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Note from Pastor Kevin

Joy to the World!

This Christmas we come to refocus on our Lord and we remember the song Isaac Watts wrote, "Joy to the World!" Watts wrote the song from his meditation on Psalm 98 in light of who the Psalm was referring to: Christ! See Psalm 98 and be encouraged as we fix our eyes on the joy of Christ this Christmas.

¹ O sing to the LORD a new song, For He has done wonderful things, His right hand and His holy arm have gained the victory for Him. ² The LORD has made known His salvation; He has revealed His righteousness in the sight of the nations. ³ He has remembered His lovingkindness and His faithfulness to the house of Israel; All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. ⁴ Shout joyfully to the LORD, all the earth; Break forth and sing for joy and sing praises. ⁵ Sing praises to the LORD with the lyre, With the lyre and the sound of melody. ⁶ With trumpets and the sound of the horn Shout joyfully before the King, the LORD. ⁷ Let the sea roar and all it contains, The world and those who dwell in it. ⁸ Let the rivers clap their hands, Let the mountains sing together for joy ⁹ Before the LORD, for He is coming to judge the earth; He will judge the world with righteousness And the peoples with equity.

Jesus was the Psalmist's focus as his song proclaimed the greatness of the Christ as Savior, King, and Judge. With Jesus as Savior we sing a new song of victory. Jesus as King causes us to rejoice and praise our King and all his qualities. Jesus as the coming Judge will one day set all things right and restore life as it should be: right and equitable.

With all that is difficult at the end of this year, let us respond like Isaac Watts and proclaim our joy in the Lord Jesus our Savior, King, and Judge.

God is Awesome!

Thanks to all who helped out with the Christmas boxes. We praise God there were over a hundred boxes sent off and there was enough money donated for the postage as well. We are so thankful for the generosity of our CrossBridge Church family.

Please continue to pray for those who are sick and for those who are discouraged this Christmas. We pray the Lord would bring healing to the brokenhearted and restore those that are ill to full health. Jodi and I pray that each of you are encouraged and have the joy of the Lord today.

In the Love of Christ,
Pastor Kevin McIlhany

DECEMBER TEAM MEETINGS

Leadership Team Meeting—Tuesday, Dec. 8 at 6:30PM

Church Business Meeting —Sunday, Dec. 13 after service.

LIFE GROUPS

Kid's Quest

Thursdays at 6:30PM. For grades K-5. **Meeting virtually on Zoom through December. Email douglaura2001@msn.com for Zoom meeting info.**

CrossWay/CrossTraining

Sundays at 4:00PM. For grades 6-8 & 9-12.

**all groups meet at church unless noted otherwise*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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