

Main Identity

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Do you have Christmas traditions in your family? Do you have certain foods you associate with Christmas Dinner, someone who always hands out the packages, special dinnerware, decorations passed down from the generations? Do you have a tradition of giving certain gifts only at Christmastime and/or a tradition of giving to others less fortunate? Do you put up the tree on a specific date?

These are ways we bring continuity to Christmas in our individual families, but one thing we do as Christians remains constant for the past 2007 years. We marvel at the glory of the Incarnation and wonder that our God should be so gracious as to send His Son to be our Savior.

Today we read Luke 2 and listen to the Hallelujah Chorus from Handel's Messiah and such. We listen to Matthew 1 and 2. We look at the Nativity. We contemplate the Star, the Magi, the gifts they brought, the shepherds, the angels, Mary and Joseph, the miracle of a virgin birth, and the Christ Child. We sing Christmas Carols and enjoy one another's company.



*And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary: for you have found favor
 With God. And, behold, you shall conceive in your womb,
 And bring forth a son, and shall call His name
 JESUS.
 He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest:*

*And the Lord God shall give unto Him the throne of His
Father David; and He shall reign over the house of Jacob
Forever; and of His kingdom there shall be no end.
Luke 1.30-33*

While you're rushing around hither and yon looking for that perfect gift for this one and that one, remember the gift of God to us in the Person of Jesus Christ. And when He offers Himself to you, as your Savior, Lord, Master, Friend, Healer, and Lover of your soul, do not refuse Him. Cherish Him; for He is your inheritance. What you do with Him determines your destiny. How you see Him determines how you spend your days. Where you put Him in your life tells others whether or not you believe Him and what you value. Choose wisely and well. Consider Jesus, the Continuity in Christmas. And in the Spirit of the Gift, give graciously, gladly, and generously as guided by the Living God.



Sundays, Rev. Jim Craig continues his series of teaching from the Greek in the message to the Hebrews. Communion is served the first Sunday of every month. Services begin at 4:30 p.m. Sunday December 16th is our 13th annual dinner and Christmas Caroling event, beginning at 6:00 p.m. Sunday December 23rd will be our special Christmas service at 4:30 p.m. followed by dinner and the movie "The Nativity."

Tuesday nights, 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. join the growing number of folks digging deeper into Hebrews as Pastor Jim breaks down the Greek for you.

Wednesday nights, 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Dr. Mary Craig continues teaching "Growing in God's Garden: Life on the Vine." This series on how to deal with emotions like fear, anger, worry, and depression, and things like loneliness, expectations, pride, has been transforming lives. Come and let the Holy Spirit produce His fruit in you as you learn how to put on Christ. If you tend to feel lonely or depressed during the holiday season, this time is for you!

Friday nights, Dr. Mary Craig continues in the Message to the Hebrews, 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. After the Bible study, stay for worship and the ministry of the Holy Spirit until around 10:30 p.m. God is healing, restoring, saving, sanctifying, and anointing His people! Come prepared for this mighty move of God as the Holy Spirit speaks and ministers to His people.



Saturday December 8th, those helping with the Barnabas Project Distribution in Homestead, FL should meet at Craighouse around 9:00 a.m. We will leave at 9:30 a.m. to travel caravan style to the church where we will hold the distribution. We could still use toys, school supplies, children's clothes, linens, clothing, and small household items. Let's give some encouragement and a little boost to this farming community! Contact Pastor Jim or David Patten for information.

Christmas Caroling At Craighouse



Christmas at Craighouse has meant dinner and caroling in the streets for the past 13 years. Join us **Sunday, December 16th at 6:00 p.m.** Bring food, friends, family, and a flashlight! We celebrate the birth of Christ and give Bibles to homes that do not have a Bible. We witness, worship, walk, and wait to see what God has planned for us. Last year we gave a little concert in a restaurant and in front of a 7-eleven. We have seen people rejoice, weep, tag along, respond to the gospel, and feel very loved. And...we have a great time!

Sunday, December 23rd, we meet at 4:30 p.m. for a special Christmas service. Then we'll have dinner and watch the movie "The Nativity." At Craighouse, we are a growing family of believers, loving and caring for one another. Come and share the love of the Spirit with us.

Merry Christmas

With Love,

Pastors Jim & Mary Craig

Pastors:

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