

Don't love the world's ways.
Don't love the world's goods.
Love of the world squeezes out
love for the Father.
Practically everything that goes
on in the world
—wanting your own way,
wanting everything for yourself,
wanting to appear important—
has nothing to do with the Father.
It just isolates you from him.
The world and all its wanting, wanting, wanting
is on the way out—
but whoever does what God wants is set for eternity.

John 3:15 - 17 ^{MSG}

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From Alister

ADVENT - A SEASON OF ANTICIPATION

Anticipation is the word which I think best describes the churches season of Advent, because it is a time when we anticipate the return of Jesus, a time when we anticipate the coming Day of the Lord, and a time when we anticipate the fulfilment of all his promises regarding our eternal destiny. If you'd like to see a good example of anticipation, observe the children in your life as Christmas approaches. During Advent we look back at all that God has done for His people in the past while at the same time looking forward to (or anticipating) all God will do in the future. In particular, we anticipate the return of Jesus Christ to planet earth and His actions to "bring all things in heaven and on earth together under one head, even Christ." Ephesians 1:10)

There are many biblical themes that we could explore in relation to Advent but for our present purposes we will consider just two:

The return of Jesus Christ and Judgement

The return of Jesus Christ

Have you ever noticed the strong parallels between the last chapter of the Old Testament (Malachi 4) and the last chapter of the New Testament (Revelation 22)? In Malachi, the prophet looks forward to a day that is coming, a day that will be a day of fire (judgement) for evildoers but a day of righteousness and healing for those who revere his name. In Revelation there is no specific mention of 'the day' but several references to the timing of these events. "Behold I am coming soon". (22:7) Other themes that emerge in both chapters include judgement, punishment, righteousness, reward and healing.

The greatest parallel however is the anticipation in both chapters of the coming of a messiah. In Malachi, the Lord Almighty promises to send the prophet Elijah who has been chosen to typify the coming prophet. His arrival will precede the great and dreadful day of the Lord. (4:5) This prophecy was of course, fulfilled in Jesus.

In Revelation 22, the prophecy given to John anticipates the bodily return of Jesus to earth. The words; "I

*This is the
irrational
season,
when love
blooms bright
and wild.
Had Mary
been filled
with reason,
there'd have
been no
room for
the child.*

*Madeline
L'engle*

am coming soon” appear twice in this chapter (vs.: 7, 20)

It is now a matter of history, that when Jesus did come in fulfilment of the Old Testament prophecies, many people, including the religious leaders of the day failed to recognise him. They were looking for the wrong kind of Messiah, one who would lead them to victory against their enemies here on earth. God sent them a messiah who would lead them to victory over their spiritual enemies and thus lead them to share eternal life with Him.

2000 years later we are still awaiting his return. He seems to be a long time coming. Have we somehow got it wrong? Do we really believe that one day, Jesus will return without prior warning? A brief look through the pages of the New Testament confirms the reality of Jesus bodily return to earth. This is one of the non negotiables of the Christian faith. Our daily lives should reflect our belief in the return of Jesus.

When Jesus came to earth in the first century many of the people including the religious leaders failed to recognize him. They refused to accept his claim to be the anticipated Messiah. We can avoid the same mistake

if we live a life of trust and obedience in Jesus here and now. We will know Jesus then if we know him now.

Judgment

“For we must all appear before the judgement seat of Christ, that each one may receive what is due him for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad”. (2Corinthians 5:10)

The author of Hebrews wrote: “Just as man is destined to die once, and after that to face judgement,”... (Hebrews 9:27)

Judgement is a reality that none of us can avoid. The Day of the Lord will not only be the day of Christ’s return, but it will also be the Day of Judgement, the day when “each of us will give an account of himself to God”

(Romans 14:12)

However, for each one of us, the outcome of our encounter with Judge Jesus depends on our response to him while we live on this planet. Our lives, when seen in the light of God’s perfection, deserve nothing other than condemnation, and that would be the sentence if the judge himself (Jesus) had not intervened on our behalf. Not only did he intervene, but he voluntarily accepted the death penalty in our place;

*Tis the
season to
share.
To love.
To give
ourselves to
something
bigger than
any of us.
Tis the
season to
turn our
heads,
tune our
hearts and
worship a
saviour whose
birth turned
this world
upside-down.*

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This same
Jesus, who
has been
taken from
you into
heaven, will
come
back in the
same way
you have
seen him
go into
heaven.

