



December 2016

Sundays

Worship Service (English)
 9:00 am
 11:00 am
 6:00 pm

Worship Service (Spanish)
 9:00 am

Children's Church
 9:00 am
 11:00 am

Wednesdays

EMPOWER
 Discipleship Groups
 7:00 pm

Adult Bible Study
 Spanish Bible Study
 Blaze Young Adults
 4 Life Youth Service
 Girls Ministries
 Royal Rangers

“WHEN GOD SHOWS UP”

“But when the fullness of the time was come, God sent forth His Son, made of a woman, made under the law to redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons.” - Galatians 4:4-5

Christmas is about God breaking through at surprising times, and showing up in unusual places in the world. You never know when, where, or how God will show up. As you look through the Bible, you will see God showing up at inopportune times. For instance, God showed up to Moses on the back side of the desert; He appeared to Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego in the fiery furnace; and foremost, He showed up in Bethlehem as the angels announced the arrival of God on earth.

God always chooses unusual people in unexpected places to show up. Jesus was not born in the temple, He was born in a stable. His father was not a priest, but a peasant. He did not live in Jerusalem, he lived in Nazareth. No one really knew about Jesus' birth and very few cared anything about it, but God was changing the world! What happened when God showed up during the first Christmas? Several of many things happened.

* **The World is Informed**

Christmas informs the world that there is meaning and purpose in the world for the God, who created the world, came to redeem it. Christmas informs the world that the true King of the world has been born and will establish His everlasting Kingdom. Whether the world wants to hear it or not, the message of Christmas is one of good news and great joy. Christmas announces that there is a reason to hope. Through the coming of Christ to this earth, lives are changed, nations are changed, and the world is changed.

* **The World is Transformed**

Our message is not mere words about hope and peace, but the Christmas message changes the world. The Bible speaks of the transformation of

individuals and also the transformation of the world. The scripture first calls us to personal transformation by the renewing of our minds. When you are transformed, you become a new person. You think, speak, and act differently in order to transform the world, you have to be transformed by Christ. As Christ lives in you, you are changed and then you begin to change those around you.

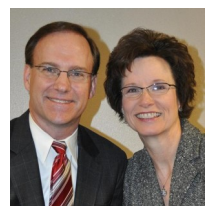
* **A New World is Formed**

Christ's birth was the signal of something new. His Kingdom would replace the kingdom of the world. Christmas is the announcement of the Kingdom of God breaking through. Let the world never forget who the Creator is, for He is coming to claim His creation. Furthermore, let us never forget that Jesus is King, for He is returning to reign. We confidently say with John the Revelation in Revelation 11:15, “The kingdom of the world has become the Kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ, and He will reign forever and ever.”

When God shows up, we can expect even greater things! The story is told of the great golfer, Arnold Palmer. He once played a series of exhibition matches in Saudi Arabia. The king was so impressed that he told Palmer that he wanted to give him a gift, but Palmer said, “It really isn't necessary, Your Highness. I'm honored just to have been invited.” The king insisted, “I would deeply be upset if you would not allow me to give you a gift.” Palmer thought for a moment and finally said, “All right, how about a golf club? That would be a beautiful memento of my visit.” The next day, delivered to Arnold Palmer's hotel, was the title to a gold club-thousands of acres, trees, lakes and a club house.

During this Christmas season, expect God to show up in your daily life. Let Him do something new and fresh in you as He rules and reigns! May you have a Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year!

Changing Lives for Eternity!
With Love,
Pastor Terry & Tina
Richardson



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COMING SUNDAYS IN DECEMBER

December 4th: 9 & 11 am Services

“When You Are Hoping For a Miracle”



“Bethesda-the Place of God’s Power”

God has “Kairos” moments in your life where He puts you with the right people at the right time at the right place to accomplish a specific purpose. In John 5 we see how being at an appointed place at an appointed time is essential for you to receive the miracle God has for you. The lame man unable

to walk for 28 years has a “Kairos” moment with Jesus as he was at the right place at the right time and received his miracle. Wherever the presence of Jesus there is always hope for a miracle. In this message, Pastor will challenge you to look for the “Kairos” moments in your life where God is waiting to do a miracle.

6 PM:

Encounter Prayer



“ Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. “ Philippians 4:6

No matter what is going on in life, prayer is a wonderful tool to help direct and sustain us. Through the power of prayer circumstances can change and our spirit is refreshed. Join

us for our Encounter Prayer service as we spend time seeking God together in prayer.

