

Today's Message: **IMMANUEL**
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Isaiah 7:14

INTRODUCTION: What are you feeling, experiencing, and needing as we move into the Christmas season? You might say that tradition makes you very comfortable. Maybe your childhood memories have morphed into legend. But Christmas is also very hectic, stressful, and expensive. There is often some sense of enjoyment and some sense of disappointment with the holidays. Often family brings conflict. The season feels rushed. Depression is possible, even probable for many people. God becomes an after thought in many lives. Time is an enemy. You might be feeling weary, tired, stressed, and tempted. What we need is a touch from the Lord during this season. We must stop long enough to soak in God's Presence and God's Presents!

What if we slowed down enough to get to know our Lord more fully? AND...How do we go about knowing God more intimately?

God has made Himself known through His names...

Some of God's Names: YHWH, Elohim, Adonai, El Shaddai, Moshiah, El Roi, El Elyon, El Olam, Yahweh Tsidkenu, Yahweh Shammah, Yahweh Shalom, Yahweh Yireh, Yahweh Rapha, Yahweh Nissi, Yahweh Raah, Yahweh Sabaoth, Yahweh Tsuri

- Each of these names reveal God to us for the purpose of KNOWING Him
- Each of these names is revealed in Jesus Christ!

IMMANUEL (עִמָּנוּאֵל) (pronounced Ee-man-noo-El) = "God with us"

Isaiah 7:14 (NLT) All right then, the Lord himself will give you the sign. Look! The virgin will conceive a child! She will give birth to a son and will call him Immanuel (which means 'God is with us').

Jesus revealed God to us

John 1:18 (NLT) No one has ever seen God. But the unique One, who is himself God, is near to the Father's heart. He has revealed God to us.

If you've seen Jesus you've seen the Father

John 14:9 (NIV84) Jesus answered: "Don't you know me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'?"

Messiah is the fullness of Deity

Colossians 2:9 (NASB95) For in Him all the fullness of Deity dwells in bodily form,

God became flesh

John 1:14 (NLT) So the Word became human and made his home among us. He was full of unfailing love and faithfulness. And we have seen his glory, the glory of the Father's one and only Son.

Jesus is Immanuel

Matthew 1:22–23 (NKJV) So all this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying: ²³ "Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel," which is translated, "God with us."

One more name...

GOEL (גוֹאֵל) "Redeemer"

Job 19:25–27 (NLT) "But as for me, I know that my Redeemer lives, and he will stand upon the earth at last. And after my body has decayed, yet in my body I will see God! I will see him for myself. Yes, I will see him with my own eyes. I am overwhelmed at the thought!"

Kinsman Redeemer

Ruth 4:6 (NIV84) At this, the kinsman-redeemer said, "Then I cannot redeem it because I might endanger my own estate. You redeem it yourself. I cannot do it."

The LORD Is Redeemer

Exodus 6:6–8 (NIV84) "Therefore, say to the Israelites: 'I am the LORD, and I will bring you out from under the yoke of the Egyptians. I will free you from being slaves to them, and I will redeem you with an outstretched arm and with mighty acts of judgment.' I will take you as my own people, and I will be your God. Then you will know that I am the LORD your God, who brought you out from under the yoke of the Egyptians.' And I will bring you to the land I swore with uplifted hand to give to Abraham, to Isaac and to Jacob. I will give it to you as a possession. I am the LORD.'"

God called Redeemer 17 times in the Old Testament

Now the Redeemer is fully revealed in our Messiah

Galatians 4:4–5 (NIV84) But when the time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under law, to redeem those under law, that we might receive the full rights of sons.

So what? What does it mean to you that God desires to be with you?

What does it mean to you that Jesus is your Redeemer?

This Christmas let's spend time getting to know our Lord better.

Next Sunday: Advent begins and Hanukkah begins

I'm posting a daily devotional on my Facebook page dealing with a different name of the Lord each day.

**I hope we can make this journey together through the names of God
that we might come to know Him more intimately!**

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ONWARD CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR NOVEMBER 25, 2018

NO YOUTH GROUP TONIGHT

2019 MARRIAGE RETREAT—February 9-10 @ Brown County Inn (new location), Nashville, IN.

Cost is \$109 + tax (room cost only). Each couple must make their room reservation by calling **800-772-5249**. Make your reservation now!

Marriage Retreat Schedule:

Session 1 – Saturday @ 3:00pm

Session 2 – Saturday @ 7:30pm

Session 3 – Sunday @ 9:00am

NEXT SUNDAY NIGHT BIBLE CLASS—DR. RAY CHILDERS—EXISTENCE—For our final week of Bible 104 Dr. Ray Childers will be joining us to teach. This PhD. Research scientist provides arguments for the existence of God and will explain how a Biblical Worldview is supported by the data of our existence. Everyone is invited to join us for this last class Sunday evening, Dec. 2nd, 6-8pm at Conner Prairie.

CARING CHRISTMAS PROJECT 2018—Helping Students From Indianapolis Public Schools Pick up Christmas stockings today and **bring them back by December 9th**. Suggested Items: (for each Christmas Stocking is approx. \$15.00) (Please be sure to include the (*) items in each stocking): Toy/Movie; Hot Cocoa Packs; Hat/Gloves*; Popcorn Packs; Games/Books; Colored Pencils/Crayons; Shampoo/Soap*; Paper/Coloring Book; Combs/Brushes; Puzzles/Markers; Toothbrush*; Stuffed Animals; Toothpaste; Candy/Snacks*

Bring Clothing & Household Items for Metropolitan Baptist Center—please bring clothing and other household items for the Baptist Center. See Karen Selig to donate items.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE—On Sunday, Dec. 23rd we will have our morning Christmas Worship at 10:30am and then our Christmas Eve Candlelight service at 6:00pm. The children are preparing special music for us for the evening service. Invite your family and friends as we celebrate the arrival of our Messiah!

STUDENT MISSION TRIP June 21-28, 2019! For those entering 9th grade and up, we will be traveling to Tijuana, Mexico to take part in a Mission Adventures trip where we will be able to experience various ministry projects that YWAM is providing in the area. Cost is roughly \$1200pp. We are only taking 20 students/leaders! To confirm your spot, see Jerry Ackerman.

LADIES PRAYER GROUP—Wednesdays 9:30-11:00am at Deta Lasley's (10966 Trailwood Dr., Fishers)

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY—TWO OPTIONS:

A) Thursday mornings 7-8 am @ IHOP (96th & I-69)

B) 2nd & 4th Tuesday evenings 7-8:30pm (see Kris Hunt or Greg Weber for location)