



The Source

A Note from the Pastor

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Dear brothers and sisters,

As most of you know, Troy and Connie, Kevin and Beth, and Genneen and I attended the WCG Conference of Elders in Indian Wells, CA at the end of July. The major topics presented included the small church, presented by Ruth Tucker and Trinitarian theology, presented by Baxter Krueger. Other subjects were covered in break-out sessions. As we proceed through the year, it is our intent to share with you as much of this information as possible. The theme of this conference was spiritual formation, presented by Richard Foster and Dallas Willard.



Wesołych Świąt Bożego Narodzenia

Jesus Christ was God's love gift to the world.

Newsletter Spotlight

Dec 9 —Fisher's Meeting

Dec 23—Christmas Service

Our pastoral team has made spiritual formation our local theme until Advent. So far, we have preached five sermons on the subject. Time does not allow a review of the messages here, but a quick summary: Spiritual formation is God's work of forming us into Christlike-ness. Two major obstacles to this formation are legalism and non-disciple Christianity. The great commission involves making disciples of Jesus. We cannot make disciples if we are not His disciples. Living by the great commandment – love – requires spiritual formation, because we cannot do it of ourselves. The Holy Spirit forms us from within by enabling us to love as Jesus

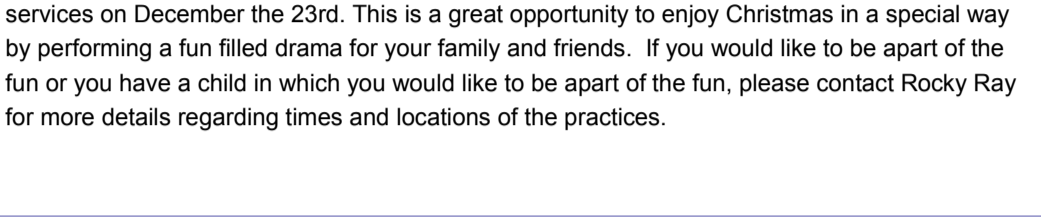
loves us. We are formed in community, not isolation. Spiritual formation does not take place through some outward action. Although the spiritual disciplines (prayer, Bible study, worship, etc.) are important, they are only tools that we can use to encourage the inner work of the Spirit.

We have several additional sermons that we plan to give. But really this series only introduces the subject. For our congregations and each of us individually, spiritual formation is a life-long process. It is our hope and prayer that this series sparks interest in all of us about this most important of the Lord's activities in us.

Grace and peace,
Martin Manuel

Do NOT miss the Christmas Celebration—December 23!!

Make sure you plan to attend on December 23—a fabulous program of music, drama, fellowship, food and spiritual nourishment awaits. You can also find invitations to share with family and friends on the announcement table. You don't want to miss it!! Schedule Details below:



9-10a Brunch

10:15-11:30 Celebration Service

- Worshipful Singing of Christmas Songs
- *The Birth of King Jesus*—Children's Drama
- *Happy Birthday Jesus*- Multi-

Generational Choir

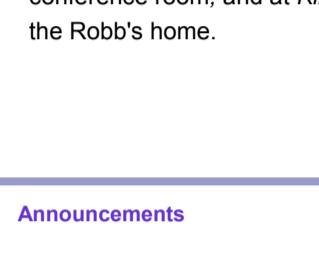
- Sermon—Keith Britton, WCG US East Regional Pastor
- *Joyful, Joyful*—Stream of Praise

11:30 Children's Activities

Children's Drama

Dear Parents, Grandparents and young people, the Youth Ministry is looking for young volunteers to participate in this year's Christmas Play. The play will be performed during worship services on December the 23rd. This is a great opportunity to enjoy Christmas in a special way by performing a fun filled drama for your family and friends. If you would like to be apart of the fun or you have a child in which you would like to be apart of the fun, please contact Rocky Ray for more details regarding times and locations of the practices.

Operation Christmas Child



Reminder—we will collect Operation Christmas Child boxes this Sunday—November 18 at services.

Click Here to print your label online: http://www.samaritanspurse.org/glossyIncludes/pdf_files/one_sheet.pdf

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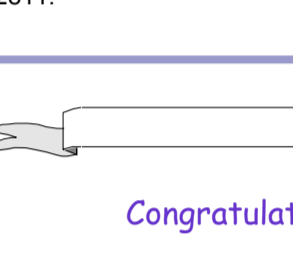
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Christianity 101 Class

For those who are either recently baptized or not baptized but interested. This 40-minute class takes place on the first Sunday of each month at 9:30 AM here at *Living Waters* in the small conference room, and at *King of Kings* it takes place at 10:00 in the Robb's home.



Announcements



Birthdays:

- Akiva and Aquiva Hamrick (September)
- Martin Manuel (October)
- Matthew Goodwin (November)
- Jada Richards (November)

Anniversaries:

- Rocky and Doreen Ray (November)

Congratulations Everyone!!

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Congratulations to **Candace Vinson** for winning a prize for her feedback submission from the last newsletter. If you have feedback that will make this newsletter better—please share!!!

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