

## HOLIDAY INITIAVES UPDATE: HOW YOU'VE MADE A DIFFERENCE

We couldn't have made such a meaningful holiday impact without our entire church family coming together. Your generosity helped spread hope, joy, and the good news of Jesus to people who needed a little extra encouragement this season.

## **Operation Christmas Child**

This year, an amazing 740 shoeboxes were packed and sent off! Of those, 111 came through Christ's Church Difference Makers who invited others to join in. Jay Sewell partnered with the Wilmington Rotary Club to collect 51 boxes, and 60 more came from Stahlheber Baptist through the efforts of Holly LeMasters. It's incredible to see how God multiplies impact when we work together!

#### **Feast for Friends**

Because of your support, we provided full Thanksgiving meals to 56 families—feeding roughly 310 people—and gave each family a \$25 grocery gift card to choose their own protein. Karen Salyers shared that the evening was filled with grateful families, meaningful prayer, and volunteers who served with so much joy. What a beautiful night of helping One More find their way into the kingdom.

#### **Little Angels** • [Click here to get involved.]

Our third and final holiday initiative is now underway! You can help by volunteering on shopping day, choosing a tag in the lobby to shop for a child, ordering directly from our Amazon wish list, or even sponsoring an entire family. Use the link above to participate in whichever way works best for you.

### STUDENTS TAKE A WEEKEND TO BUILD THEIR FAITH

Our student ministry recently headed to Butler Springs Christian Camp for two powerful retreat weekends—middle school in October and high school in November. Bryce and our incredible team of leaders guided 13 middle schoolers and 15 high schoolers through the theme "Time to Build." Students took an honest look at the "home" they're building—their foundation, the structure of their lives, and what fills each room—so they can stand strong when storms come and their faith is tested.

A huge thank-you to Bryce and all our leaders for investing in our students and helping them build toward a stronger future.

#### A STRONG FINISH TO FALL MAN CHURCH

The Fall Man Church session wrapped up on November 4 with an incredible finale. Guest speaker Cory Carlson challenged us to align our priorities with God's priorities, and the evening was filled with great conversation and connection.

They also enjoyed a lively Chili Cookoff! Congratulations to our top three winners: Richard Heap, Randy Patrick, and Gary Brower!

We're already looking forward to the Winter session of Man Church beginning January 20. Registration is now open, click here.









Congratulations to Kenzie Tyas (16), an exchange student staying with Wes and Katie Davis for the school year. What a blessing to see how they've shared the Good News and made an imapct in such a short amount of time!

### **DECEMBER SERMON SERIES: HOME FOR CHRISTMAS**

This Christmas at Christ's Church, we're stepping into the real, raw, beautiful story behind the season. Home for the Holidays is a five-week journey into the moments where God stepped into crowded schedules, broken plans, messy emotions, and chaotic circumstances, so no one would be left out. Whether life feels full, fragile, confusing, or far from home, this series will remind you that Jesus meets you right where you are...and invites you to make room for One More. Come discover the God who shows up, brings peace in the middle of the chaos, and makes a home for all of us.

**November 30** – No Room, Still Welcome **December 7** – When Home Feels Far Away

**December 14** – The God Who Shows Up

**December 21** – Peace in the Middle of the Chaos

**December 24** – Home for One More

**December 28** – Stand alone message and <u>one service only</u> at 10:30am



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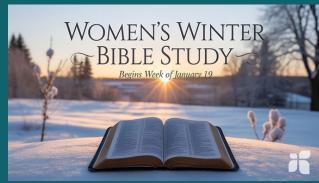
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