Acts 1:11b
NIV

as the old hymn says:

*Guilty, vile and reckless we
Spotless Lamb of God was He
Full salvation, can it be?
Halleluiah, what a saviour*

What then must we do to share in this acquittal? Paul summed it up well in his letter to the church in Rome. "If you confess with your mouth "Jesus is Lord" and believe in your heart that God has raised him from the dead, you will be saved." Acquittal depends on action and faith; action in our public acknowledgment of Jesus, and faith in our belief in his bodily resurrection. (Romans 10:9)

There is another aspect to the day of judgement when God restores his creation to the pristine status it enjoyed before sin destroyed everything. Paul describes this aspect as God's purpose in Christ to bring all things in heaven and on earth together under one head, even Christ.

(Philippians 1: 9-10)

At this time, all that is wrong with our World will be made right again for all eternity. "God will wipe away every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain. (Revelation 21:4)

This aspect of judgement will not be something from which

people wish to flee. Rather, it will be a time of celebration and joy.

The Psalmist also expresses joy at the prospect of the Lord's coming judgement. (Psalm 98: 7-9)

*Let the sea resound, and
everything in it, the world, and
all who live in it.*

*Let the rivers clap their hands,
let the mountains sing together
for joy;*

*let them sing before the LORD,
for he comes to judge the
earth. He will judge the world
in righteousness and the
peoples with equity.*

Jesus will return to earth in God's time. He will come as judge to put right all that is wrong in the world. All trouble, pain, suffering, injustice and sin, even death itself will be done away with forever. For those of us who know him now, this will be a time of celebration and joy.

"He who testifies to these things says, "Yes, I am coming soon."

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus."
(Revelation 22:20)

Alister

Hall Opening at St Oswald's

On the 26th October 2012 the refurbishment of the St Oswald's hall was applauded by a crowd of 80+ people. Parishioners from all centres, local people and people who have had prior contact with the hall came along to this evening.

In the welcome by Ian Morley, Chair of the Parish Council, the contribution to the financing of the project by both the Tasmanian Community Fund and the Parish of Riverlinks was acknowledged. The architect Christ Bullard, the builder Tony Vimpany and the Project Supervisor David Sutton were also thanked.

Launceston Mayor Alderman Albert Van Zetten spoke briefly on the history of the hall, then spoke passionately about the gospel and how the hall could be a means of service to the wider community, especially to the needy in our midst. He declared the hall open.

Rev. David Rogers-Smith our Enabler prayed for God's blessing on the hall and its use in the future.

Rev. Kaye Gregory followed this with an Ode to the Hall – its past, its use and its future.

At the conclusion of the official opening a generous and delicious repast was enjoyed by all. Many thanks to the people who worked in our new kitchen, and to those who provided the food and drinks for all to enjoy. The new facilities worked extremely well and we pray that they will be used in the future to further God's Kingdom and bring glory to his name.



Operation Christmas Child

End of year report

When do you stop believing in Santa Claus? When you start getting clothes for Christmas.

The judge asked the defendant what he was charged with.

"Doing my Christmas shopping early," was the reply.

"That not illegal. How early were you shopping?"

"Before the store was open."



