

## DECEMBER 14+15, 2024 **ANTICIPATION** JOY TO STRENGTHEN YOU



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#### **Pastor Ron Williams**

Luke 12:8-20

BIG IDEA: Joy is a profound expression of		
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and	_ in the	I have in Christ.
1. Hope beyond my		
2. Hope beyond my		
3. Hope built on my		in Christ
•	of Jesus	





## Monday

**READ:** Luke 2:10-11, 20

REFLECT: Think of a time you received good news this past year and the joy it gave you. When joy comes to us, it is like sunshine in the midst of a rainy day. When the angel told the shepherds the news of Jesus' birth, it was good news for the shepherds and for "all the people."

**RESPOND:** How does the good news of Jesus' birth still resonate with you? What joy does it bring to your heart? How can you spread the joy of Jesus this season?

## Tuesday

READ: Philippians 4:4-5

**REFLECT:** God's presence is always a cause for rejoicing. The good news is that He is always near and, therefore, we always have a reason to rejoice. Our challenge is that we often lose focus on His presence and place our eyes on our difficulties and discouragements. As a result, we lose this joy.

**RESPOND:** Have you lost your joy? Why? Think of and write down several steps you can take to place your eyes on Jesus instead of your circumstances.

## Wednesday

READ: Psalm 16:11

**REFLECT:** God's presence not only fills us with joy, but it also guides our paths. His presence directs us to true fulfillment, provides wisdom and guidance for life's decisions, and reveals His will for our lives. When we are near to Him, His presence is so satisfying that it transcends everything else, including our circumstances and worldly pleasures.

**RESPOND:** Have you stepped away from God's presence? If so, what can you do to walk back to Him? If not, praise Him for the guidance that His presence provides.

## Thursday

READ: Romans 8:28; Philippians 4:10-13

**REFLECT:** Once the shepherds saw the infant Jesus, they went back to the fields rejoicing and trusting in God's plan of salvation. While this plan may not have yet been fully revealed, the shepherds trusted that they could rejoice in this news. Because they trusted, they could rejoice. Many times, we cannot rejoice because we do not trust.

**RESPOND:** What are your main reasons for not trusting in God's plan for your life? How is this lack of trust hindering you from experiencing His joy?

## **Friday**

**READ:** Psalm 51:12; Romans 15:13

**REFLECT:** David lost his joy because of his sin with Bathsheba. Because he missed fellowship with God and the joy it provided, David asked God to restore the joy of his salvation. He needed a fresh realization of God's goodness.

**RESPOND:** Pray Romans 15:13 back to God. Ask Him to fill you with joy and to reveal any sin or other causes that are not allowing you to experience this joy.

## New here?

We're so glad you're here. We'd love to meet you, answer your questions, and help you get connected at PCC. If you're ready to learn more, we invite you to do any/all of the following:



#### Connect Card

We'd love to get to know you and help you get connected! Scan the code to fill out a digital Connect Card.





#### **Guest Services**

Stop by Guest Services in the lobby. We'd love to get acquainted, give you a welcome packet, and a gift. If you have questions, we have answers!



#### Intro

Join us for Intro where you'll hear Pathway's story, meet some staff, and learn about next steps. Scan the code to sign up.





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## Pathway's Newest Members

Connie Bahr Ella Bashop Jeff & Challis Bower Steve & Megan Dibblee Clinton & Tonya Faupel June Faupel Jason & Missy Flint Dana Frank Kimberly Gamino

Darryl & Karen Haag Jake & Hannah Hreha Ryan & Amanda Hull Summer Hurst Dana James Rich Kelty Travis & Laura Marker Ricki Orr

Vanessa Palma Courtney Pilling Abbey Robertson Fara Ryan Aaron & Anita Smits Danielle Springer Jim & Kim Walker John & Laura Wassell Crystal Pakalniskis



If you've been to Intro (see number 3 above) and are interested in becoming a member of Pathway Community Church, the next step is our Life at Pathway class. Scan the code to learn more.

WAYS TO GIVE



- 1 | Scan to give
- Text GIVE to 1-833-568-5410
- Click GIVE on pccfw.org
- 4 | Tap GIVE on the PCC at Home app
- 5 | Drop your gift in the offering buckets or boxes



