PLEASE HELP US CREATE A DISTRACTION-FREE ENVIRONMENT DURING OUR WORSHIP SERVICES.

IF YOU NEED TO LEAVE DURING KEY TIMES OF THE SERVICE, YOU MAY BE ASKED TO SIT IN THE
BACK WHEN YOU RETURN. ALSO, WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF OUR AMAZING
KIDS' CLASSES FOR CHILDREN, BIRTH THROUGH 5TH GRADE. WE REALLY WANT EVERYONE TO
EXPERIENCE GOD'S BEST IN OUR WORSHIP SERVICES. THANKS!

## **WEEKLY EVENTS**

#### **SUNDAY SERVICE TIMES**

9AM, & 10:30AM

#### **MIDTOWNE STUDENTS**

6-12TH GRADE | WEDNESDAYS | 6:00-7:30 PM MEETS IN THE MILL. THIS IS A NIGHT OF FUN, AWESOME WORSHIP & A RELEVANT MESSAGE.

#### KIDSTOWNE | BIRTH-PRESCHOOL

SUNDAY I BOTH SERVICES
BIBLE STORIES, CRAFTS, MUSIC, AND FUN
ACTIVITES TO HELP APPLY THE LESSON
FOR THE DAY!

#### KIDSTOWNE LIVE | K-5TH GRADE

SUNDAY I BOTH SERVICES
FUN GAMES, MUSIC, LIVE DRAMA, SMALL GROUPS
AND CREATIVE TEACHING OF GOD'S WORD THAT
HELPS THEM FIND AND EXPERIENCE GOD'S BEST.

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#### SPECIAL KIDSTOWNE | K-5TH GRADE

SUNDAY I 9AM

REGISTER AT MIDTOWNECHURCH.COM/SPECIAL EACH SATURDAY BY NOON TO HELP US BEST SERVE YOUR CHILD.

#### SUPER KIDS | PRESCHOOL

WEDNESDAYS | 6:30-7:30PM PRESCHOOLERS WILL LEARN GOD'S BEST THROUGH SONGS, GAMES AND BIBLE TEACHING THAT IS ON THEIR LEVEL.

#### **ELEVATE | K-5TH GRADE**

WEDNESDAYS | 6:30-7:30PM KIDS WILL LEARN AND EXPERIENCE GOD'S BEST FOR THEIR LIVES THROUGH SKITS, SONGS AND GROUP ACTIVITIES!

#### **CELEBRATE RECOVERY**

FRIDAYS | 6:45PM: LARGE GROUP
A CHRIST-CENTERED RECOVERY PROGRAM.
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#### **MORE THAN ENOUGH JOY**

How did the Shepherds Experience God's Joy?
<b>1. They</b> but the angel reassured them. "Don't be afraid!" he said. "I bring you good news that will bring great joy to all people. The Savior—yes, the Messiah, the Lord—has been born today in Bethlehem, the city of David! And you will recognize him by this sign: You will find a baby wrapped snugly in strips of cloth, lying in a manger." Luke 2:10-12 NLT
<b>2. They</b> When the angels had returned to heaven, the shepherds said to each other, "Let's go to Bethlehem! Let's see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about." Luke 2:15 NLT
3. They  After seeing him, the shepherds told everyone what had happened and what the angel had said to them about this child. All who heard the shepherds' story were astonished. Luke 2:17-18 NLT
4. They  The shepherds went back to their flocks, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen. It was just as the angel had told them. Luke 2:20 NLT

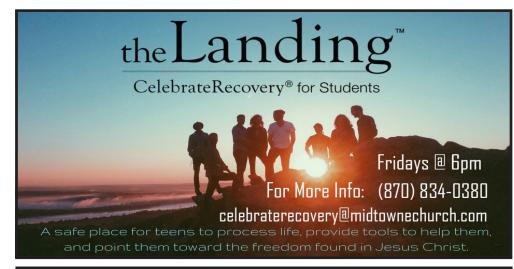


#### EXPERIENCE GOD'S BEST WITH OTHERS

ALL GROUPS MEET AT VARIOUS TIMES THROUGHOUT THE WEEK COUPLES' GROUPS • WOMEN'S GROUPS • MEN'S GROUPS

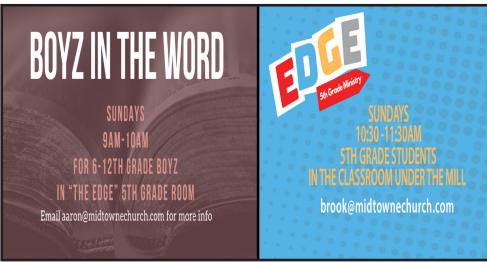
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## SO WHAT?

Always be full of joy in the Lord. I say it again—rejoice! Philippians 4:4 NLT

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## MAKE THE BEST OF IT

- 1. What are some things that give you Joy?
- 2. Think about how you answered that question. Do those things give you real Joy or do they just make you Happy for a while?
- 3. What is the difference between Real Joy and Happiness?
- 4. Thinking about the Shepherds, why do you think they were specifically chosen to receive the message from the Angel?
- 5. How do you think you would have responded to the message they received?
- 6. We have all received the same message the Shepherds received, just not from an angel. So how can you respond to the message so that you getting on the Joy God gives?
- 7. Which of the four things we talked about in this message do you think you need to do in order to truly experience God's Joy? How will you do that this week?



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR CHILDREN'S MINISTRY ON 12.24.23 AT 8:00, 9:30 & 11:00

EMAIL BROOK AT BROOK@MIDTOWNECHURCH.COM



# HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

**DECEMBER** 

10th Coffee House

12th The Front Porch

15-17th Student Winter Retreat

24th Christmas Services 8am, 9:30am, 11am

25th - Jan 1 Office Closed

**27th No Wednesday Night Activities** 

**31st Drop-In Communion** 

Last day to drop off 2023 Contributions 10:00am -11:00am

**JANUARY** 

3rd No Wednesday Night Activities 7th Midtowne's 16th Birthday Celebration SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31ST . 10AM - 11AM

# DROP-IN COMMUNION

WE WILL NOT HAVE A 9AM, OR 10:30AM SERVICE. INSTEAD, DROP IN ANY TIME BETWEEN 10AM-11AM TO HAVE COMMUNION WITH YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS.









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