CROSSROADS
CHRISTIAN CHURCH

DECEMBER
2018

Outreach Christmas Concert

BRING CANNED GOODS

December 14, 2018, 7pm

Come one, come all, invite your friends, neighbors, and co-workers to this wonderful night of celebrating the reason for the season, our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ..

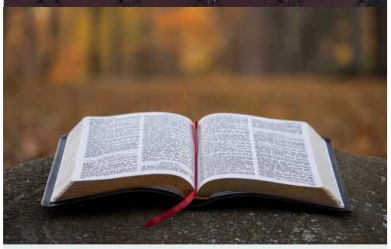
Bring some canned goods as a donation for entrance into the concert, a win-win , you'll get a fabulous night of worship and an opportunity to support our community and the needs of those who go hungry this time of year.

Holly Starr is honest, passionate, and personal. The daughter of an onion-farmer, Starr began writing songs at a young age as a means to share Christ with her friends. Now at 27, her passion for outreach remains the heartbeat of her music. Over ten years and four albums later, Starr has traveled the country sharing a message of faith amidst adversity.

Creating a sweet blend of pop and worship, Starr is an engaging worship leader and entertainer. Whether it be for a community concert, Sunday morning service, youth camp or gathering, women's event, or festival, Starr has found a unique way of creating a musical experience that fits the present need. She has been described as 'intergenerational.' Her musical approach and presentation does well with all ages – something special to her ministry.

There's no pretending with Starr. Her heart and lyrics bleed the honesties of life. Through song and testimony, she invites her listeners to hear just how God has worked despite the ups and downs she has faced.

See you there!!



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OUR MISSION

- For God
- For Each Other
- For Salinas

Christ the Lord

By Greg Laurie

The angel began that wonderful announcement to the shepherds with, "Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy. . . ." Maybe you are suffering today. You might find yourself wondering, *Where is the joy?* But what is the joy about? Is it about an opportunity to go shopping? Is the message of Christmas "Let it snow?" No, it is, "Let us worship."

> *Then the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people. For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord."*—**Luke 2:10-11**

The angels' visit to the shepherds became the first Christmas celebration. It's as though heaven and earth were celebrating it together, as though a portal to glory had been opened up. These shepherds saw the supernatural world, the heavenly world. On that first Christmas, there was a big celebration in heaven and on earth over the birth of the Lord Jesus Christ.

We have a *Savior*: "For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord" (Luke 2:11). That is the most important thing. We have a Savior who came to save us from the power and penalty of sin. Whatever you are going through in life, remember this: you have a Savior. He has put your sins as far away from you as the east is from the west.

Christ means "anointed one." Another word for that is *Messiah*. Jesus was the fulfillment of God's promise to send His Son as the Messiah. This is a simple reminder that God keeps His promises. God said that He would send a Messiah, and the Messiah came.

Lord means that we have a sovereign God who is in control of our lives.

So set aside the things you have become preoccupied with and remember that you have a Savior. You have a Lord. You have a Christ. And you have His promises.

Submitted by
Brandy Stark for Leadership

DECEMBER 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Holidays @ CCC other location						1
2 10am - Family Sunday 5:30pm - Bible Study	3 W@C Christmas Party - 6pm	4	5 9:30am - Women's Bible Study 6:30pm Praise Team Practice	6	7	8
9 Adopt-a-Family gifts due 12:pm - Gift bag set-up for A-a-G 5:30pm - Bible Study	10 6:30pm - Board Meeting	11	12 9:30am - Women's Bible Study 6:30pm Praise Team Practice	13	14 **Holly Starr Christmas Concert - 7pm**	15 5:45pm - Warming Shelter
16 11:45am - Christmas Play practice	17	18	19 6:30pm Praise Team Practice	20	21	22
23 10am - The Christmas Story Play 2:30pm - Adopt a Grandparent	24 Christmas Eve Service - 6:00pm	25 Christmas Day Office Closed	26 6:30pm Praise Team Practice	27	28	29 Church of God Building Use 7:00pm
30 Church of God Building Use 3pm - (Wedding)	31 NY New Year's Eve Party - 6pm					

The Christmas Story Play

Warming Shelter

Christmas Eve Service

New Years Eve Party

Holly Starr

Adopt-a-Grandparent

BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH

Tricia Kaiser	12/01
Ben Carr	12/04
Jerry Lemmon	12/05
Katy Lemmon	12/06
Debbie Lemmon	12/08
Lorraine Mc Coy	12/14
Jeanne Brown	12/19
Brandy Stark	12/26
Steve Irachett	12/27
Paul Vargas	12/31

