes for next year.**

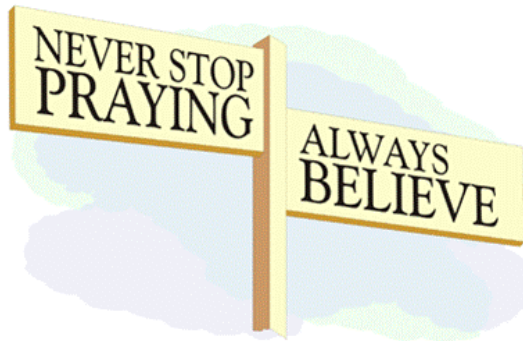
**Big thank you to the Youth for all their hard work!**

**This month Children's Church will be focused on the story of Christ's birth while learning lots of fun Christmas songs!**

**Parents keep an eye out for the many crafts that will be coming home the next few weeks, and as always I encourage you to talk with the kids about what they are learning.**



You can reach the youth group through their Facebook page [jrccyouthgroup](#) or email [JrccYouthGroup@outlook.com](mailto:JrccYouthGroup@outlook.com)



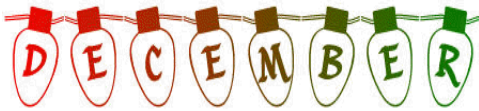
### **Prayer Requests & Praises**

*Pastor Dave - health*  
*Rosie Miracle - health*  
*Jerry Miracle - health*  
*Jerry Smith - health*  
*Christian Niece - cancer*  
*Jenny Glaze - health*  
*Donna Klinger - Lupus*  
*Wilma Peterson - Parkinson's disease*  
*Marie Ray - health*  
*Carol Thomas - Parkinson's disease*  
*Codie Ramos - health*  
*Julie Kuhlhorst - physical & emotional pain*  
*Unspoken prayers...*

*Jeffrey Kinner - Navy - San Diego, CA*  
*Josh Ray - Marines*  
*Kerstin Roberts - Marines*  
*Jayden Dickson - Air Force - Sheppard AFB, TX*  
*Josh Leiter - Marines*  
*Please remember all military men, women, Veterans and their families!*



*Please let Anita Searl know of any changes needed  
to the prayer request list.  
Thank you!*



December Birthdays

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



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**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Celebration!**

Sunday, December 31, 2017 – No Sunday School  
 Please join us immediately following Worship  
 for a carry-in lunch.  
 Food, Fellowship & Fun!

**JRCC Sharing Tree 2017!**

Please help us share the joy of Christmas with others through our annual Sharing Tree!  
 Help yourself to a tag, or tags from the tree. Purchase your gifts, and then return them  
 to the church by Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup>!  
 Thank You & God Bless!



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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

12/3 Keith Langdon  
12/10 Dave Ray  
12/17 Matt Mills  
12/24 Derrin Kuhn  
12/31 Matt Langdon

### Prayer Room

12/3 Rosie  
12/10 Belinda  
12/17 Marie  
12/24 Lisa/Rick  
12/31 Bernie

### Greeters:

12/3 Ramon & Rosie  
12/10 Rick & Lisa  
12/17 Lorraine & Brenda  
12/24 Stuart & Jamie  
12/31 Josh & Sara

### Cleaning

12/3 Live Nativity Volunteers  
12/10 Drake & Celia  
12/17 Drake & Celia  
12/24 John & Jen Adams  
12/31 Jill Hufford

### Nursery: Sunday School/Worship Service

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

### Toddler Room

12/3 Danielle  
12/10 Bianca  
12/17 Lorraine  
12/24 Bernie  
12/31

### 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