



What Does Jesus Want for His Birthday?

Well, if you didn't know already, Christmas is just around the corner and that means you're almost out of shopping days. During the holiday season, people are busy making their lists and checking them twice, trying to figure out what gifts they want to give and receive. And the big question we often ask one another during this season is, "What do you want for Christmas?" I mean, nobody wants to get someone a gift that they don't really want. And so, I'd like to get in the spirit of the season by asking you, do you know what Jesus wants for His birthday?

Now, most of us know that Christmas is the day where we celebrate Jesus' birth, right? And I don't know about you, but usually the birthday boy is the one who gets the gifts, not the guests. And even though it's His birthday, it always seems that Jesus doesn't get a whole lot. In fact, Christmas has largely become a day when everyone else seems to get something except Jesus; we make ourselves feel good by giving each other gifts while Jesus watches on. Sometimes we get things that we either don't need or want. And oftentimes we get an inappropriate gift for someone because we fail to ask them what they really want. So it would make perfect sense if the receiver of your gift was Jesus Christ, that you would want to give Him what He really wants for Christmas.

So, what does He want? If you were to take a look at the very first Christmas when Jesus Christ was born, you would see that what He wanted more than anything was a room.

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Submissions

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upcoming events

December/January

- 12/27, Sunday @ 11am: Joint Worship Service with KM
- 12/31, Thursday @ 11:15pm: New Year's Eve Service
- 12/28-1/2 @ 5:30am: All Church Prayer Meeting Week

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Remember, Mary and Joseph went from place to place looking for a room to in order to give birth to baby Jesus, but they were rejected by everyone. They finally found a place, but there was no room for them in the inn and so He was born in a manger. That "No Vacancy" sign in front of the inn is exactly what's on the hearts of the people who reject Jesus. This symbol represents the human soul and how they have not provided room for Jesus. And this is exactly what Jesus experienced during His ministry on earth, from those who rejected Him and refused to listen to His teachings. They could not find room in their hearts for the King of kings to enter in. The only place where Jesus was able to find room was on a cross. He tried to find an entry in the overcrowded hearts of people but He could not find it, and yet still He searches and we still reject him today.

The best gift that we can give to Jesus this season is room in our hearts and in our lives. Instead of giving Him the leftovers of our time and squeezing Him into our schedules when it's convenient, we need to "prepare Him room!" This holiday season, we need to be intentional in making sure that He occupies the very center of our lives.

So, will you make room for Jesus this Christmas? Because He is preparing a room for you as we anticipate His return.

Merry Christmas.
Pastor Kye

2010 Leadership



With the new year dawning, we'd like to take this time to thank the past leadership for their faithful dedication, and for all that they have done this year. Also, we'd like to introduce the EM Leadership for 2010. Please remember to keep them in your hearts and prayers.

From left to right:

Grace Choi, Joon Choi, Maurice "Mo" Choi, HaYoon Kim, Phillip Kim, and Mike Suh

Do Justice



On Saturday, November 21, the English Ministry and Youth Group of Binnerri partnered with 10 incredible non-profit organizations in the DFW area in order to participate in hands-on projects that served our city and directly impacted people in need. We participated in renovation and beautification projects; helped pack over a hundred Thanksgiving baskets; sorted and organized a local food pantry; served Thanksgiving meals to those who were in recovery and need; and even provided some companionship and care to the elderly. It was truly an amazing time where we as the Church went outside our walls to serve our community in being the hands and feet of Jesus.

We are so thankful for every single person who came out and committed their Saturday in doing justice all throughout our city. Our desire is that this day would be far more than a single time of service, or something we do just once or twice a year. Rather, our goal is for this event to be a springboard and platform to inspire and stir us towards service as a way of life. God cares deeply for the poor and the needy of our city, and He has called His people to be the channels of His love, compassion, and mercy. The needs of our city are great, but we believe that God has given us an incredible opportunity to visibly and tangibly reflect His heart for our communities. Micah 6:8 reads, "He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to **do justice**, love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God." May the love of Jesus Christ continually compel us to do justice and love kindness as we walk faithfully with our God.



Volunteer Appreciation Night 2009

Volunteer Appreciation Night (VAN) was a time where we had the opportunity to honor and thank all the many people who selflessly give their time and talents to serve God and His body. Our volunteers serve in many different capacities throughout our church, ranging from education to praise team, from welcoming to leading LifeGroups. The theme this year was "A Night at the Movies." It was an evening filled with good food, homemade movies, and lots of laughter!

Special thanks to our staff: Pastor Kye, Pastor Andrew, Jinlee Park, Daniel Bae and Jo Ko.



What is Your Unselfish Christmas Wish This Year?

That my co-worker recovers fully from lymphoma so that she will be able to watch her two beautiful sons grow up to become wonderful men. - *Sumi Lee*

That my grandma continues to recover from her stroke, and also for my dad's side of the family, that they will be able to find Jesus. - *Kirk Lin*

For everyone to be and feel loved. - *Yeji Chung*

For people to open up their hearts and minds. - *Emily Dzenowski*

For people to be brave and stand up for what they believe in...And for the Cowboys to win the Superbowl. - *Stephanie Hwang*

No more homeless animals, especially dogs and cats. - *Peter Lee*

For everyone to have something to smile about. - *Hannah Hong*

I wish that all of the students in my classroom grow up to be healthy, loving children, and that they will make good choices! - *Diana Lee*

That the economy turns around and that God helps all the people who are struggling to pay their bills and to put food on the table. - *Darin Suh*

That my little nieces and my nephew will come to know Christ. - *Grace Kim*

That my dad's health gets better as he ages and not worse as it has been. - *Heeyoung Choi*

That we all take the time to give and serve with a grateful heart. - *Melissa Chang*

That we all appreciate the very first Christmas gift to this world: Jesus Christ. He is the reason for the season. - *Robby Yu*

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