As I reflect on the year that has just been, I am amazed & humbled by the Grace of GOD and His wonderful provision throughout the year. As many of you may know Mark & I travelled with Samaritan's Purse earlier this year to Cambodia, to not only hand deliver over 3000 Shoe Boxes to very needy children, but to see the wider work within these communities to help break the poverty cycle through projects like supporting health clinics, building schools, providing safe clean water and teaching vocational skills like sewing & fanning techniques. But it's also more than just the above. Samaritan's Purse wants to provide children who hear the gospel through a Shoe Box distribution, "The Greatest Gift" booklet, with a real opportunity to participate in a deeper study of their faith through bible lesson called "The Greatest Journey".

The Greatest Journey is a story based discipleship program created specifically for children around the world to address 3 specific areas:

1. Salvation – provide an opportunity to enter into a relationship with Jesus
2. Discipleship – to assist

guiding children living out their new faith

3. Multiplication – encourage & equip children to pray & share their faith with others.

Statistical results for 2012 –

- 960,000 children enrolled in The Greatest Journey
- 11% of shoe box recipients participate in The Greatest Journey
- 69 available languages in 68 countries
- 50,000 trained teachers worldwide

Target for 2013 –

- 1.4 million Children enrolled in The Greatest Journey
- 15% of Shoe Box recipients participate in The Greatest Journey
- 69 available languages in 71 countries
- 50,000 trained teachers worldwide

As many of you know Australian & New Zealand boxes are distributed to the South East Asian & South Pacific countries. The launch of The Greatest Journey in Fiji & PNG in 2011-12 saw approx. 1,500 children attend these classes. Samaritan's Purse goal for 2013 is to reach 21,000 children in Thailand, Cambodia, Fiji and PNG.

When we start to see the bigger picture, I hope that like me you can see the "The Power of A Simple Gift" through Operation Christmas Child.

The part that the Riverlinks community played has once again been a blessing. 174 boxes were lovingly put together by you, our Riverlinks community, to brighten a child's life and bring hope for a better future, but more importantly we have given these children the opportunity to know their personal saviour Jesus Christ. No matter what contribution you made, whether it was putting boxes together or buying items to go in, donations of money to cover the project costs, helping me at the collection centre or being part of my prayer team, please accept my sincere thanks for being part of God's team as we reach out to desperately poor children of the world with His love and hope.

With 55 presentations to various churches, schools, businesses & community groups including interviews on Way FM & City Park Radio this year, the support from my team members has been crucial. As the concept of Operation Christmas Child grows so it will need others to be called by God to share in this ministry. May I ask all of you to prayerfully

consider what part you could play in 2013. I thank the Lord for my 2 team members who help me through out the year, 2 ladies who regularly pray for the work, plus the wonderful Drop Off Centre team who help us in October.

Collection time in October was once again a great time to personally thank people, be it individuals or groups, for their wonderful contribution. The generosity from people of the Launceston/Tamar Valley communities never ceases to amaze me. We have been praying that boxes would come in at a manageable rate and praise the Lord for providing this. Our final total was 3,361 boxes not to mention the countless boxes and bags of donations to be used as fillers. Praise the Lord for his provision, because that is how many children will be blessed from our region.

I look forward to working and sharing with you all next year. Who knows what we can achieve when we commit everything to God.

God bless you all.

Josie Ford

Regional Coordinator –
Launceston/Tamar Valley
Operation Christmas Child

Just before Christmas, two brothers were spending the night at their Grandma's house.

At bed time, they knelt down to say their prayers.

As they closed their eyes, one boy said in a loud voice, "Dear Lord, please ask Santa Claus to bring me a Wii, a telescope and a new bike."

His older brother said, "Why are you shouting? God isn't deaf."

"I know," said his brother, "but Grandma is."

