### Worst Christmas EVER December 2018 Sermon Series

For so many Christmas is a time of joy, celebration, and excited anticipation. For some, it's a time of stress, hating the government, and life not being fair. For Mary and Joseph, and the entire nation of Israel as well; they know exactly how you feel.

# Dec 2 Birth

Matt 1:1-17

Why begin Christmas with the boring parts of the Bible: a genealogy? What does "who begat whom" have to do with the birth of Jesus? Lots, but we're going to concentrate on the fact that if a few of these people never had babies to begin with, then no Jesus! Is that what people see in our relationships as well - no Jesus?

Dec 9ScaredLuke 1:26-30Mary freaks out when God tells her he has special plans for her. Shame<br/>on her, right? We'd never get scared if God spoke directly to us and told<br/>us he has special plans for us! I mean, come on, who cares if it ruins our<br/>relationships and dreams for a future. Right?

#### Dec 16

Matt 1:18-25

Death? What does that have to do with Christmas??? A lot, considering Joseph decided to end his marriage with Mary after discovering she was pregnant...and it wasn't his. (Awkward.) The death of a relationship, or the hope of one, is something that lingers with us long after the moment has passed. Especially at Christmas. What hope is there?

Death

#### **Dec 23**

### Stress

Luke 2:1-7

Ever traveled over the holidays? Ever traveled while you (or your spouse) is pregnant? Ever traveled while not knowing where you're going to stay? Welcome to Joseph and Mary's stressful world.

# Dec 30 5th Sunday Celebration! JRCC

We wrap up our holiday month with a fun Christmas Pajama Party! Please note: No Children's Church or Sunday School, or the traditional carry-in following the 11am service (Please note the time change for just this Sunday!)

# December 2, 2018

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Our Mission The Jennings Road Church of Christ exists to glorify God by turning unchurched people into fully devoted followers of Christ.

Pastor David Ray, Jr.

## **Order of Service**

Worship Intro Welcome and Greeting Praise and Worship Song Offering Praise and Worship Song Dismiss to Childrens Church Communion Meditation: Keith Langdon Dec 2 Birth Matt 1:1-17 Invitation

Prayer

If you would like a copy of today's sermon, please go to <u>www.jenningsroad.org</u> if you would like a copy on CD or cassette, please contact the sound booth.

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# This Week

Today: 9:00 a.m. – Sunday School 10:00 a.m. - Worship Service 6:00 p.m. – Ladies Group @ Lorraine Langdon's

Tuesday:10:00 a.m. - Small Group @ Van Wert ManorWednesday:6:30 p.m. - Men's Bible Study @ Keith Langdon's

### JRCC Sharing Tree



The Sharing Tree is back!

Please pull off a tag (or more...), go shopping and bring your gifts back to the church by Sunday, Dec. 16<sup>th</sup>. Thank you & God Bless!

A Big Thank You to all who helped with Live Nativity! From set up to tear down, to everything in between, even the weather could not keep us from celebrating the beginning of the Christmas Season and sharing it with the community! Thank You & God Bless!

> Contact Anita Searl at 419-605-5335 or email at anita@jenningsroad.org to borrow tables, or to reserve the church. Please give bulletin announcements to Anita Searl for the upcoming bulletin, or email them to anita@jenningsroad.org by Wednesday.



12/3 Jordan White
12/4 Rex Wermer
12/14 Shae Hines
12/16 Earl Bledsoe
12/17 Draven Powers
12/18 Arica Wermer
12/21 Rosie Miracle
12/26 Candy Clay
12/28 Evelyn Kreischer

### Jennings Road Church of Christ Visitor Information / Prayer Request

Name:

Address:

Phone:

Email:

Email:

[ ] I am a first time visitor.

Prayer Request:

\_\_\_\_\_\_List in Bulletin: Yes

If you are visiting with us for the first time, or have a prayer request, we would love to hear from you! Please fill out & drop in the offering basket.



### Prayer Requests & Praises

Pastor Dave – health Rosie Miracle - health Jerry Miracle - health Jenny Glaze – health Donna Klinger – Lupus Wilma Peterson – Parkinson's disease Marie Ray – health Carol Thomas – Parkinson's disease Julie Thomas – physical & emotional pain Kenisha Seibert – health Modesta Taran - health Unspoken prayers...

Jeffrey Kinner – Navy Josh Ray – Marines Kirsten Roberts –Marines Jayden Dickson – Air Force Josh Leiter – Marines Lee Clay - Marines Michael Kapangama – Air Force National Guard All military men, women, Veterans and families

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