December 11th: 9 & 11 am Services

“The Christmas Calendar”

A Bilingual Christmas Production



For some reason Christmas seems to feel like the busiest time of year. We can get so caught up in shopping, cooking, family celebrations, Christmas parties, and well, that list can go on. Schedule time on your Christmas Calendar to join us for the real reason of this season. Invite your

family and friends to join us for a special Bilingual Christmas Production for one of the services on either Friday, December 9th at 7pm or Sunday, December 11th at 9 or 11 am.

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*The Evening Service
is Dismissed!*



*Evening Service
Dismissed*

December 18th: 9 & 11 am & 6pm Services

Reverend Peter De Jesus

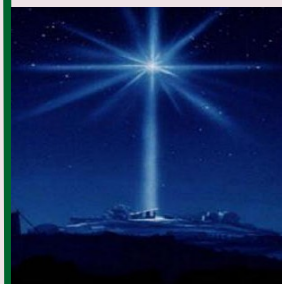


Rev. Peter and Mildred De Jesus have been married since 1996. Peter and Mildred minister bilingually all over the U.S. and beyond in word and in music. As of 2016, they also serve as the volunteer Hispanic Outreach Coordinators for Christians United for Israel. Peter is an ordained minister of

Cornerstone Church and has served on staff there from 2008 to 2013 as the high school youth pastor and college and career young adult pastor, and from 2014 to 2016 as a bilingual pastoral counselor. Mildred also served on Cornerstone Church staff as the administration coordinator for the youth and young adult ministries, and in the Cornerstone business department collectively from 2008 to 2015. He and Mildred have worked alongside each other in full-time ministry since 2002. Ultimately, their desire is to be used by Jesus Christ in order to introduce, advance, and expand God’s heavenly kingdom here on earth into the lives of all people of all ages all over the world.

December 25th: 10 am Service

“Good News For Bad Times”



God chose to send His Son, Jesus, into this world at one of the darkest times in the history of Israel. Israel was living in difficult times politically as they were under the Roman rule, economically as they were heavily taxed, and spiritually as their hearts were hardened. On the day of His birth, the angels announced His entry with joy, hope, and peace. Israel who had not known

peace would experience the Prince of Peace. God brought the “Good News” for bad times. As we close 2016, we live in very difficult and confusing times politically, economically, and spiritual, but Jesus continues to be the “Good News” for bad times.

6 PM:

*The Evening Service
is Dismissed!*



*Merry
Christmas!
Evening Service
Dismissed*

EXPECT

MORE...

"Enlarge the place of your tent, stretch your tent curtains wide, do not hold back; lengthen your cords, strengthen your cords, strengthen your stakes. For you will spread out to the right and to the left; your descendants will dispossess nations and settle in the desolate cities"- Isaiah 54:2,3

PRAYER, FASTING, AND REVIVAL IN JANUARY 2017

- * 21 Days of Prayer and Fasting– January 8th-28th, 2017
 - * Week of Prayer January 8th-12th, 2017
 - * Revival January 15th-18th, 2017

Guest Minister, Rev. Ricki Jimenez



Dr. Rick Jimenez, an ordained Assemblies of God pastor and evangelist, has been in the ministry for over 20 years. Travelling throughout the United States and in Europe, Dr. Jimenez brings a message of revolution and impact, challenging people to a higher level in their walk with the Lord. Dr. Jimenez' ministry focuses on life-changing experiences through the power and anointing of the Holy Ghost. No matter what your situation is, the Holy Ghost allows you to challenge it as He empowers your life and renews your dreams. Get ready to live your dreams and EXPECT MORE!

Del Escritorio del Pastor Ruiz



“Que os ha nacido hoy, en la ciudad de David, un Salvador, que es Cristo el Señor.” Lucas 2:11

Increíblemente este año 2016 se nos va mas rápido de los que pensamos. Espero que usted haya logrado hacer algo de buen testimonio que haya motivado su vida y sobre todo que haya agradado y honrado a Dios.

Que en este tiempo de **NAVIDAD** lo hagamos contar con uno mismo y con nuestra familia. Reconociendo la verdadera razón de esta bendecida estación del año.

La cual **CELEBRAMOS EL NACIMIENTO** de nuestro **SEÑOR JESÚRISTO** en nuestros **CORAZONES!**

Esto me recuerda la historia de los reyes sabios que fueron a buscar a Jesús que habría de nacer en **BELÉN**.

