



Sunday School Schedule:

- ~ Session I: 9:30am - 10:45am
- ~ Session II: 11:15am - 12:30am

Friday Night:

- ~ AWANA 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm

Calendar 2016

- 12/04 Children Christmas Presentation
- 12/11 Christmas Musical Worship
- 12/25 Christmas



Hand Bell Last Practice

Saturday: 3pm -4pm, 12/3/16

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What is the true meaning of Christmas

Miranda Liang

What is the first thing that comes into your mind when you think about Christmas? Is your child know the reason for Christmas or just looking forward for that gift? Christmas is supposed to be a time to reflect upon the birth of our Lord and to celebrate His coming into the world to die for our sins. But, unfortunately, it becomes a commercial holiday rather than a religious one. Is mostly known as a time for businesses to make money, for people to give gifts, for children to be excited, for parties, etc. The "reason for the season" is supposed to be Jesus, not gifts, not parties, and not watching "the big game". Of course, having celebrations, attending parties, and watching the big game are not wrong. It's just that the meaning of Christmas is supposed to be a recognition of and appreciation of the birth of the one who loves us and died for in our place.

Have you heard of the "Advent Conspiracy"? It's a global movement of people and churches resisting the cultural Christmas narrative of consumption by choosing a revolutionary Christmas through Worshipping Fully, Spending Less, Giving More and Loving All. Please go to the following links for details on the Advent Conspiracy.

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iuvAmknqiqQ>
- <http://www.adventconspiracy.org/>

Let's celebrate Christmas in its true meaning.



Come to participate Christmas Trivia Quiz!
Please bring your answers to Miranda Liang for the prize.

Christmas menu

Enjoy Christmas Songs

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dHIOeIVrSrI>

Make a Merry Christmas craft together

<http://www.cindyderosier.com/2013/12/a-scrabble-merry-christmas-craft.html>

Review the meaning of Christmas symbols

<https://www.pinterest.com/pin/293156256965762338/>

CHRISTMAS TRIVIA QUIZ

Multiple Choice:

- Joseph was originally from... (Luke 2:3)
A. Bethlehem B. Nazareth C. Hebron D. Jerusalem
- What did the angels say/sing? (Luke 2:14)
A. "Glory to God in the highest, etc." B. "Alleluia"
C. "Unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given"
D. "Joy the world, the Lord is come" E. "Glory to the newborn King"
- What is not the gift was given to Jesus by the wise men? (Matthew 2:11)
A. Gold B. Pearl C. Frankincense D. Myrrh
- Who told (made) Mary and Joseph go to Bethlehem? (Luke 2:1-5)
A. The angel chorus B. Mary's mother
C. Herod D. The shepherds
E. Caesar Augustus
- What name is also the name of Jesus? (Luke 1:32, 2:11 & Matthew 1:23)
A. Emmanuel B. The Christ
C. The Son of the Most High D. All of above

True or False:

- Mary and Joseph went to Bethlehem for the birth of Jesus because they followed a star. (Luke 2:1-5)
- Jesus means Savior and Emmanuel means God with us. (Matthew 1:21 & 23)
- When the shepherds went looking for Jesus, they were to look for a baby, wrapped in clothes, lying in a manger. (Luke 2:12)
- An Angel guided the wise men to find Jesus. (Matthew 2:9)
- We can find the Christmas story in Matthew, Mark, Luke and John.



儿童主日日程:

- ~ 第一堂: 9:30am - 10:45am
- ~ 第二堂: 11:15am - 12:30am

周五日程:

- ~ AWANA 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm

2016 行事历

- 12/04 儿童圣诞演出
- 12/11 圣诞音乐崇拜
- 12/25 圣诞节

圣诞手铃最后练习

- ~ 周六: 3:00pm - 4:00pm, 12/3/16

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圣诞节的真正意义是什么？

梁婉明传道

每当提起“圣诞节”这一词，第一时间你会想到什么？你的儿女是否明白圣诞节的真正意义？还是只盼望这年会收到什么样礼物？圣诞节应该是一个给我们反思我们的主耶稣基督的降生，庆祝祂来到世上为我们的罪而死的节日。但不幸地，这节日已经沦为商业化假期，不再是一个宗教相关的假期。这也是一个被大众认定为赚钱的黄金时段、互相送赠礼物的时间、让小孩们兴奋的日子和开派对的好时机等。然而，这节日的原因，它的真正目的，不应该专注于礼物、开派对或看大型球赛，而是关于主耶稣基督。当然不是说有庆祝活动、参加派对或看球赛等都是错事，只是说圣诞节的意义本应是为了对一个爱我们，甚至爱我们到肯为我们死的，表现出我们的感激和表扬/赞赏的时间。

你曾否听过“Advent Conspiracy”？这是一个全球性运动，支持这运动的人仕和教会，他们会通过崇拜、减少消费、对别人给予更多和付出爱心来对抗那种大众所认知如何过圣诞节的模式。详情请参阅以下连结：

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iuVAmknqiqQ>
- <http://www.adventconspiracy.org/>

让我们一同来庆祝圣诞节的真正意义吧！



快来参与圣诞节趣味测验！请带上答案到梁婉明传道那里领奖品哦！

圣诞菜单：

吟唱圣诞歌曲

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dHI0eIVrSrl>

和家人一起做个圣诞手工

<http://www.cindyderosier.com/2013/12/a-scrabble-merry-christmas-craft.html>

重温圣诞标识的意义

<https://www.pinterest.com/pin/293156256965762338/>

圣诞节趣味测验

选择正确答案：

- 约瑟原来是从哪里来的？（路 2:3）
A. 伯利恒 B. 拿撒勒 C. 希伯伦 D. 耶路撒冷
- 天使说/唱了什么？（路 2:14）
A. “在最高的神荣耀，等等” B. “哈利路亚”
C. “因有一婴孩为我们而生；有一子赐给我们”
D. “普世欢腾，救主降临” E. “荣耀归与新生王”
- 哪一样不是东方博士给耶稣的礼物？（太 2:11）
A. 黄金 B. 珍珠 C. 乳香 D. 没药
- 谁告诉（命令）马利亚和约瑟去伯利恒？（路 2:1-5）
A. 天使 B. 马利亚的母亲 C. 希律王 D. 牧羊人
E. 该撒亚古士督
- 耶稣的另一个名字是什么？（路 1:32, 2:11; 太 1:23）
A. 以马内利 B. 主基督 C. 至高者的儿子 D. 以上都是

对或错：

- 马利亚和约瑟去伯利恒生耶稣，是因为他们跟随了一颗星。（路 2:1-5）
- 耶稣的意思是救主，以马内利就是神与我们同在。（太 1:21&23）
- 当牧羊人去找耶稣时，他们要找一个婴儿，包着布，卧在马槽里。（路 2:12）
- 一个天使引导博士找到耶稣。（太 2:9）
- 我们可以在马太福音，马可福音，路加福音和约翰福音中找到圣诞故事。