Riverlinks

December 2012	
1st Sat	Women's Breakfast – 8:00am at St John's Launceston
2nd Sun	Kids' Church – 10:30am at St Oswald's Messy Christmas – 4:30pm at St Aidan's
3rd Mon	
4th Tue	<i>(each Tuesday)</i> *** Prayer Group – 1:00pm at St MM G/Town *** Home & Study Groups – 1:45pm at Igglesden's home – 7:30pm at Booth's home – 7:30pm at Pedley's home – 7:30pm Stanford's group at St Aidan's
5th Wed	<i>(each Wednesday)</i> Healing Service – 10:00am at St Oswald's *** Home & Study Groups – 7:30pm at Stott's home – 7:30pm St Oswald's
6th Thur	mainly music – 10:00am at St Aidan's MST & PC Christmas Dinner – 6:00pm at the Pier Hotel George Town
7th Fri	<i>(each Friday)</i> *** KYB Study Group – 10:00am at Baptist Church George Town
8th Sat	
*** CONTACT YOUR HOME GROUP FOR FINAL DATES IN 2012 & STARTING DATES FOR 2013	

December 2012	
9th Sun	Christmas Carol Celebration – 4:30pm at St David's George Town Community Carols – 6:00pm at Port Dalrymple Performing Arts Centre
10th Mon	Cadorna – 2:00pm
11th Tue	
12th Wed	Trevallyn & Riverside Christmas Lunch – 12:00 noon at Trevallyn Bowls Club
13th Thur	Parish Council meeting – 7:30pm
14th Fri	
15th Sat	
16th Sun	Launceston Carols By Candlelight – 7:00pm in City Park Launceston
17th Mon	
18th Tue	Hillwood Usual Unusual Christmas Service – 7:00pm at the Hillwood Hall
19th Wed	St Oswald's Fellowship Group – 2:00pm Ainslie Service – 2:15pm
20th Thur	Prescare Legana – 10:45am

The **deadline** for the *Christmas* Newsletter edition is **17th December**

Calendar

December 2012	
21 st Fri	
22 nd Sat	
23 rd Sun	9 Lessons & Carols – 7:00pm at St Mary Magdalene's George Town
24 th Mon	Christmas Eve Services St Alban's Pipers River – 7:00pm Peace Haven Carols & Lessons – 7:00pm St Oswald's Trevallyn – 11:00pm
25 th Tue	Christmas Day Services St MM's George Town – 8:00am St Aidan's East Launceston – 9:00am St David's Riverside – 9:00am Christ Church Low Head – 9:00am
26 th Wed	
27 th Thur	Tamar Park – 1:45pm
28 th Fri	
29 th Sat	
30 th Sun	
31 st Mon	

January and other dates 2013	
3 rd - 25 th Jan	ACT Summer Camps
10 th - 13 th January	CMS Summerview at Camp Banksia Port Sorell

Service Times For Worship Centres

East Launceston			
2 nd	10:00 am 4:30 pm	Morning Prayer Messy Church	
9 th	10:00 am	Communion	
16 th	10:00 am	Communion	
23 rd	10:00 am	Café Church	
25 th	9:00 am	Communion	
30 th	10:00 am	Morning Prayer	
George Town			
2 nd	9:00 am 9:00 am 10:30 am	Hillwood Pipers River George Town	Communion Morning Prayer Communion
9 th	9:00 am 10:30 am	Low Head George Town	Communion Together @ 10.30
16 th	9:00 am 10:30 am	Pipers River George Town	Communion Communion
23 rd	9:00 am 10:30 am 7:00 pm	Low Head George Town George Town	Communion Communion 9 Lessons & Carols
24 th	7:00 pm	Pipers River	Communion
25 th	8:00 am 9:00 am	George Town Low Head	Communion Communion
30 th	10:30 am	George Town	Morning Prayer
Riverside & Trevallyn			
2 nd	10:00 am 10:30 am	Riverside Trevallyn	Communion Kids' Church
9 th	10:00 am 5:00 pm	Riverside Trevallyn	Praise & worship Communion
16 th	10:00 am	Riverside	Communion
23 rd	10:00 am 5:00 pm	Riverside Trevallyn	Communion Evening Prayer
24 th	11:00 pm	Trevallyn	Communion
25 th	9:00 am	Riverside	Communion
30 th	10:00 am	Riverside	Praise & Worship
Each Wed	10:00am	Trevallyn	Healing Service
Peace Haven			
9 th	10:30 am	Morning Prayer	
16 th	10:30 am	Holy Communion	
23 rd	10:30 am	Holy Communion	
24 th	7:00 pm	Carols & Lessons	

