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Welcome

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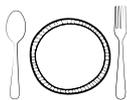
Next Steps

Next Steps If you are new or haven't filled out a Connect Card, grab one at the Welcome Center so we can keep you in the loop. If you want to get more involved, fill out an orange card. If you have chosen to follow Jesus or you want to get baptized, fill out the green "We Care" card.



Women's Bible Study / December 6 / 6:30PM

What do you want for Christmas this year? Some might say, "All I want for Christmas is peace!" Join the ladies of RiverTree Massillon as they look at what the Bible has to say about dealing with stress and anxiety and finding peace!



Second Saturday Men's Breakfast / December 8 / 8AM

This is a great opportunity for all men to meet others, and to grow through a time of devotion and discussion. Food is provided. Just bring yourself and a Bible.



Christmas Jam / December 8 / 6PM Do you love the Christmas season or enjoy Christmas music? Join us for an evening of songs, family, and fellowship, cookies and desserts.

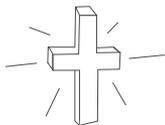


Christmas KARE Stockings / Due Back December 9

Christmas is another opportunity to bless and help our community. We will be asking our church to grab a "stocking" to help sponsor children with struggling families. These will then be delivered around Massillon and Stark County.



Christmas Eve Services / Sunday, December 23 / 5PM & 7PM Invite family and friends as we gather to celebrate our Savior! NOTE: NO Sunday morning services on December 23.



Christmas Special Offering Every year, RiverTree churches commit to a special offering during Christmas Services that is given to an outside ministry. This year, **100% of your giving will be donated to support church planting and mission efforts in India.** God is doing incredible things there, and we want to be a part of it! Please prayerfully consider how your family can give generously this holiday.

UNEXPECTED GIFTS

We experience a unique thrill of joy and excitement when we are given gifts we didn't know were coming our way. That's why people often say the best gifts are those we didn't expect. Join us this Christmas as we celebrate the thrilling, unexpected gifts God gives to us through Jesus.

December 2 / Baby in a Manger: A Savior No One Saw Coming!

READ / *Matthew 1:18-25*

SUMMARY / God sent salvation to the earth in the form of a baby! That salvation was God himself, who was coming into the world as a human being. He came to bring the good news of forgiveness and redemption, and to prove that he truly is Immanuel, God with us.

REFLECTION / When you first learned about the story of Jesus, what were the most unexpected and wonderful things you remember?

December 9 / Miracles and Mustard Seeds: A Kingdom Not of this World

READ / *Mark 1:14-34; Mark 4:30-32*

SUMMARY / Jesus was born to be the king who would establish the kingdom of God on earth again. He demonstrated his authority through his teaching and through his miracles, launching the kingdom of God on earth in a way that would continue to grow and multiply, blessing all within its reach.

REFLECTION / What are some things that would change right now if our society looked like the Kingdom of God? How could we help make that a reality?

December 16 / Streets of Gold: A City None Can Imagine!

READ / *Revelation 21*

SUMMARY / During advent, we celebrate the good news of both "comings" of Jesus. We look back to celebrate his birth, but we also look forward to his imminent return. Jesus promised to come back one day, bringing heaven to earth in a way that will make all things new.

REFLECTION / What do you think about when you think about heaven? How does pop culture differ from the biblical account of what heaven will be like?