

# Pastor's Corner

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Merry Christmas,

Since this newsletter is coming out in the month of December, I'm taking the opportunity to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas.

This time of year becomes very busy and in order to make time for everything, some things get left out of our schedule. After all there are only so many hours in a day. Sadly however, it is often time with God that is left out.

One way to safe guard ourselves from leaving God out of the season is to schedule time for a family devotion. I know many of you may already make it a family practice to read the Nativity story out of the Bible either on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day. But what if we begin on December 1, and over the next 25 days take a few minutes each night to read from the Bible with our family? We just might realize that our focus will begin to change, our stress will be lowered, and joy will come back into our lives.

Christmas represents a time of giving, and a time that we remember the greatest gift that has been or ever will be given—Jesus Christ. I remember that as a child when Christmas approached, I would hunt up gifts that I had been given the year before and begin to play with them (if I had not broken them). It was a time for me to reconnect and to remember the joy of Christmas past and to anticipate the Christmas to come.

Maybe we should reconnect with Christ. One of the simplest ways to reconnect with Christ is by reading about his life, getting to know him through the Scripture as found within the Bible. It only takes a few minutes of your time and I can assure you that it will be time well spent.

Come to think of it, I no longer have any of those gifts that were given to me as a child. I either out grew the clothes or wore them out, I lost interest in the toys or broke them, and honestly I probably lost interest in them long ago. But the gift that God shared with me through his Son Jesus Christ continues to be a part of my life, and every day I live that gift continues to be a blessing to me. I am so glad that someone took the time to share the Christmas story with me.

This year share a gift that will last an eternity.

Rev. Eric Lane – December 2007