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ZEPHYR CHRISTIAN CHURCH

SHARING THE LOVE AND
JOY OF JESUS

MATTHEW 1:23

“The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel” (which means “God with us”).

PRAYERS & PRAISE

- ◆ **Church leaders** - wisdom & guidance
- ◆ **Ellen Annis** - Michele health & understanding
- ◆ **Blumel Family** - young father stage 4 cancer 's (Boyd's friend)
- ◆ **Gary Buckland** - serious heart issues
- ◆ **Larry Buckland** - recovery heart procedure
- ◆ **Michael Cain** - cancer treatment
- ◆ **Coleman Family** - Kuykendall neighbor's grandson killed in accident
- ◆ **Keith Dalton's mother** - in nursing home
- ◆ **Katherine Ferrell** - dementia (Michele Danella's mother)
- ◆ **Rich Fulton** - recovery/strength
- ◆ **Char Henderson** - Praise God heart is doing well/vertigo issue
- ◆ **Rita Geohagan** - health
- ◆ **Cyndy Lang** - stage 4 cancer
- ◆ **Jim Lewis** - health (Ellen Buckland)
- ◆ **Helen & Mel Marshall** - inflammation/strength
- ◆ **Walt Meilke** - stage 4 cancer
- ◆ **Tom McGinty** - health issues (Sabatucci's)
- ◆ **Kevin Morris** - hypertension (Joice Blevins)
- ◆ **Gary & Pat Nicholson** - peace and health
- ◆ **Oakley** - Healing, child with leukemia (Bob& Ann Zeigler)
- ◆ **Donny Paiz** - losing sight (Danny Paiz)
- ◆ **Karl Palm** - pancreatic cancer (Joice Blevins)
- ◆ **Allan and Alice Poole** - health concerns
- ◆ **Edna** - loss of hearing (Happy Reed)
- ◆ **Anna & Danny Romanenko** - strength & paitence
- ◆ **Dan Scott** - cancer returned (Nancee Scott's son)
- ◆ **Talona and family** - (Shelli Candy's granddaughter)
- ◆ **Crystal Torres** – healthy birth of baby due in February
- ◆ **Matt White** - cancer spreading (Faith Stivers' son-in-law)
- ◆ **Vernon Yoder** - comfort/strength (Marti Bontrager)
- ◆ **Crystal Zelinke** - Praise God! He continues to keep her moving! nerve damage/leg periodically gives out

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	1	2	3 W.B.S 1PM/Kidzone 5:30 -7PM	4	5	6
7 WORSHIP 10AM 4PM A.B.S Children's practice 5-6:30PM	8	9	10 W.B.S 1PM/Kidzone 5:30 -7PM	11	12	13 MEN'S BREAKFAST 9AM/Z.C.C.
14 WORSHIP 10AM CHURCH MTG. Christmas Program 6PM	15	16 Elders' Mtg. 9AM	17 W.B.S 1PM/ KidZone 5:30 -7PM	18	19	20
21 WORSHIP 10AM & 4PM A.B.S	22	23	24 6PM Christmas Eve Service	25 Merry Christmas!	26	27
28 WORSHIP 10AM & 4PM A.B.S	29	30	31			

Stay Connected.....

MEN'S GROUP - Thursday evenings at 7:00PM, contact Cole Wernette (813-345-7526) if interested.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY - Wednesdays at 1:00PM. Meeting at Pam Smith's (37040 Lakota Circle). If you have any questions please call Linda Vollstedt (309-532-2613) or Pam Smith (330-437-6521).

ADULT BIBLE STUDY - Meeting at 4:00PM on Sundays. If you have any questions please call the office number 813 - 782 - 8893.

ZCC KIDZ (Preschool - High School) - Meet on Wednesdays from 5:30 - 700PM. Text Cherie' Osborne if you need a ride (813-924-0372).

ELDERS' MEETING - Tuesday, December 16th, 9:00AM. All church members are invited to attend.

