

God Longs For Us

It's hard to believe our oldest son has been out of the house for four years now. While I'm excited that he is doing well and moving up in the ranks, I do miss talking to him regularly. It's especially hard when he is in a place where communication is completely cut off. We long to hear from him, but all we can do is wait. Then, when communication is restored, how sweet it is to catch up and share our lives again with one another.

In much the same way, God longs for us. Even before we became one of His own, He desperately longed for us. God's perfect love was displayed to the entire world when He sent His Son to us as a baby; sent to us for the sole purpose of bringing us back to Himself by the work accomplished on the cross.

His longing for us didn't stop there. When we first believe and trust in Him for our salvation, we begin a beautiful journey of intimacy with Him - a daily walk that deepens as we grow in knowledge of who He is and conform our lives to His. But when we fall into patterns of sin and our fellowship with Him is broken, He still desires to be with us. Even though our focus often shifts away from Him, His love for us never changes. He longs for those He calls His own.

During the Christmas season, we are reminded of His incredible love for us. The love that manifested itself in the giving of His Son. As we reflect on that love, let's examine our current walk with the Lord and see if there is anything in our lives that need to be addressed. If there is, let's work on restoring our fellowship with Him. He longs for each one of us more than we can possibly imagine.

*But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light,
we have fellowship with one another.*

1 John 1:7 ESV

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BBC Family Update

- We extend our deepest sympathies and prayers to Cheryl Birdwell and her family, in the passing of her father.



3 - Evening of Prayer, 7pm

7 - Ladies' Christmas Party, 6:30pm

15 - Men's Breakfast, 7:30am

23/30 - No ABF or Sunday School classes these two weeks

23/30 - No AWANA or Youth activities these two weeks

23 - Children's Christmas Music Program

24 - Candlelight Service, 6pm

DECEMBER 3 - 7pm



EVENING OF PRAYER



Ladies, you are invited to a special **Christmas Party** on **December 7, at 6:30 pm.**

It will be at Leilani Matlack's home. Please bring a gift to exchange.

CHRISTMAS EVE
CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

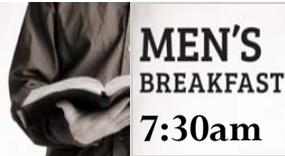
Celebrate with us in worship on **December 24th** at 6pm.
A service for the whole family!

December 15

MEN'S BREAKFAST

7:30am

DECEMBER 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>2</p> <p>9:00AM Bible Classes 10:30AM Worship 4:00PM AWANA 6:00PM Youth Group</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Evening of Prayer 7pm</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p> <p>1</p>
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<p>23</p> <p>10:30AM Worship</p>	<p>24</p> 	<p>25</p> 	<p>26 * Dominic Purtee</p>	<p>27 *Sonja Rains Kayla Hudson</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>
<p>30</p> <p>10:30AM Worship</p>	<p>31</p>					<p>*Birthdays</p>