Please send articles, comments, information & photos to the Parish Office

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Christmas in Riverlinks

Sunday 2nd December

Messy Christmas 4:30pm @ St Aidan's East Launceston

Sunday 9th December

Christmas Carol Celebration 4:30pm @ St David's Riverside

Tuesday 18th December

Usual Unusual Christmas Service 7:00pm @ Hillwood Hall

Sunday 23rd December

End of Year Celebration 10:00am/12:00 noon @ St Aidan's EL
9 Lessons & Carols 7:00pm @ St Mary Magdalene's GTown

Monday 24th December

Christmas Eve Service 7:00pm @ St Alban's Pipers River
Carols & Lessons 7:00pm @ Peace Haven Chapel Norwood
Christmas Eve Service 11:00pm @ St Oswald's Trevallyn

Tuesday 25th December

Christmas Day Service 8:00am @ St Mary Magdalene's GTown
Christmas Day Service 9:00am @ St Aidan's East Launceston
Christmas Day Service 9:00am @ St David's Riverside
Christmas Day Service 9:00am @ Christ Church Low Head



TEAR Australia Useful Gifts

Starting from \$5 available now from the Parish office. No need to fill in forms and post, available to take away immediately. Cash, cheque or credit card payments accepted.



End of Year Celebration
at St Aidan's
East Launceston

23 December

Church Service 10:00 am
& / or
BBQ lunch 12:00 noon

Christmas Carol Celebration

Sunday
9th December
4:30pm

featuring Riverside Primary School Choirs at St David's Church 399 West Tamar Rd Riverside

followed by a free Sausage Sizzle

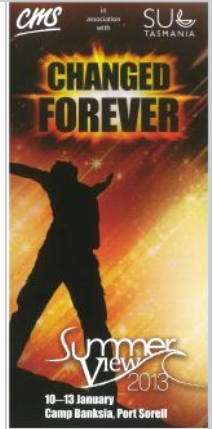


A service of thanksgiving to mark the
 20th Anniversary
 of the Ordination of Women in Tasmania

10:30am

Friday 21st December
 at St David's Cathedral, Hobart

Light refreshments will be served after the service.
 For catering purposes please RSVP by 14th December to Sarah
 Hayden 6231 9602 or s.hayden@anglicare-tas.org.au



**Thursday 10th
 to Sunday 13th
 January 2013**

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 just come for a day*

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 stimulating
 speakers and
 fellowship with
 others to know
 more of God and
 his work.

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 to learn more about
 global mission and
 be encouraged to
 become more
 actively involved in
 God's work.

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 are available in all
 centres or by
 contacting CMS
 62443962
 tas@cms.org.au



Carols by Candlelight

7:00pm

Sunday 16th December
 City Park Launceston

George Town Community Carols

Sunday 9th December 2012

6pm

at Port Dalrymple School
 Performing Arts Centre



Choirs from George Town schools performing

Entry by gold coin donation

Battery operated candles available for purchase \$2 each

Presented by the Combined Christian Churches of
 George Town

Changing the 'maybe' culture in our churches

An atheist complained to a Christian friend, "You Christians have your special holidays, such as Christmas and Easter. Jews celebrate their national holidays, such as Passover and Yom Kippur. But we atheists have no recognized national holidays. It's unfair."

His friend replied, "Why don't you celebrate April first?"

What signal are you sending your children when you say 'maybe' to church, but 'yes' to everything else?

It seems to me that maybe pretty much always means no... (Jack Johnson, *Flake*)

In an over-full, over-committed life, it's easy to just click 'maybe' on a Facebook event. The thought of making another decision about anything seems a little overwhelming, and 'maybe' seems a lot nicer than a flat out 'no'. At the very least, it defers the rejection until you have the emotional fortitude to say it nicely. In the end, you wait until the absolute brink and bumble your way through *"I am really sorry... the kids have been sick...the dog needs a kidney transplant... sorry... see you soon... it would be great to catch up.... I hope it goes well... sorry"*.

