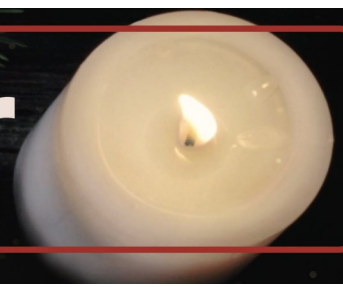


# December



## WEEKLY PROGRAMMING

### MIDDLE SCHOOL

Sunday Gathering | 9:30-10:15am | start in service

December 3, 10, 17

Basic @ Wednesdays at West Side | 6-7:30pm

December 6, 13, 20

Open Door | Thursdays 3:30-5pm | HS Room

December 7, 14

### HIGH SCHOOL

MERGE | Sundays 4-6pm | HS Room @ West Side

December 3, 10, 17

A2 | Wednesdays 6-7:30pm | HS Room @ West Side

Not meeting in December

Open Door | Thursdays 3:30-5pm | HS Room

December 7, 14

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS



All Church Christmas Worship Experience  
12/10/23 6pm West Side South



HS Christmas Party  
12/17/23 4-6pm  
Bring a white elephant gift to exchange



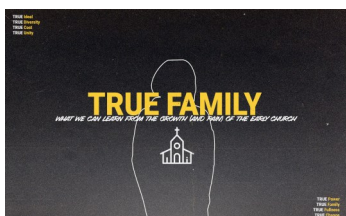
MS Christmas Party  
12/20/23 6-7:30pm  
Bring a white elephant gift to exchange

## WHAT WE'RE TEACHING



Waiting —A 2 week series from the Old Testament and New Testament on Christmas | @ Basic

Christmas is all about waiting. We wait all year for the season to arrive, then all December for the day to finally get here! Waiting is such a huge part of Christmas that we even celebrate the day BEFORE Christmas as its own separate occasion! Christmas is all about waiting, and let's face it - none of us are really good at waiting. In this two-week Christmas series, your students will discover the Biblical purpose of waiting for Jesus, also known as the advent season, as well as the advent that we all can experience this Christmas!



True Family: what we can learn from the growth (and pain) of the early church—a semester long conversation from the book of Acts and Paul's letters | @ MERGE

When Jesus left earth, he established His church to be His hands and feet. He knew that the best way to live out His teachings was if we did it together. And right in the very beginning, the church experienced a lot of success. But soon, dysfunction, fighting, and bad theology worked its way in. So, what do you do when the church fails? What do you do when the people you trusted fail? As we'll see from Acts and Paul's letters to the churches, we don't cut bait and run. Rather, we work to heal and live in the unity and love that Jesus said would mark us as His followers.

## RESOURCE OF THE MONTH

Kick the IDK Bucket: How to Rid Your Classroom of "I Don't Know"

Ever feel like you just had a life-giving talk with your family and when you check to see how much they understood, you get the patented "I don't know"? IDK culture is strong! Check out [THIS PODCAST](#) for tips from the classroom that you can employ at home on how to engage in more meaningful conversations!