

THE CHURCH OF ELEVEN22

NEWGEN NEWS

Partnering with parents to help children discover and deepen a relationship with Jesus.

Hey Parents,

This year seems as though it has flown by. We're already approaching the end of 2017 and with that end, we begin to think about 2018. It is this season where we begin to think about Christmas and the New Year. I won't spend too much energy preaching a sermon on how our world has robbed this season of its true meaning, but as we all know, we can become very busy during this time and lose focus of what really deserves our attention.

There is so much good that happens during the Christmas season. We spend time thinking about gifts to give others and we spend the money to buy those gifts for them. We spend time with all sorts of Christmas traditions, whether it be an Elf on the Shelf or going to St. Augustine Nights of Lights. Embracing the spirit of giving and creating family traditions are great things and we should do them. But every year, I am challenged and want to challenge you to remind yourself why we celebrate Christmas. I am not saying we should drop everything else that is going on and not do anything at all, because that would be wrong. My encouragement to you, and what I am trying to do myself, is connect the things we do -- like gift-giving and traditions -- to the Gospel. I want Jesus' birth, life, death, and resurrection to be at the center of all the different things I do during this season, whether it be going to Deck the Chairs in Jacksonville Beach as a family outing or the ugly sweater party I have with my neighbors.

On top of that, we have a new year approaching where many resolutions are made that typically fall flat on their face. They are usually personal goals of what you want to achieve or stop doing. These are great, except when we forget about them the following week and remember them the next year when we make resolutions again. I want to encourage you to make a New Year's decision as a family. A decision you, as a family, can hold each other accountable to. Sit down as a family on New Year's Eve or New Year's Day and talk with your children about how you, as a family, will deepen your relationship with Jesus this year. Maybe it is picking a day of the week to do family worship where you read a story from the Jesus Storybook Bible and sing a song your children sing at church.

Thank you so much for giving us the opportunity to minister to your children each and every week while you deepen your relationship with Jesus through worship gatherings.

James Hall, NewGen Kids Director

WINTER 2017/2018

UPCOMING EVENTS



RSVP FOR ALL EVENTS AT [COE22.COM/KIDS](http://coe22.com/kids)

NOVEMBER 13

ARLINGTON INTEREST NIGHT

6:30pm at the Arlington campus

If you're interested in getting involved, hearing the vision and praying for the new campus, we want to see you there!

coe22.com/Arlington

DECEMBER 21 & 24

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

ARLINGTON

Sunday 5:22pm & 7:00pm

BAYMEADOWS

Thursday 7:22pm, Sunday 9:00am, 11:22am, 5:22pm & 7:00pm

MANDARIN

Thursday 7:22pm, Sunday 9:00am, 11:22am, 5:22pm & 7:00pm

SAN PABLO

Thursday 7:22pm, Sunday 9:00am, 11:22am, 1:30pm, 5:22pm & 7:00pm

JANUARY 6

ARLINGTON LAUNCH PARTY

10:00am – 2:00pm at the Arlington campus

Community party to celebrate the launch in the Arlington neighborhood with food, games, music and more! The campus officially launches January 7, 2018. Find more information at

coe22.com/Arlington

JANUARY 29

FAMILY WORSHIP EXPERIENCE

6:00pm at every campus

A fun and exciting opportunity for your family to worship together. This annual event allows parents to experience what your children experience each and every week when they come to NewGen Kids.

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Are you on Facebook? Follow us to be equipped, encouraged, and empowered as you disciple your children. We will post the memory verse, kids worship song videos, and other content from the lesson that your children learned each week. We will also share articles and recommended resources that will help you as parents point your children to the Gospel!

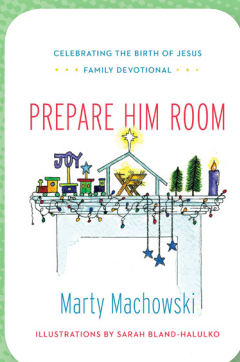
FAMILY WORSHIP EXPERIENCE

Join us on Monday, January 29 at whichever campus you attend for Family Worship Experience. Your kids will be so excited to have you join them as they show you what they experience each and every week. Get ready to sing songs with motions and engage with a Bible lesson. We only do this event once each year, so you don't want to miss out! Dinner is provided, so you don't have to cook! Sign up at coe22.com/kids.



RECOMMENDED RESOURCES

PREPARE HIM ROOM: CELEBRATING THE BIRTH OF JESUS FAMILY DEVOTIONAL BY MARTY MACHOWSKI



Available at amazon.com or Barnes & Noble

Christmas traditions become a treasured part of a family's heritage, passed down from generation to generation. This brand new, four-week devotional guides your family on an unforgettable advent journey, exploring some of the most wonderful prophecies in the Bible and how God fulfills them in Christ. From Bible devotions which tell the Christmas story through the eyes of the prophets to an original Christmas short story called "Bartimaeus," Prepare Him Room helps you build family Christmas traditions around Christ. The memorable and meaningful activities, songs, and stories of Prepare Him Room will become the fabric of your family's Christmas memories. So gather them to watch the amazing Gospel story unfold every December for generations to come!

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BUT YOU CAN'T REWIND IT." - JON ACUFF