

## Church of Christ

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### Sunday

Bible class 9:30 AM

Worship 10:30 AM

### Wednesday

Bible class 7:00 PM

### Thursday

Youth Group 6:00 - 8:00 PM



# EXETER CHURCH OF CHRIST

Exeter, California - Since 1910

To share the love of Christ, to grow in relationship with Christ and one another, and to serve God by serving others.

### Wednesday Night Bible Study

Zack Ludden

Hope to see you there.

### Sunday Morning Bible Study

Revelation by Wayne Hardcastle

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## *Birthday's & Anniversaries*

12/21 - Sergio & Dolores Cercado

## CONTRIBUTIONS

We are encouraged to continue our weekly contributions. They can be mailed to ECC P.O. Box 426, Exeter, CA 93221



### *"Who can add to Christmas?"*

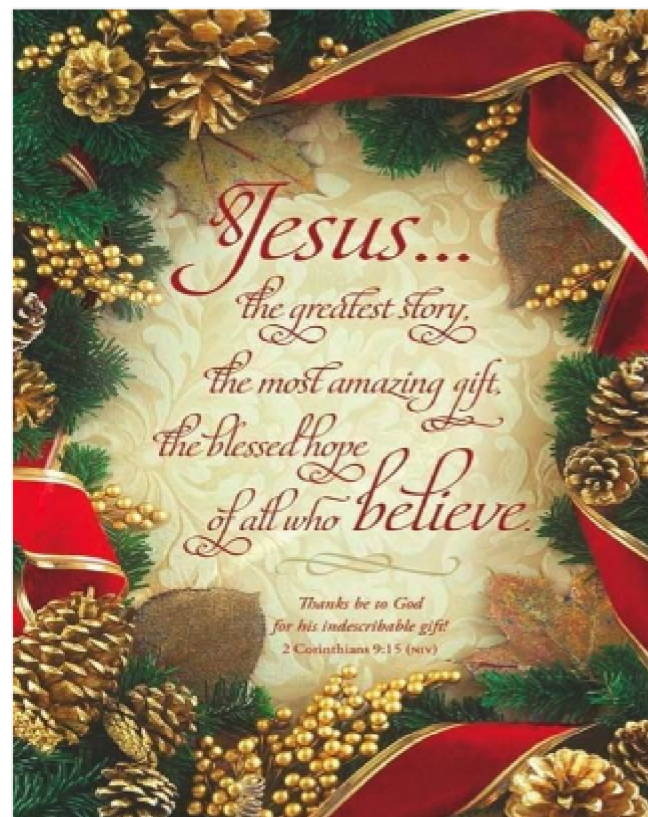
THE PERFECT MOTIVE IS THAT GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD.  
THE PERFECT GIFT IS THAT HE GAVE HIS ONLY SON.  
THE ONLY REQUIREMENT IS TO BELIEVE IN HIM.  
THE REWARD OF FAITH IS THAT YOU SHALL HAVE EVERLASTING LIFE."

- CORRIE TEN BOOM -

### *Please take note:*

There will be an annual Corporate meeting on the 3rd  
Sunday in January

If you need to call the church you will need to use the  
temporarily assigned number 559-594-8317



December 20, 2020

320 East Firebaugh / 594-8317

## Order of Service

**Announcements:** Rick Wall

**Song Leader:** Rick Rossner

**Opening Intro Song:** Go Tell it on the Mountain (Rescue)

1. Joy to the World
2. It Came Upon the Midnight Clear
3. What Child is This

**Opening Prayer:** Wayne Hardcastle

4. The First Noel
5. Silent Night

**Communion/Offering:** Sergio Cercado

**Song:** It is He (Rescue)

**Sermon:** Zack Ludden

**Closing Song -** O Little Town of Bethlehem

**Closing Prayer:** Josh Ludden



## Prayer Requests & Updates



**Mackenzye and her dad Jessie Shaw** are home, with Covid. They are experiencing a light case of it. Apparently Jessie brought it home from work. Jean advised that she and Debbie were tested and are both negative.

**The Hardcastle's friend, LoLo Valencia**, passed away on Wednesday, prayers for the family are requested. They are also requesting prayers for **Bobby Bunch**, he suffered a skull fracture. He is their grandson's coach that resides in Albuquerque.

**Andrew Grosjean, Sarah's father**, was rear-ended in an auto accident. He was bruised up and had whiplash. He is doing much better but we need to keep him in prayer for a full recovery.

**Rachel Arce, wife of Sergio's co-worker**, has cancer and prayers are requested on her behalf. We know what the power of prayer can do.

## Keep in Prayer

**Glenna Jolly** - At Twin Oaks Rehab in Tulare, not doing well

**Cynthia Brumm** - Chronic medical conditions

**Jean Hogue** - At Delta Rehab, 514 N. Bridge, Visalia, 93291

**Alice & Henry Ferguson** - Daily struggles with memory loss

**Doyle & Michelle Thomas** - Family concerns

**Clemencia Garcia** - Dolores Cercado's sister, dealing with min-strokes

**Lois Edwards** - Kidney and other medical issues.

**Pat Nalls** - as she works with **Alice & Henry** & losing her **Brother** to Cancer

**Josiah Miller** - Our Marine as he serves his country



**Cynthia Brumm asked for a special recognition of her mother, Ruth Wrinkle, a faithful Christian, she will be 99 on the 23rd of December. She resides at Redwood Springs in Visalia.**

## Tammy's Touch

"Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and they will call Him Immanuel." Isaiah 7:14

In biblical times babies were often given names to signify their character or promised future. Often these names would prove to be prophetic.

We are familiar with the story of Abram (which means "father") whose name was changed by God to Abraham (which means "father of many nations"). His son was named Isaac (which means "laughter") because God brought his mother Sarah great laughter and joy in bearing a son in her old age. One of Isaac's grandsons was named Levi (which means "attachment") and indeed the tribe of Levi would attach themselves to God during the incident with the golden calf.

Then there is Jacob (which means "heel grabber/supplanter") whose name implies trickery and deception. He lived most of his life deceiving and being deceived. It wasn't until one night when he feared for his very life that Jacob cried out to God. All through the dark night he wrestled, wept and begged for God's favor. At dawn the Lord did bless Jacob by giving him a new name, a name which called him to a new character, a new hope and a new future. He would no longer be known as Jacob the deceiver, but by the name of Israel, meaning God prevails.

Out of him would come the nation Israel and out of that nation would be born another child - the One who calls all people everywhere to a new hope and a new future. His name is Immanuel and it means "God with us". This mysterious God who spoke the world into creation kept the promise He made through the prophet Isaiah and left the glory of His throne to be born in a stable that first Christmas night so that He could be "Immanuel".

God with us.

He is still with us, keeping His promise never to leave or forsake us. He is with us always to the end of the age. He is forever Immanuel. And He still offers people everywhere a new hope and a new future.

Perhaps you, like Jacob, struggle with who you are. You, like Jacob, have lived too long under an identity you wish to leave behind. You long for a new character, one with hope and a future. Do you wonder if it is possible to start this day as a new creation with a new name?

Come to Bethlehem. Come to the baby born in a manger so many Christmas's ago. Come to Immanuel.

Written by Jeannie Muller De Groot