

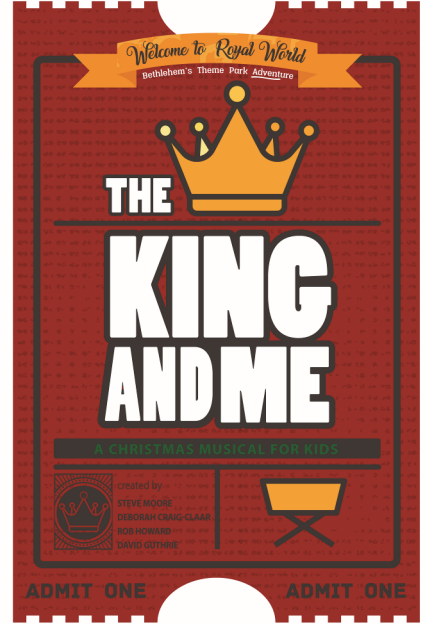
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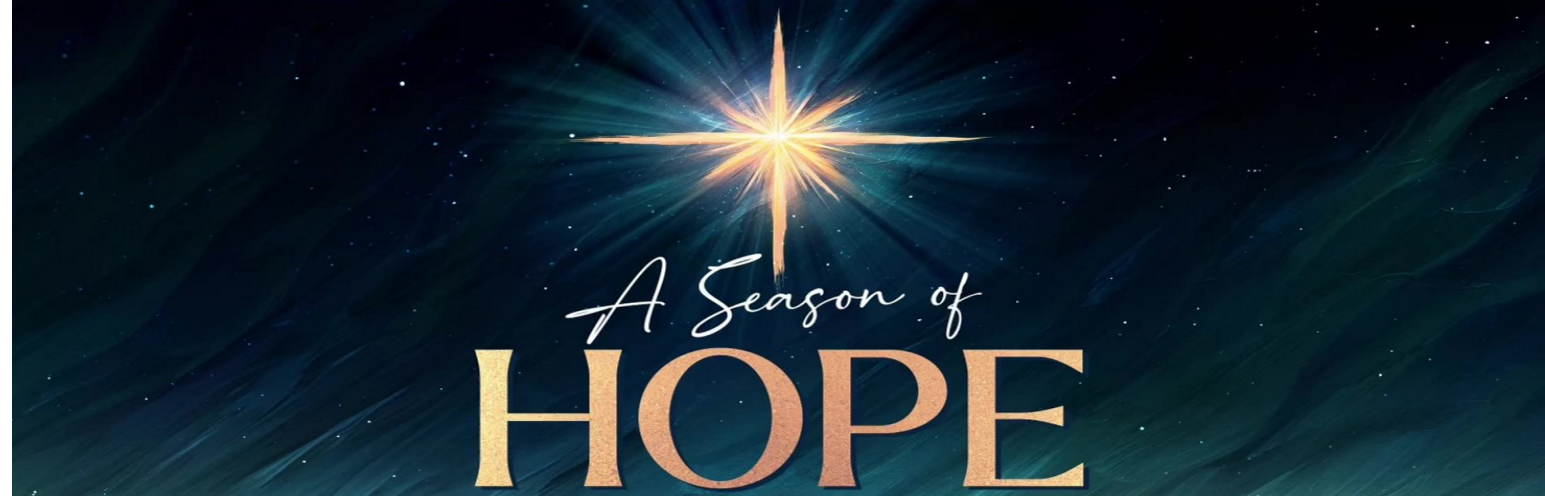
**Faith Community Church**  
*"For we walk by faith not by sight"*  
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**Sunday, December 17**  
**10:45 am**

**Invite your family, friends, and neighbors to join us for the sharing of the timeless message of Christmas.**

**Welcome to the grand opening of Bethlehem's first-century theme park Advent-ure – Royal World! Bethlehem is the birthplace of Israel's great King David. This "favorite son" put them on the map, but it has been 1,000 years since David's reign, and sleepy Bethlehem is hardly the next big tourist attraction. But the ambitious Hannah believes that "The City of David" is the perfect place to bring fun and festivities built around this great king, and the census, bringing throngs back to their ancestral home, offers the perfect opportunity.**



**"In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it."**  
**John 1:4-5**



**We can hardly believe we are almost at the end of 2023! As we close this year, we want you all to know that we are so thankful for each of you that make our youth programs possible! For the youth that come to Truth Trackers, the faithful leaders that put in the extra time to prepare lessons and share the love of Jesus, and all the parents that entrust their kids to us each week. The joy and light that fill this building on Wednesday evenings is hard to describe if you haven't experienced it firsthand!**

**We pray you have a joyous Christmas and a peaceful start to your New Year.**

**Important Dates**  
**December 13 - Store Night**  
**December 27 - No Truth Trackers**  
**January 3 - No Truth Trackers**



**Sunday, December 24**  
**10:45 am**

**Come with your family and friends for a special service, as we worship through song, special music, and a powerful story.**

**Join us for the celebration!**



# THANK YOU!

A BIG thank you to everyone who donated to the special Christmas offering!  
Our church supports 34 missionaries - Both individuals and families. That means 100+ people are directly affected by your giving, and even more can be impacted with the gospel because of your faithful giving.

