

Please complete this slip and place it in the oak box to the right of the door as you leave.

We value relationships. This helps us get better acquainted and helps us better serve you. Thanks!

**I/We are:**

- 1<sup>st</sup>  2<sup>nd</sup>  3<sup>rd</sup> time Guests  Regular attenders

**I/We heard about Word of Life**

from: \_\_\_\_\_

**I/We would like:**

- the pastor to call me
- to request a Stephen Minister
- to be baptized into Jesus
- to attend the next membership course

Adult Name(s) *Please Print* \_\_\_\_\_

Youth/Children (grade) \_\_\_\_\_

Please complete unless our information is current:

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, ST Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Her Email \_\_\_\_\_

Her Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Provider \_\_\_\_\_

His Email \_\_\_\_\_

His Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Provider \_\_\_\_\_

Needs, Questions or Comments

**Over for Requests/Thanksgivings & RSVP**

## We're saving a seat for you!

We don't care how you're dressed or who you voted for. **We care about you.**

We're imperfect, broken people who are receiving the gifts of forgiveness and better life from Jesus Christ, the Word of Life. We're getting to know Him better and serving others together. Regardless of your story, we're glad you're here.

**We're better together!**



**What to expect:**

**Transforming Teaching** – We trust the Bible completely – even when we don't fully understand it. The Sunday morning *LifeLessons* are more than words. They are the God-breathed, Christ-centered, Spirit-empowered Word of Life. Our *LifeLessons* offer God's gifts and help us live the better life.

**Nice People** – We LOVE when someone comes for the first time. But we don't always recognize the first-time visitors since many who come are still fairly new. So feel free to say, "This is my first time," and we'll guide you in!

**Comfortable Atmosphere** – We care about YOU, not what you're wearing, so come in jeans or whatever is comfortable for you. Our dress code is simple: wear *something*. Grab a cup of coffee or tea and sit wherever you'd like! We will NOT single you out publicly and we do NOT expect our guests to contribute financially.

**Service Styles: !!! 9:45 ONLY NEXT SUNDAY !!!**

**8:30 Traditional** service features hymns and elements based on Scripture which have withstood the test of time – always sturdy, never stuffy.

**9:45 & 11:00 Contemporary** services feature contemporary Christian music matched to our theme for the week. Don't be surprised when some raise their hands while singing, and don't feel obligated to do so. Let the Spirit lead.

**A Church your Kids Will Love:**

**Babies & Toddlers** are very welcome in the service but a cry room is available for your convenience, through the door under the left screen.

**Pre-K to 6th Grade Children** will sit with you for the first part of the service during the 9:45 & 11:00 services. They'll be invited to come forward for a children's message. Afterward they'll meet their leaders in Sunday School.

**7th to 12th Grade Youth** meet weekly in a home group to learn more about the faith, how to live it and how to share it with others.

# Word of Life Fellowship

December 24, 2023

Traditional 8:30 am

Contemporary 9:45 am

Contemporary 11:00 am

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*Building a bigger heaven & better lives!*

*LifeLesson Notes for:*

## Extraordinary Riches

*Christmas Eve Candlelight*

### 1. Christmas really happened!

1 John 1:1-2 (NIV) - That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked at and our hands have touched—this we proclaim concerning the Word of life. The life appeared; we have seen it and testify to it, and we proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and has appeared to us.

Jesus Christ \_\_\_\_\_ eternal life.

To \_\_\_\_\_ with Jesus by His Word, by His Baptism, by His Communion is to have His life, eternal life.

When people say, "Doctrines don't matter. What matters is that you live a good life," that \_\_\_\_\_ doctrine.

If you believe you can earn your right to heaven, reject religion altogether, or believe you can live a good life with your own resources, your life will be characterized by the \_\_\_\_\_ of never feeling like you're good enough, or by \_\_\_\_\_ for people if you actually feel you have been good enough, or

\_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ if you feel like you've failed. OR You can believe the truth of Christmas, that you're saved by grace alone through faith alone in Christ alone and have an identity which is

\_\_\_\_\_ but \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, a \_\_\_\_\_ directed to God and others, and \_\_\_\_\_ when you fail.

If we're saved through our own efforts, then stories about Jesus or others don't have to be true, they can just be inspiring.

But John reports we have \_\_\_\_\_ Him. We have \_\_\_\_\_ Him with our eyes. We have \_\_\_\_\_ Him with our hands.

New Testament scholar Robert Yarbrough says, "He is not making conversation but virtually swearing a \_\_\_\_\_."

If Christmas is just a nice story and a happy holiday, then you're on your own. But Christmas IS true and you can be saved by God's grace through faith in Jesus Christ.

### 2. Christmas means personal communion with God.

1 John 1:3 (NIV) - We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard, so that you also may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ.

*koinonia* = communion, deep intimate sharing

You can have the same \_\_\_\_\_ that shepherds and wise men, disciples and apostles, Joseph and Mary had.

Eastern religions have \_\_\_\_ possibility of personal communion with god. Other world religions believe in a personal god, but they're too \_\_\_\_\_ removed to have an intimate, loving communion with believers.

Only the Christian faith says \_\_\_\_\_.

Moses wanted to see God's glory, but was told it would \_\_\_\_\_ him.

John 1:14 (NIV) - The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of

the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

To know God personally, immerse yourself in Him through His \_\_\_\_\_, His \_\_\_\_\_, His \_\_\_\_\_.

Know His love, His humility, His wisdom, His brilliance, His sacrifice \_\_\_\_\_.

### 3. Christmas means joy.

1 John 1:4 (NIV) - We write this to make our joy complete.

John 17:13 (NIV) - [Jesus said,] "I say these things while I am still in the world, so that they may have the full measure of my joy within them."

\_\_\_\_\_ is greater than happiness.

The One who created all things is \_\_\_\_\_ into a baby in a feed trough.

Jesus was not born in a palace but a \_\_\_\_\_.

He wasn't raised to be a king but was immediately made a homeless \_\_\_\_\_.

His first guests were not the bright, brawny and beautiful but poor, unclean, \_\_\_\_\_.

The world cannot comprehend a \_\_\_\_\_ like Jesus.

Communion with God and joy in Christ still come to us through \_\_\_\_\_ almost boring

\_\_\_\_\_ : worship and communion attendance, Scripture reading, prayer, serving our brothers and sisters in Christ, serving people at the places we work, learn and play, relying on Jesus in our times of suffering.

Through ordinary means let's receive the

\_\_\_\_\_ riches of Christ and His Good News!

### Prayer Requests/Thanksgivings:

Confidential - for pastor only

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These requests/thanksgivings may be removed:

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I want to invite the following people to Word of Life. Please pray for them and me.

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## RSVP

### Community Invited

Yes! I'm interested in:

- Financial Peace University (improve finances)
- Prepare/Enrich (marriage preparation/enrichment)
- GriefShare (grief group)
- Parenting Course (behavior management)
- Celebrate Recovery (overcome hurts and habits)
- Stephen Ministry (Christian care)
- Fresh Start with God (discovery/membership course)

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Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

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Preferred Contact(s) \_\_\_\_\_