As the receiver of a 'maybe', what are you supposed to do with it? Do you set a place at the table, metaphorically or literally for each 'maybe'? Do you ignore the 'maybes' and invite a few more guests, hoping that 'maybe' really does mean 'no'. On the receiver side, no one likes 'maybe', so why do we keep doing it to each other?

The 'maybe' culture in our churches

Sadly, I think this 'maybe' culture has permeated into our church culture, and of particular concern for me is the influence it is having on our children's and youth ministries. They become another event, another commitment, and as a parent they can feel like a lot of effort. We justify our absence by using the language of objective reality like *"we can't make it"* instead of the language of choice, *"we decided to go to the beach"*.

Ultimately, we have become consumers of church. We expect 'the church' to put on a quality product, but we don't believe we have any obligation to that product. Our children and youth are growing up with the false presupposition that being in Christ is somehow separated from our commitment to the body of Christ. This leaves church as little more than a helpful optional extra.

It all seems a long way from the biblical picture of what it means to be bound together in Christ.

so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others...

Be devoted to one another in love. Honour one another above yourselves. Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervour, serving the Lord.

Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practice hospitality. (Romans 12:5, 10-13)

In our individualistic culture, personal freedom has become paramount, and there is little consideration for how our self-chosen actions might impact other people. However, as Christians, Jesus calls us to see life in the context of the other - each member belonging to the other and looking out for the good of the other. As parents, it is our job to teach this to our children by example, by our words, through scripture and with the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

Let me suggest three things we are trying to do as a family, often with mixed success.

1) We love our children by being committed to our church family

We try to teach our children by our priorities, that Jesus is the most important thing in our life. We try to model it in our home and in our conversation and we model it as we gather each week to worship with the body of Christ. I know there are lots of things our children want to do, and as parents we want them to have every opportunity. However, what does it say when we can make it to nippers, swimming lessons, tuba lessons and soccer religiously, but church is the bridge too far?

2) We love our children by being committed to the children's ministry

I don't know if you have ever been in a Bible study, where the group isn't committed - it's not exactly inspiring and the members rarely thrive. The same is also true for children's and youth ministry. When groups have a highly committed core, we see the children and youth thrive, and we see the group grow in mutuality and love for each other.

Christian parents sometimes feel their child is already supported at the Christian school and in the home, so they see church groups as a good supplement but not essential. In an individualistic paradigm, that might be true - but as Christians, we are called to belong to one another. The irony is, the outside parents are often more committed than the Christian parents.

Every week, our children have the opportunity to invite their friends, to love their peers and to use their gifts to God's glory. Every week, our young leaders commit an enormous amount of time and effort to leading our children and youth in Christ. Their effort is often unseen and unappreciated and the least we can do as parents is get beside them as they love us and love our children.

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What is a stable?

Every Christmas morning, when my kids were little, I read them the nativity story out of the family bible. When my son was old enough to talk, he asked me what a stable was. I thought for a moment how to explain it to him in terms he could understand, then told him, "It's something like your sister's room, but without a stereo."

*"Talent is
God given.
Be humble.
Fame is
man-given.
Be grateful.
Conceit is
self-given.
Be careful."*

**John
Wooden**

*"When God
creates a
fresh desire
in us,
we can
always be
confident
that He is
ready to
move."*

