



KNOLLWOOD

BAPTIST CHURCH

PULPIT

1 Corinthians 2:1-5

TABLE

Acts 2: 43-47

SQUARE

Mathew 28:16-20

LET US RESOLVE

Acts 17:1-15

Pastor Nathan Klahsen

DECEMBER 26 2021

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE --

Friday December 24 @ 6:30 p.m.

Plan to join us for this much-loved tradition. This is a family time of fellowship, carol singing, candle lighting, and a message to remind our hearts of why we celebrate Christmas -- the birth of our Lord Jesus.

Pre-register by going to the website knollwood.churchcenter.com/registrations/events.

Children stay upstairs with their family.

CHRISTMAS HAMPER UPDATE

Thank you, Knollwood Family! With your generosity, we were able to bless 10 families from a nearby school and 5 members of the church family with treats and practical gift cards. We had a very ambitious plan, and it seemed like we would not be able to meet our goal, but at the last minute we received almost the exact dollar amount that we needed! God's hand was so evident. He is so good.

UPDATES FROM THE MEMBERS' MEETING

Dave DeHaan and Peter Maybury were voted in as deacons. We welcome their wisdom and their hearts to serve the Lord and the church.

The 2022 budget was passed unanimously.

The motion to incorporate the church was passed unanimously as well.

THANK YOU

Many thanks to Alyssa Freele for decorating the church for Christmas. It looks very festive!

UPCOMING DATES

December 25 to January 3 -- Church Office Closed

Newcomers' Lunch -- Sunday January 23

Young Adults CrossCon -- January 28 and 29

Next Membership Class -- February 15 and February 22

YOUNG ADULTS CROSSCON

We will be hosting watch party for the Cross Conference on January 28-29. For more information, go to knollwood.ca/crosscon or talk to the Watts.

PRAYING THIS WEEK

Our Staff – *Matt Freele, Associate Pastor*

Our Deacons – *Keith, Chuck, David N, Dave D, Peter*

Missionary of the Month – *Terry and Joanie Wiley, currently in Three Hills, Alberta*

West London Alliance – *Lead Pastor Jude St. John*

Local Supported Agencies – *Laura Amos – Word of Life*

OFFERING ENVELOPES FOR 2022

Offering envelopes for 2022 are now out on a table by the elevator. If you give online and won't be needing your envelopes, please put them in the bin labelled "Unneeded Envelopes". If you don't already have envelopes and wish them, speak to Beth or email office@knollwood.ca

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM PASTOR NATE

I enjoy this time of the year. Advent gives us time to refocus ourselves on the reason for our hope. The word Advent itself means "arrival" or "an appearing or coming into place." We talk about Jesus' "first advent" and "second advent" throughout Christianity. We mean Jesus' first and second comings to earth when we talk about that. His first Advent –when Jesus added to himself humanity to be born a baby—is called the Incarnation; this is what Christmastime is about. However, Advent is not just about what happened, but also what will happen. Advent is a celebration of both a commemoration of Jesus' first coming and an anticipation of His second coming. As Israel longed for their Messiah to come, so Christians long for their Savior to come again.

We look to the past with Christmas, but we also look to the future. As Christians, we commemorate Jesus' birth and anticipate His return—such commemoration and anticipation should be an everyday part of our lives. Is Advent something that Christians have to observe? No. Can celebrating Advent be a good reminder of what the season is truly all about? Yes, and therein lies its most outstanding value.

Let me encourage you with this: as we are in this Advent season, as we begin to close off this year, take time to reflect on how our Lord and Saviour was born of a baby, grew up, and died

for our sins, and rose from the grave, and ascended to be with his Father. But the story doesn't end there. Advent reminds me of what Peter says, "looking for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be destroyed by burning, and the elements will melt with intense heat! But according to His promise, we are looking for new heavens and a

OUR MISSION

Is to be disciples who make disciples of Jesus Christ

1 Peter 3:17-18
Matthew 28: 19-20

new earth, in which righteousness dwells." Advent is a celebration of both a commemoration of Jesus' first coming and an anticipation of His second coming. Let's celebrate together.

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM PASTOR MATT

Each year brings changes and challenges of their own that I believe God uses for His glory and for our good and growth in faith (Rom. 8:28). For myself God has been bringing me through a time of circumstances where I needed to be reminded of true hope found in God's promises and faithfulness. As I'm reminded of the greatest gift found in the death and resurrection of Christ on the cross I am in awe time and time again of the love poured out for a sinner like me. It brings me peace beyond understanding.

As I reflect on God's Word this Christmas season He has been reminding me constantly that He is a God of promise, faithfulness, provision, a God who works wonders in the impossible.

I've been challenged throughout this season to trust the promise and faithfulness of God when faced with circumstances that seem impossible, knowing our God works in the impossible. My prayer for our church at Knollwood is that we would, with joyful hearts, delight in Christ, that the Spirit would give us faith in the God who's promises and faithfulness we can find unbroken hope in, as we aim to be disciples of Jesus in a dark world that so desperately needs His light.

CHRISTMAS CARDS

The mailboxes are filling up with Christmas cards! Please check your mailbox. Let us know if you don't have a mailbox and want one.

WEEKLY OFFERING

WEEKLY NEED	\$5,402
RECEIVED LAST WEEK	\$11,856
YEAR TO DATE NEED	\$275,502
RECEIVED YEAR TO DATE	\$271,662

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