## Monthly Missions Update



# Mark Your Calendar

## December

- 3—Widow Connection (After Church)
- 5—GAP Ministry (7 pm)
- 6—Truth Trackers (7 pm)
  - Living Stones (7 pm)
  - Solid Rock (7:30 pm)
- 10—Christmas Program Practice (after church)
- 11—Elder Meeting (7 pm)
- 12—Mom's LINK (9:30 am)
  - GAP Ministry (7 pm)
- 13—Truth Trackers (7 pm) **Store Night**
  - Living Stones (7 pm)
  - Solid Rock (7:30 pm)
- 16—Christmas Program Practice (9 am—12 pm)
- 17—Christmas Program (10:45 am)
- 19—GAP Ministry (7 pm)
- 20—Truth Trackers (7 pm)
  - Living Stones (7 pm)
  - Solid Rock (7:30 pm)
- 24—**NO** Sunday School or Small Group Meetings
  - Christmas Story Service (10:45 am)
- 25—MERRY CHRISTMAS
- 27—**NO** Wednesday Night Activities
- 31—**NO** Sunday School or Small Group Meetings

## GAP GOD ANSWERS PRAYER

The GAP (God Answers Prayer) ministry is a life giving ministry at Faith Community. Come and be a part of the team that is making a difference in the Kingdom!

Tuesdays - 7-8 pm - Room 100



Moms LINK is a great place to connect as you navigate the journey of motherhood. Childcare is provided on site.

Tuesday, December 12  
from 9:30 - 11:30 am

For more information, contact Alex Fenske (340-7374) or Emily Van Horn (340-3738).



Sunday, December 3  
Right After Church

There will be a light luncheon/snack time so please bring a snack to share. Contact Jan Buller (394-8791) for more information.

## November Service Staff

### Infant/Toddler Nursery:

- 3 - Kirsten Wettlaufer & Kloe Kopecky
- 10 - Teri Schacht & Brynnlin Konrad
- 17 - Christy Meyer & Ayden Ballagh
- 24 - Linda Green & Abby Ehlers
- 31 - Coni Kersch & Conner Banks

### PreK Junior Church:

- 3 - Cheryl Bohlander & Olivia Young
- 10 - Katrina Andrews & Eli Banks
- 17 - Christmas Program
- 24 - Christmas Story Service
- 31 - Sandy Mosel & Hollynn Konrad

### Ushers:

- 3 - Dave Brodersen, Trent Shoemaker, Nick Konrad, Tyler Dexter
- 10 - Bob Young, Rod Gartner, Dennis Schueth, Devyn Ballagh
- 17 - Phil Lorenz, Rod Rowse, Neil Tompkins, Alex Brookhouser
- 24 - Jim Fuchtman, Ted Meyer, Bob Willats, Terry Sorensen
- 31 - Joe Knopp, Roger Sorensen, Gary Caskey, Ryan Ballagh

December 24 & 31

There will be no Sunday School for children or regularly scheduled Small Groups for adults

### Christmas Gifts for Pastors

On Sunday, December 17 monetary Christmas gifts will be presented to the Pastors. If you would like to give towards this, please put your check (made out to FCC) or money in an envelope marked "Pastor Gifts" and place it in the offering boxes by December 10.

### Christmas Program December Practice Schedule

Sunday, December 3—9:15 -10:15 am

Sunday, December 10—9:15 -10:15 am  
& right after church (bring a lunch)

Saturday, December 17 - 9 am - 12 pm

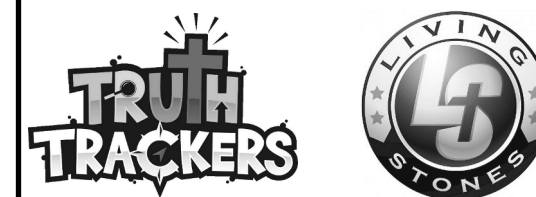


The Salt & Light Committee is collecting

WINTER HATS & GLOVES

For all the area schools

New hats & gloves can be dropped off in the church foyer



December 27

& January 3

CHRISTMAS BREAK

No Wednesday Night Activities