Mateo 2:1-11 relata esta historia que cambio el mundo, con el mejor regalo que pudo nacer para luego morir y darse mas tarde por la humanidad. Jesús dando su vida como el **“Mejor Regalo”** para que tuviésemos **Vida y Vida** en **Abundancia**.

Estos Reyes Sabios siguieron la Estrella que les guio hasta llegar en donde nacería **“EL VERDADERO REY”**

Estos hombres que siguieron la **ESTRELLA** del **ORIENTE**

Lo buscaron con fervor para llegar y **ADORARLE** y también llevarle **PRESENTES**. La Biblia dice en **Salmos 72:11** **“Todos los reyes se postrarán delante de él; Todas las naciones le servirán”**

Esto es poderoso porque aun hoy sabemos que todos: **“LOS SABIOS AUN BUSCAN A JESÚS”**

Pastores Ruiz



FELIZ NAVIDAD Y PROSPERO AÑO NUEVO



Me emociona saber que estamos a vísperas de un NUEVO AÑO, de un NUEVO COMIENZO, de una NUEVA OPORTUNIDAD que Dios nos da para que podamos hacer algo grande y poderoso en el REINO DE DIOS!

ESTE MES DE DICIEMBRE SINTONIZA TUS OIDOS ESPIRITUALES PARA ESCUCHAR A DIOS Y SUS DICTAMENES PARA TU VIDA AL CERRAR EL AÑO 2016 Y COMENZAR UNA NUEVA ETAPA DE UNCIÓN Y BENDICION PARA TU VIDA.

—OREMOS JUNTOS POR UN MEJOR MAÑANA—

Pastor Ruiz



“SOBRAN MÚSICOS, FALTAN ADORADORES”

Sabes cantar, tocar un instrumento, te gustaría ser parte del equipo de Adoración de Iglesia Vida. Ve y Adora a Dios uniéndote al grupo cada **JUEVES A LAS 7PM** en el **“GIMNASIO DE LA FE”** Contacte al Pastor Ruiz al 210-773-9785



Upcoming Events at Life Church

Christmas & New Year's Schedule

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 21ST

EMPOWER Discipleship Groups Dismissed

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 23RD

Development Center Closed

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25TH

MERRY CHRISTMAS!!

Christmas Service at 10am

6pm Evening Service Dismissed

MONDAY, DECEMBER 26TH

Development Center Closed

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 28TH

EMPOWER Discipleship Groups Dismissed

SUNDAY, JANUARY 1ST

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Sunday Morning Services at 9 & 11 am

6pm Evening Service Dismissed

*Have a Merry Christmas & a
Blessed New Year!*



Nursing Home Ministry

Fridays at 10:00am at
Legend Oak Nursing Home

God is moving through Life Church's Nursing Home Ministry. Volunteers meet every other Friday and minister in music and the Word of God to the residents of the Legend Oak Nursing Home. We are Jesus' hands extended by befriending, loving and praying for receive Jesus as their Lord and Savior before their eternity begins. If you would like to be part of this life changing ministry, contact Eva Hizon at 210-209-1112

Out To Reach By Speech Ministries

Saturdays at 11:30 am in the
Creative Arts Room



Out To Reach By Speech meets on Saturdays at 11:30am. Take your place in the body of Christ and be the SALTSHAKER Jesus has called us to be. Join us as we go out and spread ourselves as salt with savor and create a thirst for right standing with God, that all would draw from the True & Living Waters - Jesus! For more information contact Gordon & Margaret Majors at 210.857.0635 or 210.857.0563.



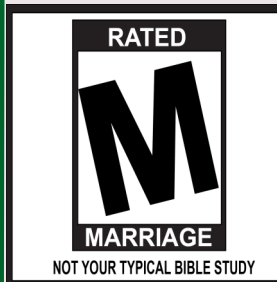
Senior Adult Ministry

Adults ages
50 and over

Breakfast Fellowship at "The Egg & I"

Tuesday, December 6th, 9:00 am
(HWY 151 at Ingram)

For more information for Prime Timers events, call the church office at (210) 674-6784.



RATED M FOR MARRIAGE

Friday, December 16th, 7 pm
David & Lyn Thomason
1339 South Flores Street # 202
210.317.3403

Because of the subject matter of this study, we ask that only married couples (without the kiddos) attend.

