

## YEAR-END GIVING

'Tis the season for year-end giving! For your gift to be credited towards your 2025 giving, according to the IRS, it needs to be physically here in the building, given online, or postmarked by December 31. If you are dropping it in the giving boxes, it can be given any Sunday through December 28. If you want to drop your gift off during the week it will need to be brought in by Tuesday, December 23, because our office is closed from December 24 through January 4. To give online, visit [worshipcenter.org/give](http://worshipcenter.org/give).

## YOUNG ADULTS CHRISTMAS PARTY

All young adults (ages 18-30) are invited to the Young Adults Christmas Party! TONIGHT from 6 to 9 p.m., join us at Worship Center dressed in your favorite holiday attire to enjoy a cozy hot chocolate bar, delicious desserts, and a fun gingerbread house competition. Bring a friend!

## ILLUMINATIONS UPDATE

illumiNations is an alliance of 11 translating organizations who partner together with the mission of providing God's Word in every language by 2033. A couple weeks ago, Dana Brennan from illumiNations joined us to announce the language that Worship Center, through Matthew 25 Project, will sponsor translation for: Pattani Malay! This language is spoken by 1.5 million people in southern Thailand. Once the Bible is translated in this language, it will unlock access for about 50 different dialects to receive God's Word for the very first time. If you want to play a pivotal role in bringing the Word to every language and people group by 2033, give toward Matthew 25 Project at [worshipcenter.org/matthew25project](http://worshipcenter.org/matthew25project).

WELCOME TO

# WORSHIP CENTER

12.14.25

## CHRISTMAS IS COMING

Our Christmas celebration begins on Tuesday, December 23 with one service at 7 p.m. Then, on Christmas Eve, we'll have three services: 1 p.m., 3 p.m., and 5 p.m. Kids Ministry will be available (for birth to 2 y.o.) at the 3 p.m. service. Livestreaming and ASL translation will also be available at the 3 p.m. service. Spanish translation will be available for the 5 p.m. service. Spread the word to family, friends, co-workers, and neighbors. All are welcome! Visit [worshipcenter.org/christmas](http://worshipcenter.org/christmas) for more information.

## COSTA RICA TRIP RECAP

"While going door-to-door, we met so many people in need of a healing touch from Jesus, and He showed up in big ways. We saw several people physically healed from things like arthritis, prolonged arm pain and numbness, and even a 20-year-old knee injury. During a church service, we got to speak freedom and peace over so many who were hurting, and the Lord restored so many hearts in the room." Visit [worshipcenter.org/resources](http://worshipcenter.org/resources) to read the full recap blog written by Bethany Ballantyne, Costa Rica Trip Team Leader.

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### SERVICE TIMES

Sundays at 9 + 11AM | On-site + online

### OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday, 8AM - 4:30PM

### MAIN STREET CAFÉ HOURS

Sunday, 8:30-12:30 | Monday - Thursday, 8AM - 4:30PM



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**"Joy in the Waiting"**

IN THE WAITING - PT 3  
Pastor Matt Mylin — December 14, 2025

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*Luke 1:5-20; Luke 1:67-75*

- Joy is inner confidence that God will finish the good work He started.
- A kingdom assignment is your role in advancing God's reign.
- Doubts often reveal misplaced confidence.

Three ways joy grows:

1. Humility - Praise first.
2. Courage - Serve God without fear.
3. Obedience - Walk in righteousness and holiness.

**SMALL GROUP MEETING OUTLINE**

*Where your faith intersects with real life!*

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**Reconnect:**

Each person shares a recent high and low from their life.

**Explore:**

*Review the message notes.*

**Big Idea:** God's joy gives us confidence that He is working even when we don't see it.

**Consider:**

*Choose one or two questions for your Group to discuss as time allows.*

Read Luke 1:5-20.

- Which of the three types of joy mentioned in verse 14, joy (inner confidence), gladness (outward expression), or rejoicing (praise on repeat), comes most naturally to you? Which is most difficult, and why?
- Have you ever prayed, "God, are you sure you chose the right person?" How did God respond to you?
- How would praising first change the posture of your heart when given a kingdom assignment with an uncertain outcome?

**Activate:**

*Spend a moment in silence to consider your response, then share with the Group.*

What is one situation in your life right now that you didn't choose, but must respond to in faith? How do you sense God moving you from "How can I be sure?" to "I will trust and obey"?

**Prayer:**

*Thank God for the highs and lift up the lows.*

Pray that the Lord would fill you with the inner confidence that He is at work even when you can't see it, and strengthen your trust and obedience in every kingdom assignment given to you.