#### CHURCHWIDE

DEC 23 | 3pm+5pm DEC 24 | 1pm+3pm+5pm

#### **CHRISTMAS** AT PATHWAY

DEC 28 | 5pm DEC 29 | 9am+11am

#### **SERVICES ARE ONLINE ONLY**

#### **GROUPS**

ONGOING DAYS/TIMES VARY

#### LIFE GROUPS

FEB 2 | 5pm

#### **NEW GROUP DINNER**

#### **NEXT STEPS**

JAN 5 | 11am

#### INTRO

JAN 25+26

#### **BAPTISM**

#### WOMEN

MONDAYS | 9am

#### WOMEN'S COFFEE & CONVERSATION

DEC 17 | 9am

#### MOM<sub>2</sub>MOM

**MISSIONS & OUTREACH** 

DEC 7 | 8:30am

MEN'S COLORADO TRIP **INFO BREAKFAST** 

DFC 7+8

#### FOOD PANTRY DONATION WEEKEND

(Every 2nd Sunday)

#### NOV 16-DEC 8

**GIVING TREE** 

#### **MARRIAGE &** PARENTING

DEC 7 | 10am

#### TRUE VINE CHRISTMAS BRUNCH

DEC 15 | 11am

#### TRUE VINE KINSHIP COFFEE

DEC 16 | 6:30pm

#### CULTIVATE CONNECTION

JAN 20 | 6:30PM

#### RE ENGAGE

(Marriage Environment) .....

#### JAN 20 | 6:30PM

#### MERGE

(Pre-Marriage Environment)

#### CARE & SUPPORT

TUESDAYS | 7pm

#### CELEBRATE RECOVERY .....

THURSDAYS | 6:30pm

#### MOM OF AN ADDICT

#### DEC 5 | 6:30pm JAN 2 | 6:30pm

Scan the code for more information

on these events

#### **BREAST CANCER COMMUNITY GROUP**

DEC 12 | 7pm

#### INFERTILITY & LOSS SUPPORT

#### COLLEGE

ONGOING DAYS/TIMES VARY

#### LIFE GROUPS

#### **STUDENTS**

SATURDAYS | 5pm SUNDAYS | 9+11am No Project 5 on December 21, 28+29

#### PROJECT 5 (5th Grade)

SUNDAYS | 9+11am No Digging Deeper on December 1, 22, 29

#### IMPULSE: DIGGING DEEPER

WEDNESDAYS | 6:15pm No IMPULSE on Dec 25 or Jan 1

#### IMPULSE (Middle School)

WEDNESDAYS | 7:30pm No IMPACT on Dec 25 or Jan 1

#### IMPACT (High School)

#### **KIDS**

SATURDAYS | 5pm SUNDAYS | 9+11am

#### KIDCITY





At the end of every year, we look for ways to be generous both inside and outside of our church walls. Throughout the month of December, your year-end gifts will go toward the following:

## Here—at Pathway

#### **BENEVOLENCE**

Serving those in need at our local church

#### **BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS**

Renewed improvements and upgrades to our spaces

## Near — Local Partners

#### **ALLEN COUNTY JAIL**

Partnership with God Behind Bars, which streams Pathway worship services to men and women at the Allen County Jail

#### FORT WAYNE RESCUE MISSION

Caring for men, women, and children in homelessness

#### REMEDYLIVE: PARENT ACADEMY INITIATIVE

Helping parents talk to their kids about mental health

#### YOUTH FOR CHRIST: CITYLIFE

Reaching young people in under-resourced neighborhoods

#### LOCAL CHURCH PARTNERSHIP

Assisting a local church with resources and momentum to reach more families

## Far — Global Partners

#### INVISIBLE GIRL PROJECT: HOME OF LOVE (INDIA)

Purchase a van to provide safe travel to and from school for the Home of Love girls



#### Scan the code to give, and select the "Year-End Generosity" designation.

On Giving Tuesday (December 3) and our Christmas services on December 23+24, your financial gifts will go exclusively to our NEAR and FAR partnerships.

Thank you for continually giving to the mission of Pathway and making this ministry possible!



# Christmas at Pathway

Worship with us this Christmas!

MONDAY, DECEMBER 23 | 3pm + 5pm

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24 | 1pm + 3pm + 5pm

Christmas in The Venue

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24, 1pm + 3pm

All services are identical.

All services live-streamed at PCCFW.tv

Infant thru preschool available in all services.

Interpreter for deaf and hard of hearing available at a service to be determined.

#### HOLIDAY WEEKEND WORSHIP SERVICES

**DECEMBER 21** No Project 5

**DECEMBER 22** | Full programming in both services

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28 + SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29

Services will be ONLINE ONLY. Worship with us at pccfw.tv.

Saturday, 5pm | Sunday, 9am + 11am

# **Christmas Serving Opportunities**

#### KIDCITY

Snuggle a baby or come alongside a child as they learn more about Jesus in KidCity. You'll also bless moms and dads with the opportunity to be impacted by the worship and message in our large gathering.

#### FIRST IMPRESSIONS

From greeters to ushers to our coffee team, First Impressions is all about making people feel welcome at Pathway. These simple-serving opportunities can make a big impact.



Scan to learn more and sign up to serve.