J.O. Fraser

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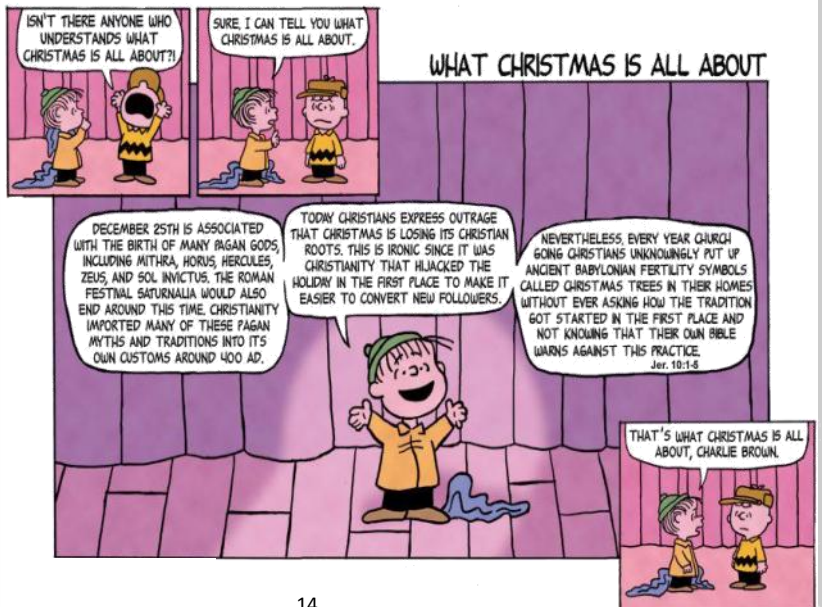
3) We love the lost by being committed to the children's ministry

When children or youth love their group, they become relentless evangelistic machines. On the other hand, if they don't love it (especially youth), they will not waste valuable social capital on inviting a friend to something they think will be 'lame'. For most churches, the children's and youth ministry is the biggest evangelistic opportunity you have - and your children are right in the middle of it. Encourage them to be committed, pray with them about their friends, talk to the parents of their friends, and commit to making the most of it.

I have a job outside of my church, I have three children and a wife, and it always seems easier to say 'maybe' than just straight 'no'. As tempting as it is, I need to start saying 'no' to some of the other good things in life, so I can say 'yes' to the really important things. That means I need to be prayerfully discerning about my choices and I need to be willing to sacrifice some of my individual freedom. In the end, I hope my choices will be an act of worship to God as I love and serve my family and His people.

Jon Thorpe

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In Anticipation of Advent

Advent is the beginning of the Church Year for most churches in the Western tradition. It begins on the fourth Sunday before Christmas Day, which is the Sunday nearest November 30, and ends on Christmas Eve (Dec 24). If Christmas Eve is a Sunday, it is counted as the fourth Sunday of Advent, with Christmas Eve proper beginning at sundown.

The word Advent means "coming" or "arrival." The focus of the entire season is the celebration of the birth of Jesus the Christ in his First Advent, and the anticipation of the return of Christ the King in his Second Advent. Thus, Advent is far more than simply marking a 2,000 year old event in history. It is celebrating a truth about God, the revelation of God in Christ whereby all of creation might be reconciled to God. That is a process in which we now participate, and the consummation of which we anticipate. Scripture reading for Advent reflect this emphasis on the Second Advent, including themes of accountability for faithfulness at His coming, judgment on sin, and the hope of eternal life.

In this double focus on past and

future, Advent also symbolizes the spiritual journey of individuals and a congregation, as they affirm that Christ has come, that He is present in the world today, and that He will come again in power. That acknowledgment provides a basis for Kingdom ethics, for holy living arising from a profound sense that we live "between the times" and are called to be faithful stewards of what is entrusted to us as God's people. So, as the church celebrates God's inbreaking into history in the Incarnation, and anticipates a future consummation to that history for which "all creation is groaning awaiting its redemption," it also confesses its own responsibility as a people commissioned to "love the Lord your God with all your heart" and to "love your neighbor as yourself."

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"Eternity is more important than time, and purity more important than culture... any sacrifice is worthwhile in this life if it is necessary to ensure our entry into the next. We have to decide quite simply, whether to live for this world or the next, whether to follow the crowd or Jesus."

John Stott

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Hillwood

Low Head

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Low Head

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Norwood

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