



NEWS from Pastor Jim

December 23, 2011

Hello Saints

First of all, I would like to express a heartfelt Merry Christmas to each and every one of you. May your stocking be full, your heart brimming with love and your home sprinkled with laughter.

Much is made of the “true meaning of Christmas”. Hollywood has made many a million on trying to capture the true meaning of Christmas. Many a family have maxed out their credit cards trying to capture the true meaning of Christmas. There are as many concepts about the true meaning of Christmas as there are lights on a Christmas tree.

So what is the true meaning of Christmas?

According to the angel it is the idea that God would be with us. Matthew 1:23 says "The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel" --which means, "God with us."

God with us – three words which are so simple yet absolutely profound. That fact that God himself would be with us. Not in a general sense like the “force” with us or like the best wishes of a friend with us, but more like he is right beside us. Even more than that he is inside of us. This concept was brand new to those who heard of these original words. God was distant, hard to approach and uncomfortable. Now the angel was proclaiming the possibility of God being with us. The purpose of Christmas was Christ in us, the hope of Glory. This means that in our deepest struggles God is still there with us. In our financial troubles God is with us. In our marriage God is with us. In our business God is with us. In our homes God is with us. You may be saying to yourself “That is not my reality”. Well, it is like a gift under the tree; until you unpack it, accept it and make it part of your life, the gift will remain useless. This Christmas try unpacking the greatest gift of all, Jesus as God with us.

Christmas Eve Saturday at 5 pm

Please invite a friend, neighbor or bring a family member and join us for our Christmas Eve dinner at 5 P.M. There will be a complete turkey dinner for the community to enjoy, we will sing carols, play games, and have a great family atmosphere.

Christmas Day Sunday 10:30am

Join us in worshipping the King as we honor his birth on Christmas Day. Our one hour worship will include the full worship band singing our favourite Carols. Let us share together “the true meaning of Christmas.”

Haiti Trip.

Thank you to all who contributed to our Haiti Mission. We are not accepting anymore clothes, but other items are still needed. Items can be brought to the Christmas worship or dropped off at KCF Hall on Wednesday next week. Wednesday will be the last day to receive items.

Here is a list;

Back packs, Pencil cases, Small water bottles, Copy paper, Dry erase markers, Printer ink (HPO2), White board cleaner, White chalk, Card stock, cream coloured (priority need) Card stock, yellow (priority need), Receipt books, Envelopes #10 (10cm x24cm), File folders – letter size, Binders – 1.5-2”, Rulers, Geometry sets, Scientific calculators, Crayons, Small notebooks, Coloured pencil crayons, Pencils, Blue and black pens, Glue sticks, Office supplies, Sports supplies, Tools, Paint brushes, 3 mm dust masks, hammers with solid steel shanks, extension cord ends.

Personal hygiene items such as, Soap, bar* and liquid, Hand sanitizer, toothbrushes, Tooth paste, Combs with wide teeth, hair picks, Ribbons, Face cloths, Hand towels, hygiene bags, Used 35 mm film containers, Ziploc bags, large (good quality ones) do NOT need small and medium, Kitchen sink plugs/stoppers.

These items can be new or used, but in good condition. Thanks.

Please visit www.haitiarise.org and see the report on EACHone BUILDone

New Year's Day Worship

We have an opportunity this year to begin the New Year with worship since the first day of the year is Sunday. For those considering baptism this would be a perfect time to publicly proclaim your decision to follow Jesus by taking baptism. If this is something you have been considering please contact me and we can make the arrangements. We are happy to announce that we have one candidate already. Email me at pastorjim@kcfoffice.com

Call us on our new number!

We are trying out a new phone system. You can now call our main church office toll free at 1 888 761 3301 – Pastor Jim is at Ext. 1, Pastor Gordon is at Ext. 2 and Main Reception is Ext. 0. For all the news, bulletin, sermons, or places to donate, visit our website at www.kootenaychristianfellowship.com

Looking forward to seeing you this weekend. For those out of town, ENJOY THE SEASON!