

December 2020 For Parents of Teens

Time to Celebrate
- It's Jesus' birthday

With all the restrictions and the

limitations we are experiencing this year, it is far from favorable conditions. Students are being taught through a computer screen, parents are working from home while "home-schooling" their kids and/or taking time off from work due to exposure quarantine. How very ironic that we have been telling students to get off the devices, stop looking at screens and really communicate with people face to face. Now the only way we can socialize is through a screen.

Remember, that the very first Christmas everyone's lives were restricted and limited as they had to obey the decree of the census. Mary and Joseph traveled about 90 miles to Bethlehem and could have taken as many as seven days. That may not seem very much, but this was not traveling on the flat plains of the mid-west, but various elevation changes and on very primitive roads and paths. Then add to the fact that Mary was ready to give birth at any moment. From what I've seen and heard from women, since I have no personal experience in this, the last few days of a pregnancy are very uncomfortable. This would certainly not be the time to take a 90 mile hike. Unfavorable circumstances are nothing new and really just part of life. It is in these times that that we draw closer to God, because our own limitations are never more apparent. Our need for God and his sustaining power is always there, but during times of prosperity we forget this truth. As we begin this Christmas season, let's remember to draw close to the Saviour as we celebrate his birth, the incarnation of God in human flesh.



We have changed the **Family Trivia Night** to include the the entire Temple Family and we are scheduled to play on the last Sunday night of December (*that's the 27th*). We have our annual **Teen Christmas Party** scheduled for Wednesday night, December 30th (details soon to be posted on the **TBC APP**)

WEDNESDAY NIGHT Livestream



Have a ~~Martha~~ Mary Christmas

- "God with us", let's be with Him.

Do Not Be Afraid

- No Fear = Full Christmas Experience.

Come and See-Go and Tell

- Tell Someone About Christmas!



AN INTERVIEW WITH JOSEPH & MARY

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- Sharing the story through the lens of those who know it best: Mary and Joseph!

Sunday School Video Chat



Truth and Lies - *Who was Micah and what was the sin of the people?*

Judgment and Restoration - *Is there a sin too big for God to forgive?*

Justice and Mercy - *Who are you trying to please?*

THINGS TO COME:

December:

➤ **Sunday, 12/27 - CHURCH WIDE Family Trivia Night -7p-9p**

➤ **Wednesday, 12/30 - HF Christmas Party**