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Today's ScripTure December 15, 2024-

**PASSAGE: "**The Greatest Joy," Advent Series: Week Three

TEACHER: Kirk Crager, Lead Pastor

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#### **REGISTER FOR THE 2025 MEN'S RETREAT**

Come join us for our annual Men's Retreat at the Quaker Hill Conference Center in McCall happening January 24-26, 2025. Registration is \$150 for the weekend.

### **ORDER DEVOTIONALS AVAILABLE FOR PROMO PRICE**

The publisher of "Everyday Gospel" provided us with a special rate on the full, year-long devotional. If you would like to have a copy for this year, you can purchase one through us for just



\$9 in Church Center or this QR code.

### YOUTH CHRISTMAS PARTY SET FOR DEC. 15

Join us Sunday, December 15 at 12:15 P.M. in the House for our youth Christmas Party. Please bring a dish to share and an unmarked.



wrapped gift for the white elephant gift exchange (\$5 or less). RSVP in Church Center or using this QR code.



Like we mentioned at our December Church Family Meeting, there are a few significant costs coming in the new year. We are planning to replace our



roof and some heating and cooling units early in 2025 so we've created a special fund. If you feel led, you can mark "building maintenance 2025."

## **CHRISTMAS FELLOWSHIP FUND**

If you know someone who could benefit from some assistance this Christmas, please contact Ron Hilbrands at 208-891-6322.

Financial Mpdate as of December 8, 2024

This Week's Giving	\$12,564

YTD Spending	\$400,858
YTD Giving	\$496,082

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# CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

Mark your calendars for our Christmas Eve service happening Tuesday, December 24 at 4:30 P.M. We'll welcome New City Church for our service, and their worship leaders will also combine with our worship team. Please note that there will not be an 11:30 P.M. service.

### **REMEMBRANCE STONES** VIDEO SIGN-UP SHEET

We're working on a new project to sit down with saints from this church and discuss their walk with Christ. Many of you have amazing testimonies and stories from your years of walking with



Jesus, and we want to capture them on video for future generations. If you are interested, please reach out to Kirk.

Allote From The Pastor

Dear church family.

As we continue our celebration of the advent season, this week we will look at "Joy" as part of the Greatest Gift we have in Jesus. This week I'm reminded once again that it is in His presence where fullness of joy lives. We can be busy about many things in the holiday season, but what we need more than anything is to observe the season by spending time in God's presence. Let me encourage you to individually make time with the Lord with some of the devotional options we've provided, and pull back when you sense the frantic reality of the season pressing in. As a congregation let's cultivate a tangible acknowledgment of the presence of Jesus among us in our gatherings. May the joy of being with Jesus strengthen us to enjoy and serve during advent!

In Him, *kirkCrager*