December Celebrations

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

9 - Dora Mae Sinner

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

19 - Tim & Penny Herkel

24 - Don & Chris Stansfield

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING - DECEMBER 14th, after morning services. All members will vote on budget and church officers.



AND CELEBRATION

DECEMBER 25th @ 6:00PM

MISSION NEWS

LAKE AURORA CHRISTIAN CAMP - Expressing our gratitude is a foundational spiritual practice expressed throughout the Bible, regardless of the circumstances. From Job to David to Paul, the examples of praising God and His provision are acts of worship.

As a ministry, we are not at this place without God's leading and without the work, sacrifice, and prayers of those who have poured into this ministry. We are grateful for the legacy that has led us to this place and for the ones to come in furthering the mission of Christ.

Our Annual Report is available to share with those who are interested in reviewing. As we look forward to the close of the year, we are excited to offer a new opportunity to celebrate the Christmas season! We have partnered with "Heart for the Arts" to present a Christmas concert, "The Heart of Christmas." The event proceeds will benefit both not-for-profit organizations. Thank you for being a part of our legacy and making a difference.

S.A.C.M. - I have been rushing to and from the warehouse for the past few weeks for collections by various churches and groups. There are live streams from Cape Town stretching north to Zimbabwe, Livingstone (Zambia) and Malawi by independent pastors via the bus lines to send boxes of Bibles and Christian books thousands of miles into southern Africa. I didn't start this but a Pastor Donald from Zimbabwe negotiated with the bus company to freight boxes which are paid for and collected by groups of church leaders. A Zambian pastor as well as a Malawian pastor copied his process. SACM has so many request for Bibles.

It is the Bible which transforms lives regardless of language, ethnic group or gender. Africa is wide open for the Word. SACM desperately needs more Bibles for those who hunger and thirst for the Truth. If you can't be a missionary, be a Bible missionary!

By God's great grace, we live and move and have our being!
Steve



WHO

IS

CHRISTMAS



Christmas Program: December 14th at 6:00 PM.

Children's practice - December 7th at 5:00 - 6:30 PM.

DECEMBER 17th - Bring the family for a night of popcorn, laughter, and movie candy!



Family Movie Night

Dear Zephyr Christian Family,

Are you familiar with the song “*The Christmas Shoes*”? It makes me cry every time I hear it, or even if I just read the lyrics. The song tells the story of a little boy who goes to a store and wants to buy his mother a pair of shoes at Christmas. It says how the mother has been sick for quite a while, and the boy’s father has told him that it “won’t be long”, and he wants to buy these shoes for his mother because they will make her smile and he wants her to look “beautiful if she meets Jesus tonight.”

The song is told from the perspective of a person standing behind the boy in line. The boy puts the shoes up on the counter, the salesperson tells him the price of the shoes, and the boy starts to count out his money. The salesperson tells the boy he doesn’t have enough money to pay for the shoes but the person behind the boy has heard why the shoes are so important and so the person behind the boy pays for the shoes. The boy grabs the shoes, thanks the man in line, and runs out the store saying, “I want her to look beautiful if mama meets Jesus tonight.” (I’ve got tears in my eyes even as I’m writing about it!)

And then the person in line says that he knows that little boy was sent to him by God, to remind him what Christmas is all about.

No, Christmas isn’t about shoes, or even songs. But Christmas is about that kind of sacrificial love. The kind of love that was willing to pay it all for people to see Jesus.

I hope that during this Christmas Season, you make time to focus on God’s love for you – that He loves you so much that He gave the greatest gift He could possibly give, His very self, that you might have forgiveness and life and hope. But I also hope that during this Christmas Season, you also give thought to expressing that kind of love to others. Years ago, there was another song...it wasn’t a Christmas song, but it was popular – it said, “What the world needs now is love, sweet love; that’s the only thing that there’s just too little of.” In a culture of division, anger, violence, and hate – what the world needs is love and, you and I as followers of Jesus Christ, should demonstrate the light of God’s love in this dark world.

Merry Christmas!

Jon