Men's Breakfast

Saturday, December 17th
9 am in the Fellowship Hall

Grab a buddy and join us for breakfast, a devotional, while enjoying a time of manly fellowship. For information,

contact Steve Colman at (210) 316-8659.



Spark Kidz Church

Sundays at 9 & 11 am

THE REAL CHRISTMAS STORY

The **Christmas Story** has been told and retold for thousands and thousands of years. There have been movies made, stage productions created, and many other things to retell **"The Greatest Story Ever Told."** Through all of that, many of the details have been muddled.

Remember the mean inn keeper you learned about in Sunday School? You know, the one who refused to give the poor young mother a bed to have her baby? Guess what? He's NOT in the Bible. The Bible never once mentions an inn keeper who refused the couple a place to stay. It simply says, "...for there was no room in the inn."

Remember the picture we always saw of Mary riding on a donkey while Joseph held the rope? Also NOT in the Bible. The Bible doesn't tell us how they got to Bethlehem. It only says that Mary "came with Joseph." We have no idea HOW they got there.

Remember the nativity sets that had the wise men AND the shepherds kneeling before the baby Jesus? Didn't happen. The wise men didn't arrive until Jesus was much older (perhaps up to two years old).

Because of all of the confusion about the **Christmas Story**, it is so important that we teach our kids **"The REAL Christmas Story"** - straight from the Bible. Your kids will love remembering all of the details and learning some new twists in the plot that they may never have known before.

We pray that this series is a blessing to you and your children as we celebrate this timeless story that changed the world this Christmas!

December 4th - **"SHEPHERDS:
The Unexpected Guests"**

December 11th - **"Service is Dismissed"**
Spark Kidz, join your parents in the sanctuary for the Bilingual Christmas Production.

December 18th - **"HEROD: The Selfish King"**

December 25th - **"JESUS: The Baby Savior"**

BGMC FUNDRAISER

2016 Chick-Fil-A Calendars
are now on Sale.

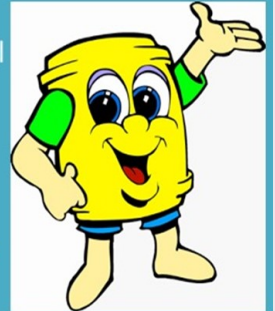
Just in time for the holidays.

The calendar is your ticket to special discounts at Chick-Fil-A throughout the year.

Cost is only **\$7.00 per calendar.**

All proceeds will go to **MISSIONS.**

Stop by our table in the Fellowship Hall and buy one today.



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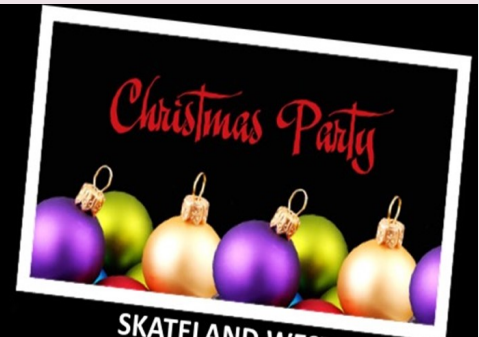
Parents we have a Facebook group for Spark Kidz. If you are on Facebook, Join us at www.facebook.com/sparkkidzsa/

To:	81010	Enter this number
Message:	@sparkkidz	Text this message

Parents and students you can now receive text messages on upcoming events in Spark Kidz or weekly reminders. To receive messages via text, just text **@sparkkidz to 81010.**



Wednesday,
Dec. 14th
6:30 – 8:30 p.m.



SKATELAND WEST
2327 SW Loop 410

Please join us for the Children's Christmas Party on
Wednesday Night, Dec. 14th at Skateland West.

Private party with Christian music.

Invite your friends and families.

Cost is \$4.00 per skater.

(Bring extra money for drinks, snacks, & games)

So Much To Be Thankful For...



BE OUR GUEST

This Christmas

the
**CHRISTMAS
CALENDAR**
el
**CALENDARIO
de NAVIDAD**

BILINGUAL CHRISTMAS PRODUCTION

The Christmas Calendar/ El Calendario de Navidad

Friday, December 9th at 7pm

Sunday, December 11th at 9 & 11am

JOIN US FOR A SPECIAL CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE

Christmas Celebration Services

Services in English & Spanish

Sunday, December 25th at 10am

4424 SW Loop 410
San Antonio, TX 78227

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