EVENTS

3	W@C Christmas Party
9	Gift Bag set-up
14	Holly Starr Concert
15	Warming Shelter
16	Play Practice
23	The Christmas Story Play
23	Adopt-a-Grandparent
24	Christmas Eve Service
25	Christmas Day
31	NYNYE Party

OUTREACH OPPORTUNITY

Saturday Dec 8—

70th Annual Children's Shopping Tour hosted by Salinas Chamber of Commerce. Volunteer to help children shop for school clothes. For more information visit:

www.salinaschamber.com

NOVEMBER SCRIPTURE

49 – Dec 3

Monday	Revelation 3
Tuesday	Revelation 4
Wednesday	Revelation 5
Thursday	Revelation 6
Friday	Revelation 7

50 – Dec 10

Monday	Revelation 8
Tuesday	Revelation 9
Wednesday	Revelation 10
Thursday	Revelation 11
Friday	Revelation 12

51 – Dec 17

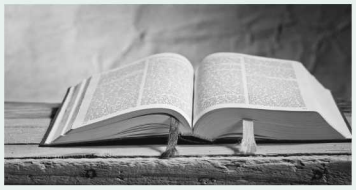
Monday	Revelation 13
Tuesday	Revelation 14
Wednesday	Revelation 15
Thursday	Revelation 16
Friday	Revelation 17

52 – Dec 24

Monday	Revelation 18
Tuesday	Revelation 19
Wednesday	Revelation 20
Thursday	Revelation 21
Friday	Revelation 22

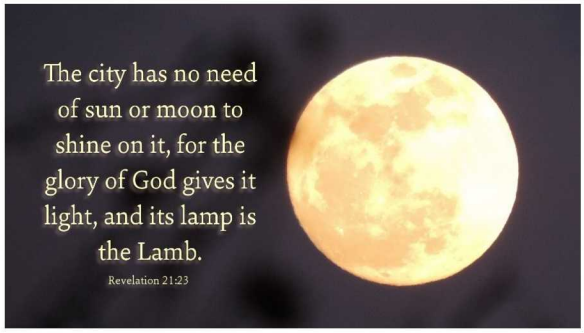
Blessed is the one who reads aloud the words of this prophecy, and blessed are those who hear it and take to heart what is written in it, because the time is near.

- Revelation 1:3



I don't know about you, but this year's congregational initiative has sparked a fire and makes me want to read more. Recently a friend showed me a reading plan that easily leads you from Genesis to Revelation in a year. It doesn't include every chapter and verse, but instead skips past material that appears more than once, providing a streamlined look at the entire Bible. I'm excited to take this 365-day tour of the Bible in the coming year.

As 2018 comes to an end, we have reached the "dreaded" book of Revelation. We all seem to have at least some fear of this last book of the Bible. Just 22 chapters left, and you will have read the entire New Testament this year. Some basic facts about the book of Revelation follow.



Revelation

Author
John (1:1), probably the apostle.

Date
Approximately AD 95.

In Ten Words or Less
God will judge evil and reward His saints.

Quotable
God blesses the one who reads the words of this prophecy to the church, and he blesses all who listen to its message and obey what it says, for the time is near. (1:3)

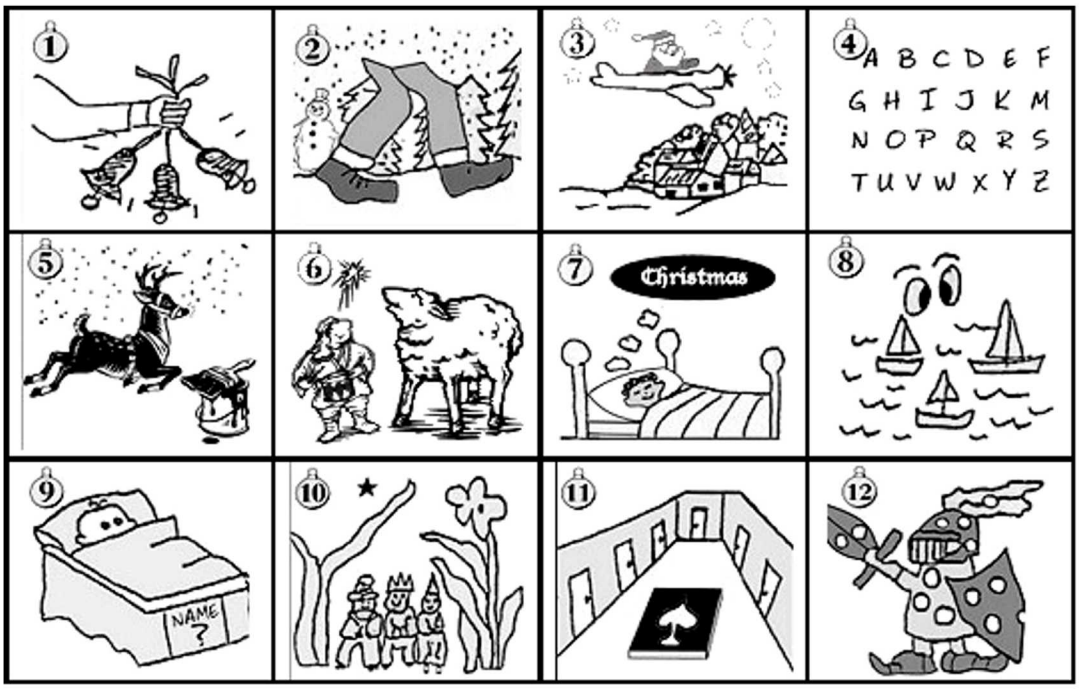
Worthy is the Lamb who was slaughtered to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honor, and glory, and blessing. (5:12)

