



WELCOME TO CHURCH OF THE OPEN DOOR

December 8, 2024

WHAT'S HAPPENING?



A HOME FOR EVERYONE | YEAR-END GIVING PROJECT

We're excited to announce that this year, we're continuing our mission to provide every family in Burundi's Batwa village of Mbasi with a safe place to call home. Our Year-End Giving Project is a mission to build **A Home for Everyone**. We seek to build homes for the 40 families still in need, offering them hope and security. Last year, your generosity made it possible to build over 40 sturdy homes and eliminate our general fund deficit. Together, we can finish what we started—providing not just homes, but education, discipleship, and job training through our partner, Kickoff to Hope.

To support our year-end giving project, text "HOUSES" to 440.323.4644, or include it on your giving envelope!

Want to know more about our past year and future plans? Pick up a copy of our annual report after service or text "REPORT" to 440.323.4644 for a digital version.

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS EVE | DECEMBER 24 | 3 PM & 5 PM

We invite you to join us for worship and candlelight as we celebrate the advent of Jesus, the light of the world! Christmas Eve Services will be held at 3pm and 5pm at all campuses. Additionally, join us for daily devotionals this Advent season! Alongside our usual readings, each day features a special Advent passage to reflect the season's meaning.

Text "DEVOTIONS" to 440.323.4644 to sign up and/or pick up a paper copy at your campus!



BETHLEHEM WALK | TONIGHT!! | 5:30-8PM | ELYRIA CAMPUS

Invite your friends and family to discover what it felt like to be in the town of Bethlehem at this interactive walkthrough Advent experience. See the beginning of the Gospel story and tour the town to explore the sights and sounds; stroll among the shops and sample cheese, olives, and bread; introduce children to "Cleve," the camel, near the nativity; and celebrate the birth of our Savior!

For more information, visit opendoor.tv/events

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440.323.4644

to call, text, & register for events!

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THE HUMILITY OF CHRISTMAS



SERMON NOTES

The Humility of Christmas "The Humility of Joseph" Matthew 1:18-25

Joseph's life and actions remind us that:

1. It takes _____ to become a _____ person:
 - a. to recognize your _____ for God and His _____
 - b. to see yourself for who you really are: a _____
 - c. to confess your _____
 - d. to accept that _____ is the One who makes you righteous
 - e. to live in total _____ on God
 2. It takes humility to _____ another person well:
 - a. to _____/trust them when things don't make sense
 - b. to _____ them when their circumstances affect yours
 - c. to defend them when your _____ may be trashed
 3. It takes humility to _____ God:
 - a. instead of letting _____ drive your life and decisions
 - b. to believe that Jesus will _____ you
 - c. to _____ that "God is with us" before you see it
 - d. to _____ Him and do what He says no matter what
- Joseph was a righteous man because he was a humble man who _____ God.