

Keep the Focus on Christmas – December 22nd

We are exactly three days from Christmas! Does that evoke excitement or fear in you? For the kid in us, it evokes excitement. The adult in us worries about all that is left to do. Sadly, too many of us get caught up in the hustle and bustle of this season, so our focus gets diverted. Our focus can too easily be upon completing our list rather than the true reason we celebrate this time of year, the birth of our Savior!

In our commercialized world, it is easy to forget the true meaning of Christmas. Our country is becoming ever more secularized. Christmas is being obliterated so much that instead of our kids having a Christmas break, it's called a Winter break. You hear Happy Holidays but rarely hear Merry Christmas. At OUR CHURCH, we will never lose focus on what this season means, the birth of the Prince of Peace, Jesus Christ. Christmas is named for Him, who came to show us the way to God.

So here is a word of advice: slow down this week and enjoy the season's true meaning. Stop and listen to those carols. Please read the text of your Christmas cards proclaiming the birth of our Messiah. Take in the lights while thinking that Jesus is THE light of the world. Do what you can today, but don't let the rush of this season cloud out the joy meant for this season. Let's keep the focus on Christmas!

And, in all your gift-giving, please prayerfully consider a gift not only for our offering today but for our special Christmas offering. We want to end this year strong, setting ourselves up for a great New Year. We use your gifts to spread the message of Christmas to our town, state, nation, and, indeed, the world. So, please consider a generous gift today.