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TAKING JESUS TO NEIGHBORHOOD
CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILIES



DWELL BY MARCI MENCHACA, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

To **Dwell**: to be near, to be close, to remain. In our Christmas message at our parties this year, we took a journey about what it means to **DWELL** and talked about the fact that God's heart has always been to **DWELL** with His people. We had a fun skit where the message was simple and clear. Enter stage left: a couple of realtors helping a family to hopefully find their forever **dwelling** in a perfect neighborhood. A **dwelling** with many rooms, no conflict or crying, and with complete peace and joy. And so, their journey ensues with the realtors having revelation about a perfect neighborhood and teaching points around how God has **DWELLED** with His people in the past, the here and now, and will in the future, forever in eternity.

Throughout the Old Testament, God **DWELLED** with His people in various and miraculous ways as they **choose** to follow Him.

Then, in the New Testament, the journey led us to Jesus, who is Immanuel, God **with** us. The Savior, born as a baby to **DWELL** among His people. John 14:1 reads,

¹⁴The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen His glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

The message of Jesus **dwelling** among us, how He lived a perfect and sinless life and willingly died to take the punishment our sin deserves, leads us to two beautiful realities when we **choose** to follow Jesus:

The first is, the Holy Spirit comes into our hearts to **DWELL** with us here and now. He leads, guides, helps, and brings us full life.

The second is, when we **choose** Jesus, we will **DWELL** with God in our forever **dwelling** in the perfect neighborhood called Heaven. The place with many rooms, streets of gold and yes, it's a "gated community" with pearly gates! Most of all, we will forever, for **all** eternity, be with God. As Revelation 21:3-4 tells us,

³And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Look! God's dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God Himself will be with them and be their God. ⁴'He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death' or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away."

The message is clear: **Choose** Jesus and as He **DWELLS** in our hearts, make the choice to **DWELL** with Him **each** day. When we **choose** to **DWELL** with God, we experience His presence.

Merry Christmas and thanks to the amazing community of support that makes it possible to bless our families with an amazing Christmas experience, gifts, and the beautiful message of God's heart to **DWELL** with His people.

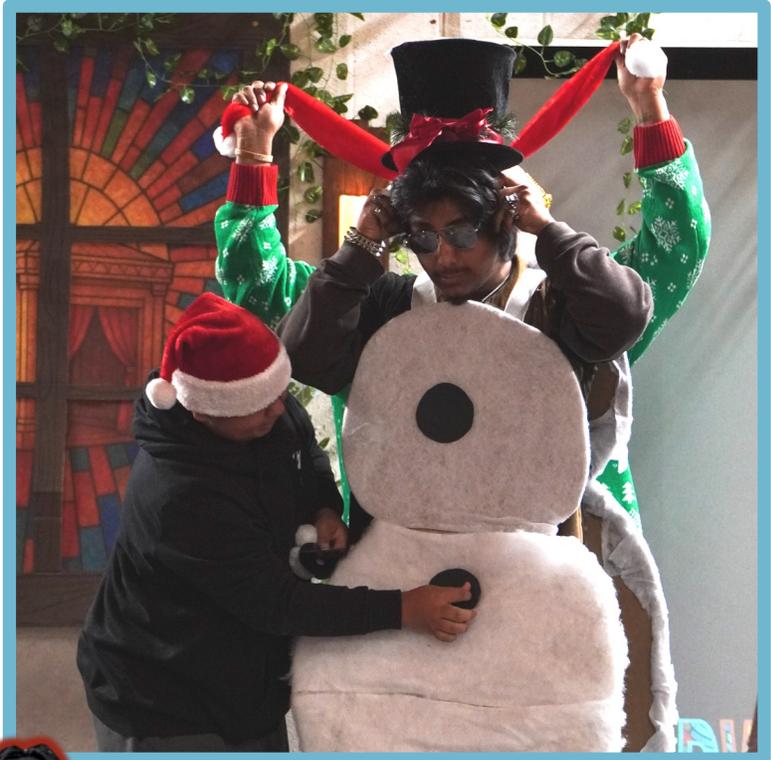




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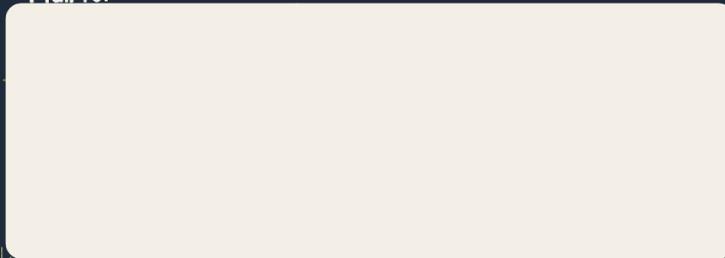
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We hope you have a joyful holiday!

Front row, L to R: Kayley Germundsen, Marci Menchaca, Lacey Eubank,
Melanie Love, Mackenzie Gunter & Bailey Schmitz

Back row, L to R: Shelley Emmons, LaTrinda Murphy, Lupe Mata, Wyatt Harris,
Emma Berry, Bailey Jowers, Alyssa Bailey & Ben Allen

Not pictured: Darlene Bratton & Haley Galvan



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Our holiday office hours will be 9:30am to 5pm.
**The House of Faith office will be closed
December 24th & 25th and January 1st.**