

DECEMBER 2020

ANDERSON FIRST CHURCH

OF THE NAZARENE



CHRISTMAS

WHAT WILL IT LOOK LIKE THIS YEAR?

2020...a year in the record books. Family and friends are unsure on how to handle Christmas gatherings... do we meet with extended family or just those in our household? Do we go to church or worship online? Do we go shopping for gifts or just stay home and order online? Is it going to get worse before it gets better? So many questions, so many opinions, so much uncertainty.

Did you ever stop and think that Mary and Joseph may have had lots of questions, too?

Do we have to go report our numbers? Is Mary going to be ok? What are we going to do since there is no room in the inn? Is a stable fit for the birth of the King of Kings? As they placed Him in the manger, they were bowing before the Savior of the world. All of their questions were answered. Their cares and concerns were taken care of...

Jesus, oh, sweet Jesus...you hold our todays and our tomorrows. You provide answers to all our questions. Let us always remember that You are in control. Fill us with your perfect peace. Keep us safe. Guide us. Fill us with more of You...



DECEMBER birthdays!

- 1-Chris Buffington, Walter Grueser, Tressena Jones, Holly Zent
- 2-Brayden Schmitz, Christian Schmitz
- 3-Steve Wells
- 5-Jamie Brown, David Rick
- 6-Vicki West
- 7-James Delp
- 8-Emily Cole
- 10-Stacey Carpenter, Preston Moody
- 11-Doug Hinton
- 12-Zaydon Dice
- 13-Nancy King
- 14-Mike Cooper
- 15-Terry Herb, Kimberly Ross
- 16-Brank DeBruhl
- 17-Chloe Sullivan
- 18-Rebecca Storey
- 19-Lindsey Kardatzke, Susan Lockwood
- 20-Aaron Jones
- 21-Mark Bennett
- 23-Noa Oakley
- 24-Ryan Smith
- 25-Tim Merryman, Connie Petty
- 26-Daniel Buffington
- 27-Judy Warren
- 29-Ben Crawford, Shirley Partin, Noreen Weston
- 30-Claudia Bontrager, Kerri Combs, Carol Hatter
- 31-Andres Amador, Courtney Caplinger, John Rodgers

**Are we missing your birthday?
Please contact the church office
at office@afc.email or
765.643.3137 and let us know.
Thanks!**

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**MAY YOUR BIRTHDAY BE
SPRINKLED WITH FUN AND
FILLED WITH LOVE!**
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Friday, December 4
7pm

the Gift

a Christmas event for women

THIS EVENT IS GOING
VIRTUAL and
IN PERSON!

Watch it live in the sanctuary! It will also be able to be viewed on Facebook, the website or through Roku on your smart tv.



worship devotions diy gifts give aways decor
765.643.3137 andersonfirstchurch.org Facebook:Anderson First Church-AFC

To keep everyone their safest, the Women's Ministry Council of Anderson First Church of the Nazarene has chosen to make this annual event virtual this year. The event will include worship, devotions, diy gifts, Christmas decor, give aways and more.

Maybe you want to see the event in person? You can do that, too! You can sit in the sanctuary just like you do on Sunday mornings! Masks being worn and social distancing will be expected.

If you choose to do The Gift virtually, it will be available on the AFC Facebook page, on the website and through Roku on your smart tv.

We encourage you to attend however you are most comfortable!

Watching virtually? Get creative. Here's some ideas:

1. Get your closest friends and family together and watch the event together while sharing a delicious dessert.
2. Watch from the comfort of your home while wearing your jammies and drinking a hot cocoa.
3. Invite friends and family to watch the event from their home and share the evening with loved ones that may live in another town or place.

There are no sign ups and no commitments. We are asking you to click the INTERESTED button or the GOING button just so you will get a Facebook reminder as we get closer to December 4th. There is also an INVITE button. Use that to invite others to "attend" with you!

Blessings to each of you!



winter planning
RETREAT



DECEMBER 9-12
the church office will be closed Thursday and Friday

Please mark your calendars now! You will not want to miss hearing from Dr. Powe!



AFC FAMILY
you're invited!

we are honored to be hearing from speaker
Dr. F. Douglas Powe, Jr. via Zoom

- Dr. Powe is a tremendous speaker
- You will not want to miss hearing from him
- Join us live via ZOOM from the winter retreat
- Q & A session following Dr. Powe's message



DECEMBER 12
beginning at 10am via Zoom!

link will be emailed out prior to the event

Wednesday night activities for teens, kids and nursery as well!

**Prayer
and Praise**

Wednesday, December 2 @ 7pm
activities for teens, kids & nursery also available

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WONDERFUL COUNSELOR ✨ EVERLASTING FATHER ✨ PRINCE OF PEACE

what's in a name?

SUNDAYS IN DECEMBER, 9 & 11:15am

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**Experience Christmas at AFC!
Services in person and online!**



All year end giving is due by Sunday, December 27. Also, if you do not already have tithing envelopes assigned to you and would like to start, please see Pastor Klinger or contact the church office.



Christmas Eve at AFC...

Celebrate Christmas!

Christmas Eve Service
with candlelight communion

Thursday, December 24, 5:30pm



AFC family, mark your calendars!



together with their families

Kimberly Noel Ross and Nathan Andrew Boland

joyfully invite you to the celebration of their marriage

Saturday, December 19, 2020

at two o'clock in the afternoon

Anderson First Church of the Nazarene

2300 Jackson Street, Anderson, Indiana 46016



Christmas
• in the NEIGHBORHOOD •
Caroling

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6

meet at 5pm



widows and widowers...you are invited!

Friday, December 18
9am @ Anderson Grill

Christmas Breakfast

for widows & widowers with Pastor Joe and Ashley



*you've seen his photo...
come hear his heart...*

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NEI District Superintendent

December 6

will be sharing in both services

9am & 11:15am



come hear from our new District Superintendent!

important info for your calendar...

Sunday, December 27

ONE service ONLY

in person and online @ 11am



Wedding Shower

for

Karli Petty & Mitchell Welch

Monday, December 7th @ 7pm
at Anderson First Church

*they are registered at Amazon, Target and Bed, Bath & Beyond
gift cards to Lowe's and Home Goods are also appreciated*

let's celebrate this special couple!

THIS *can change* EVERYTHING

Many exciting things are happening at AFC! The Lord just keeps pouring on the blessings for our church and our ministry to our community. In the past 30 days alone, there have been so many people on our property that have never been here before! From the endless line of cars at our Trunk or Treat to the 147 families that received complete Thanksgiving meals at our Holiday WITHOUT Hunger; from the numerous individuals making appointments for the Clothes Closet to the numerous families that have been helped with the Ezra's Essentials ministry; people are noticing AFC like never before. We have also had several guests in our services and watching online. God is multiplying our faithfulness!

Pray that the Lord would shine light on our church and use us to minister to our community. Pray that as we minister to others that they sense something special. Pray that through us, that they would feel the awesome love of Jesus. Lead them not only in relationships with AFC, but ultimately, in a relationship with Jesus Christ.

Thank you for your continued commitment and support of The Community Center.

Together, we are making a difference in our community...



At AFC, even our youngest are making a difference in our community...

EZRA'S ESSENTIALS

essential items at an essential time

by appointment only
call 765-400-0739
to schedule your time



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maybe you or someone you know
could benefit from these ministries?



AFC

CLOTHES CLOSET

because we all feel better with new clothes!

we offer FREE clothing to anyone in need from our gently used clothes closet
private, safe appointments are available on Mondays

call 765.400.0453 to schedule

a ministry of Anderson First Church and The Community Center 2300 Jackson Street, Anderson