Who Needs CHRISTMAS?

"Wonderful Counselor" Isaiah 7-9 November 27 & 30, 2016: Ken Philbeck, East Campus Pastor

"After Joshua sent the people away, each of the tribes left to take possession of the land allotted to them. And the Israelites served the LORD throughout the lifetime of Joshua and the leaders who outlived him—those who had seen all the great things the LORD had done for Israel. Joshua son of Nun, the servant of the LORD, died at the age of 110. They buried him in the land he had been allocated, at Timnath-serah in the hill country of Ephraim, north of Mount Gaash. After that generation died, another generation grew up who did not acknowledge the LORD or remember the mighty things He had done for Israel." Judges 2:6-10 NLT

There are some truths that you cannot afford to forget.

God's faithfulness to you in the <u>past</u> casts a shadow of hope on your future.

Bottom line today – one word – <u>REMEMBER</u>.

If we don't remember God in our past we will forget to see Him in our <u>future</u>.

You may have <u>forgotten</u> God, but He has not...will not forget you.

As we <u>remember</u> Him in our past, we will <u>see</u> Him in our future.

John 1:1-5; 14; 17-18 NLT

"We will use these stones to build a memorial. In the future your children will ask you, 'What do these stones mean?' Then you can tell them, 'They remind us that the Jordan River stopped flowing when the Ark of the LORD's Covenant went across.' These stones will stand as a memorial among the people of Israel forever." Joshua 4:6-7 NLT

God's activity in the past is a reminder of His activity in our future – REMEMBER that!

Ministry Opportunities

For the full list of upcoming events, visit CompassionChristian.com/events.

The Journey

5 - 8 p.m. Wednesday - Sunday, Nov. 30 - Dec. 4 and Dec. 7 - 11

Henderson Campus

Step back centuries in time and experience life the night Christmas began. The Journey is a two-part experience, starting with a concert of beautiful Christmas music performed by musicians from all our campuses followed by an interactive journey to Bethlehem. Purchase tickets in advance at CompassionChristian.com or at the door.

Wednesday Service Relocation During The Journey 6:45 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 30 and Dec. 7 Adult Ministry Center across the street

We use our Worship Center for The Journey, so services on Wednesday, Nov. 30 and Dec. 7 will be held in the Adult Ministry Center. Follow the signs for service parking. There will be no separate children's or student programming.

Adopt a Family

Choose compassion and "adopt" a local family in need this Christmas. We'll pair you with a family and provide information about the children so you can buy appropriate Christmas gifts. Sign up at Connecting Point or email Aida at areyes@compassionchristian.com.

Celebrate Recovery

7 - 9 p.m. Fridays

Adult Ministry Center across the street

Celebrate Recovery is where you can find healing from life's hurts, habits and hang-ups. As you apply biblical recovery principles, you'll grow stronger in your relationship with God and find freedom from addictive, compulsive and negative behaviors. Childcare begins at 6:30 p.m. in the Lighthouse building.

Winter Coat Collection

Throughout December

Choose compassion and donate new or lightly used coats to our Local Outreach ministry. We're collecting both adult and child sizes. We'll give them to homeless people and refugee families. Leave donations in the collection bin in the lobby by the Global Outreach wall.