MESSAGE NOTES DECEMBER 13 2020



The Gospel According to Luke

Roger Ellis Lead Pastor

THE **ONE THING:** Join the choir.

NEXTSTEPS

- O Memorize Luke 2:1.
- O Journey through the Gospel of Luke.
- O Love the little people.
- O What makes you sing?

DISCOVERY QUESTIONSFOR FAMILY OR GROUP DISCUSSION

Check-In: Since we last met, how did your "I will..." and sharing go?

- 1. What are you thankful for? What challenge or stress are you facing? Do you know anyone who needs help at this time? As a group, how can we help?
- 2. Read **LUKE 2:8-20** together (at least twice), and take turns retelling it in your own words as if sharing with a friend who isn't here.
- 3. What stands out to you and why? What do these verses tell us about God? What do these verses tell us about humanity/about us?
- 4. If this is God speaking, how will you apply it to your life? (Share a specific: "I will...")
- 5. Who will you share with before we meet again? (Name a specific person you plan to **share with**.)

If you'd like to learn more about the discovery group process, connect with **marcus@oakwoodnow.org**









DECEMBER 13

SUNDAY

SERVICE

9:30 AM ONLINE & ON-SITE SERVICES BEGIN

- ▶ Read these FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS about worshiping at Oakwood.
- ▶ Offering boxes are located on-site. Check out the MANY WAYS TO GIVE TO OAKWOOD including online and text giving.
- Find our online worship service each Sunday morning on the Oakwood YOUTUBE CHANNEL.

CONNECTION & PRAYER CARD

- Guests, we're so glad you're joining us! We'd love to connect with you and answer your questions! Click **HERE** to get started.
- ▶ Scroll to page 2 to find the **Message Notes**.

ALL CHURCH

PRAYER MEETING

DEC. 13 | 11-11:30 AM | KIDS' ZONE

Please join us for a time of prayer, hosted by Meagan Gulak, focusing on hope, healing and restoration within the body of Christ and our community.

FAMILIES

9:30 AM | GATHERING PLACE & ONLINE

▶ FAMILY-FOCUSED PROGRAMMING is available for families with preschool and/or elementary kids.

CHILDREN

MESSAGE-BASED KIDS BULLETIN

Cravons are available on-site.

STUDENTS

CHRISTMAS PARTY 6-8 PM | HIGH SCHOOL ROOM **MORE INFO**

STAY CONNECTED DURING THE WEEK

ALL CHURCH

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

DEC. 16 | 7-8:30 PM

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the spiritual and emotional health of the congregation in light of recent departures. Please RSVP to CARRIE ZIEBELL to let her know how many will be in your party or if you'd like to participate virtually.

THE 12 GIFTS OF CHRISTMAS NOW-DEC. 18

Bring the Christmas story to life in your home this Advent season! Sign up to receive a special box that includes a booklet with twelve devotionals, activites and supplies that are appropriate for all ages. MORE INFO AND TO ORDER

ADVENT CONSPIRACY 2020

This month, we're collecting donations for **HEARTLOVE PLACE**, including diapers, Bibles, office supplies and kitchen utensils. Check out the **DONATION LIST HERE** and bring your gifts to Oakwood during office hours or on Sunday mornings.

PERSPECTIVES ON THE WORLD CHRISTIAN MOVEMENT JAN. 17-MAY 18 | 6:30-9:15 PM **ELMBROOK LAKE COUNTRY**

Perspectives will open the eyes of your heart with fresh knowledge and understanding of God's unchanging purposes and why they're relevant to your life. Join Nate & Kristin Stenholtz and Marcus Constantine for this discipleship course. Early bird registration deadline: Dec. 15. MORE INFO AND REGISTRATION.

MISSIONS

All of the OAKWOOD-SUPPORTED MISSIONARIES have struggled with limitations due to the pandemic. Pray for them as they prepare for the Christmas season and the upcoming vear.

WOMEN

BRING CHRISTMAS HOME | DECEMBER 2020

Set aside a time to share the message of Jesus coming into our world with a sister, friend, or co-worker! Find all the resources you need **HERE**.

MORNING BY MORNING LIVE DEVOTIONAL MONDAY, WEDNESDAY & FRIDAY | 7 AM

Twenty minutes to start your day with Scripture and prayer! Drop in anytime! **MORE INFO**.

ADULTS

MARRIAGE MENTORING

Oakwood's NEW Marriage Ministry Team helps nurture relationships and promotes lasting marriages. We offer Prepare/Enrich marriage enrichment and premarital sessions! LEARN MORE & REGISTER.

YEAR-END GIVING

Donors must deliver and/or postmark checks by December 31, in order to claim a charitable contribution deduction for 2020. The office will be open December 28-31 from 9 am-noon. You can also GIVE ONLINE. Check your Oakwood 2020 giving by logging into MY COMMUNITY from the website ("Contact Us" page).

FINANCIAL UPDATE

FISCAL YEAR TO DATE [AUGUST-NOVEMBER, 2020] **BUDGET GIVING**

\$449,774.00 \$380.976.91