

A Note from Pastor Phil

Christmas is a great time of joy. It is about the birth of our savior, Jesus. As we read in Luke 2:10-11, "But the angel said to them, **'Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people.** Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is **Christ the Lord.**'" Not only is Christmas a great time, but a great time of joy!

The word JOY is used extensively in the CHRISTMAS STORY:

- Luke 1:14 - Zechariah was told by the angel, "You will have joy, and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth."
- Luke 1:44 - John the Baptist leaped for joy in his mother's womb
- Luke 1:47 - Mary rejoiced in God her Savior
- Luke 1:58 - they were rejoicing with Elizabeth
- Luke 2:10 - the angel proclaimed, "Glad tidings of GREAT JOY."



I know Christmas can have challenges. All of the people in the Bible during the Christmas story had challenges. Roman rule was harsh and difficult. Elizabeth's husband lost his voice. John the Baptist faced execution. Mary had to travel miles and give birth in a Stable. However, let's not forget we have been forgiven. Jesus came and paid the price for our sin and now we can be free because he came. Our joy is not based just on the temporal, such as the gifts of Christmas, but on the eternal freedom we now have. It is freedom from guilt and shame here, and eternal freedom with God. Joy to the World! The Lord has come!

Christmas Eve

- SERVICE -

Sunday, December 24 | 5:30 PM

Word of Life Christian Fellowship
3374 Winton Rd S Rochester, NY 14623

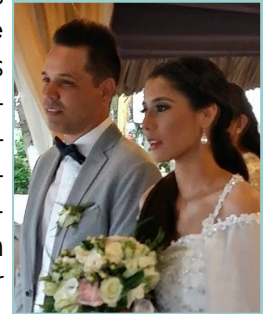
December 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 6pm In Touch Bunch at Brentland Woods
3 Worship 10am Luis Cortes Kids' Club 6pm Youth Grp 6pm Life Grp 6pm	4	5 Prayer 9 am	6 First Wednesday Prayer 7pm	7 Fantauzzo's Life Grp 6:30pm BASIC at RWC 7pm	8	9 Men's Breakfast 9am
10 Worship 10am Communion Pastor Phil Youth 6pm	11	12 Prayer 9am	13 Life Group 7pm Pastor Phil will speak	14 BASIC at RWC 7pm	15 Impart Girls' Night at WOL 6:30pm	16 Brentland Woods 2pm Impart Young Adults 6:30pm
17 Worship 10am Pastor Phil Youth Grp 6pm Kids' Club 6pm Life Group 6pm	18	19 Prayer 9am	20 No Women's Mtg this month	21 Fantauzzo's Life Grp 6:30	22	23
24 Worship 10am Pastor Phil Christmas Eve Service 5:30p No Youth	25 Merry Christmas!	26 No Prayer	27 Life Group Canceled for the holiday week	28	29	30
31 Worship 10am Pastor Phil No Youth						

Pastor Luis and Nachis Cortés



Luis Cortés and Nachis have been pastoring in Acapulco, Mexico for the last 26 years with a powerful ministry focused on the restoration of marriages and families. Word of Life is blessed by this couple because they are the parents of Pastor Jonas Cortés, who serves as our Worship and Youth Pastor. You may also remember Lisset Cortes Phillips when she attended Elim Bible Institute & College. Now we support Lisset and her family as they minister in Chile. (Read below for more information.) The Cortés's youngest daughter, Elisabet, is now married and serves with her husband in Acapulco, Mexico. Although Pastor Luis and Nachis have their own personal testimonies of God's grace, the testimony of their children serving God is an expression of God's grace as well. We are blessed to have this couple speak at WOL on Sunday, December 3. Join us for a wonderful service!



Juan Caballero
and Elisabet Cortés

Missionaries to Chile, George and Lisset Phillips

The event that marked the past month in Santiago was IMPULSO. This initiative brings together the body of Christ for an intense week of evangelism on a university campus, with the goal of giving an impulse to the campus ministry. Together with other organizations, ministries and churches we organized a variety of activities such as a symposium, an "emotional census", free coffee, and the human funnel among others. This semester, because of a student strike and protests at the Juan Gómez Millas campus of the University of Chile, the event was reduced to three days. Here is what Genesis Rojas, an associate staff and mission leader in Santiago shared about her recent experiences.

"We are grateful for how we saw God move in great ways during those days. Personally I participated throughout the day on Friday, and was able to hear from the organizers and students about what God had done during the previous days. It turns out, the students on this campus have the peculiarity of being open to listen, but also many show some resistance towards the subjects of religion or politics. Never the less, one young lady commented, 'If people would approach speaking to us like you guys have, everyone would listen.'"

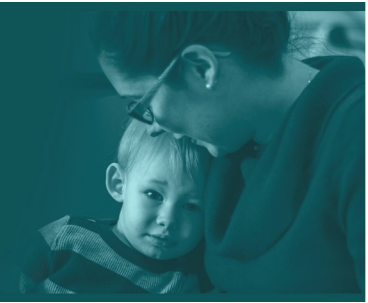


The IMPULSO team gathered for prayer at the start and finish of each day.

It is indeed a joy and glorious to see God at work in the lives of young people like Genesis, who at the same time are making Him known. Together we are making a difference as we invest in ministry initiatives like IMPULSO and the lives of students like Genesis. Thank you for your partnership.

For more information on the CRU campus ministry in Chile and to keep in touch with the Phillips, email them at george.phillips@cru.org, or join their Facebook group called Advancing the Great Commission Together. Our church supports this family monthly. If you would like to donate to them, please designate to "Phillips" when you give online or in the offering at Word of Life.

LIFE GROUPS



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For Kids During School Year:

Kids' Club, Grades K-5
Two Sunday nights/month 6 pm
Contact: Mrs. Kreider
jkreiderfamily@gmail.com



For Men:

Men's Breakfast
2nd Saturday/month, 9 am
Contact: Wes Hall
paracraftsplus@yahoo.com



For Youth:

Stand4 Youth Group, Ages 11-19
Sunday nights, 6 pm
Contact: Pastors Jonas & Bet Cortes
bethanycortes@wolcf.org



For Women:

Women of Promise Meeting
3rd Wednesday/month, 6:30 pm
Contact: Sheryl McNeill
office@wolcf.org



For College & Career:

Once a month
Saturday nights, 6:30 pm
Contact: Rachel Mohler
rae@4561@gmail.com



For Young Families

For those with young kids
Saturdays/monthly, 4-6 pm
Contact: Albert & Sarah Yu
sarah.d.yu@gmail.com



For College Students: BASIC

(Brothers and Sisters in Christ) RWC
Thursday nights, 7 pm
Contact: Bekah McNeill
mceillr.14@gmail.com



For Empty Nesters:

1st Saturday/month. 7 pm
Contact: John & Adele Squires
jandasquires@gmail.com



For Everyone:

Life and Leadership Training
Watch for details
Contact: Alex Seidler
alexandjodi@gmail.com



For Everyone:

Worship & Bible teaching
Wednesday nights, 7 pm
Contact: Church office
office@wolcf.org



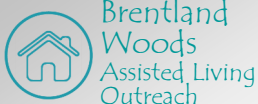
For Everyone:

Bible Study
1st & 3rd Thursday nights 6:30 pm
Contact: **Fantauzzo Family**
djfantauzzo@gmail.com



For Everyone:

Bible Study
2 Sunday nights/month, 6 pm
Contact: **D'Alessandro Family**
connie@compmedics.net



For Everyone:

Outreach
3rd Saturday/month 2 pm
Contact: Dan & Laurie Neumann
drnumann2@gmail.com