Unique and Unusual
Revelation is an example of "apocalyptic literature," the only such book in the New Testament. *Apocalyptic* implies "revealing secret information." The book of Revelation identifies Jesus Christ as the "Alpha and Omega" (1:8) and reveals the number 666 as a sign of "the beast" (13:18).

So What?
"I've read the back of the book," an old Southern gospel song says, "and we win!" God has given His children a preview of how this world ends – and the new-and-improved world we'll enjoy forever. The curse of sin will be gone, we'll live in perfect fellowship with the Lord Himself, and we will "reign for ever and ever" (22:5). Kind of puts our bad days in perspective, doesn't it?

Submitted by Ginger Stark for Women @ Crossroads

Christmas Carol Brainteaser



Frosted Ginger Cookie

Sunset Magazine

Frosted ginger cookies are perfect for gifts and Christmas cookie swaps.

Ingredients

- 1 cup granulated sugar, plus more for rolling cookies
- 3/4 cup butter, at room temperature
- 1 egg
- 3 tablespoons molasses
- 2 cups flour, sifted
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 1/2 teaspoons ground ginger
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cloves
- 1/2 teaspoon freshly ground nutmeg
- 1 cup powdered sugar
- 1 teaspoon lemon juice

Instructions

Step 1

Preheat oven to 350°. In a large bowl, cream 1 cup granulated sugar with butter until light and fluffy, about 3 minutes. Mix in egg and molasses.

Step 2

In a medium bowl, stir together flour, baking soda, and spices. Add to butter mixture and blend well.

Step 3

Fill a shallow bowl with granulated sugar. Break off walnut-size pieces of dough and roll into balls; roll balls in sugar. Arrange on greased cookie sheets and bake until golden brown, about 10 minutes. Transfer to cooling racks.

Step 4

Meanwhile, make glaze: Combine powdered sugar with 1 tbsp. water and stir until smooth, then stir in lemon juice. Drizzle glaze over cookies.

1 Jingle Bells; 2 Walking in A Winter Wonderland; 3 Santa Claus Is Coming to Town; 4 First Noel; 5 Rudolph The Red Nosed Reindeer; 6 Little Drummer Boy; 7 I'm Dreaming of a White Christmas; 8 I Saw Three Ships; 9 What Child Is This?; 10 We Three Kings of Orient Are; 11 Deck the Halls; 12 Holy Night

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FAMILY SUNDAY

1st Sunday of each month

Next: January 6, 2019

Children's worship bulletins available at Welcome table

IGLESIA DE DIOS (Church of God)

Meeting at Crossroads
1035 Rogge Rd.

Sunday 4pm

(Tuesday 6:30pm-8pm Praise Team Practice)

Friday 7pm

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CURRENT GROUPS/CLASSES

Sunday Morning

Please join us for one of our Bible studies.
Plan to arrive early and join us for coffee and pastries.

9am (10/7—12/9)
Adults—Jerry Lemmon/Lyn White (*ME Addiction*, various contributors)
Men's— Perry Vargas/Shane Sullivan (*Before Amen,* by Max Lucado)
Ladies—Ginger Stark (*Extraordinary Faith*, by Sheila Walsh)
10:30am - See schedule
Nursery
Toddler-K
1st—6th grades

Sunday Evening – 5:30pm @ CCC
Alan Stark - *True Spirituality*, by Chip Ingram
Through Dec 9

Wednesday Morning – 9:30am @ CCC
Women's Bible Study - Susan Vargas/Tonna Henson
Chronological Walk through the Bible
Winter Break, Dec 19—Dec 26, resumes Jan 2

Tuesday Evening – 6:00pm @ CCC
Women's Bible Study - Becky Cromer
Winter Break thru January 2019

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