

Emmanuel, God with us. God who chose to be with us!

Jesus was the **gift longed for** far before the His announced birth by the angels. Prophets **foretold** His birth. Mary was unsure of how, yet **invited** the experience and wrote a song of praise. John **flips for joy** in Elizabeth's womb. Angels **praise**. Wisemen come from **afar**. Joseph **obeyed** and **stayed**.



To revisit the birth narrative of Jesus yearly is an invitation for us to consider again the reason for His birth. You may have seen the saying "Jesus is the reason for the season." This does not, alone, tell us the reason for the season. We are the reason for Christmas. We are the reason He was born, lived, died, and rose from the grave to give us life abundant. While we know He was the "good news that will cause great for all people", have we internalized that we have been passed the baton to be the 'good news' carriers? Christmas is the celebration of the Messiah's birth, but it also is the reminder call to His cause.



Advent and Christmas are an invitation to live out His cause... to live out love, to BE CHRISTMAS. Through our YpsiFree mission partnerships locally and globally, we have the wonder-filled opportunity to share the "good news" by meeting tangible needs of our mission partners who are sharing and spreading His peace. Sacrificial giving is central to the heart of a follower of Jesus. So, let's not only celebrate God's promise to us by seeing the lights, feasting with family and friends, and attending gatherings. Let's take the opportunity to spread peace on earth by giving generously to our partners sharing the good news and expanding God's Kingdom.

Select where your generous giving will go from the BE CHRISTMAS giving list as a family or individually and fill out the form. Your Be Christmas giving can be given through Saturday, December 31. Giving is easy and available online, by mail, or bring to the office.

Isn't it amazing we can get in on spreading the true "peace on earth"? What an invitation from the One who is always **with us!** So, join me and let's worship the King sacrificially just as He lived for us. Let's BE CHRISTMAS, not just do Christmas.

love, *Pastor Steve*

## GATHER WITH US

- 📅 **Advent Sunday Gatherings**  
10am on Nov 27 | Dec 4 | Dec 11 | Dec 18  
**Roots** Message Series
- 📅 **Parents' Night Out**  
Friday, December 2 | 6-9pm
- 📅 **Kid Zone Christmas Skit**  
Sunday, December 4 | 10:00am
- 📅 **Christmas Dinner**  
Sunday, December 4 | 11:30am
- 📅 **JOY Community Group Christmas Dinner**  
Friday, December 9 | 2-4pm
- 📅 **A29 Student Ministry Christmas Party**  
Saturday, December 10 | 3-6pm | Kluttz home
- 📅 **Ladies' Cookie Exchange**  
Sunday, December 11 | 11:30am-2pm
- 📅 **Christmas Communion**  
Sunday, December 18 | 6pm | Come & Go
- 📅 **Christmas Eve Candlelight Service**  
Saturday, December 24 | 6pm



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2022  
*generous giving*



*live out love*

# BE CHRISTMAS 2022 GIFT

## Asia (Brent Hoover)

- 1. A share in costs of LeaderTrek training for Chinese Men living in North America ..... \$25.00
- 2. A share in Asian, African, and Middle Eastern leadership development ..... \$50.00

## Brazil (Dan & Hope Owsley)

- 3. A portion of the scholarship for Brazilian Free Methodist seminary students ..... \$20.00
- 4. Contribution toward printing and distributing newly developed Free Methodist curriculum ("Raices") to be used throughout Latin America in Sunday school ..... \$30.00
- 5. Contribution toward rent for the Manaus Church Plant led by FM refugees from Venezuela ..... \$50.00

## Colombia (Thad & Nikki Roller)

- 6. A share of education costs for their girls ..... \$10.00
- 7. A share in the budget of the *Roots* curriculum used for teacher training events, curriculum development (including translation) and administration ..... \$25.00
- 8. A share in Thad's travel budget for training church planters ..... \$40.00

## Creative Access (Keith & Julie Winslow)

- 9. A share of school tuition for a missionary child ..... \$25.00
- 10. A share in the cost of yearly housing expense ..... \$50.00
- 11. A share in the cost of airfare for home leave in summer 2023 ..... \$50.00

## Cru, EMU (Scott & Robin Wyatt)

- 12. A share in providing dinner during Student Leader training times ..... \$25.00
- 13. A share in registration costs for Cru Winter Conference in Indianapolis ..... \$50.00
- 14. A share in costs for *Filter of Hope* Spring Break Mission Trip to Panama ..... \$100.00

## Cru, MSU (Brian & Robin Langford)

- 15. Devotional & Bible study resources for students ... \$15.00
- 16. Devotional & Bible study resources for students ... \$30.00
- 17. Devotional & Bible study resources for students ... \$50.00

## Tenwek Hospital, Kenya (Russ & Beth White)

- 18. A share in the cost of open heart surgery ..... \$25.00
- 19. A share in the cost of open heart surgery ..... \$50.00
- 20. A share in the cost of medical equipment for the new cardiothoracic center scheduled for completion in January 2023..... \$75.00

## Estabrook

- 21. Teacher & classroom support/appreciation ..... \$15.00
- 22. Events ..... \$15.00
- 23. Support for a single parent or grandparent ..... \$25.00

## Somerset Beach Campground

- 24. Cost of Bible for a youth camper ..... \$5.00
- 25. Day of camp ..... \$40.00
- 26. Day of overnight youth camp ..... \$70.00
- 27. Week of resident camp ..... \$335.00

## Going Local & Global

- 28. Gift of support for a missions trip ..... \$20.00
- 29. Gift of support for a missions trip ..... \$50.00

## Community Meal & Story

- 30. Support for a community meal ..... \$20.00
- 31. Support for future Ypsi locations ..... \$25.00

## Family Emergency & Crisis

- 32. Support for a family ..... \$25.00
- 33. Support for a family ..... \$40.00


# BE CHRISTMAS 2022

We will be accepting **BE CHRISTMAS** gifts now through Saturday, December 31.

Complete this form and submit it along with your payment:

 **By mail:** 1800 Packard Rd | Ypsilanti, MI 48198

 **In Person:** using the giving boxes

 **Bank Bill Pay:** please put "Be Christmas Gift" in the memo

 **Online:** [ypsi.free.org/give](https://ypsi.free.org/give)

*In the **Fund** box select "Be Christmas Gift." Use the **Note** box to list gift numbers of the items if you would like to give to specific areas.*

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Gift Number # \_\_\_\_\_ # of Items \_\_\_\_\_

Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*Gift # refers to the numbers (1-33) preceding the item(s) you choose.*

## PLEASE NOTE

Please do not bring actual items. Determine the amount you wish to designate for any of the above items. All items were requested by the missionaries/mission areas and are part of the YpsiFree mission budget. Individual donations cannot be tracked by item but will go to the designated field. (Excess funds for items requested will be applied where needed in that country/mission.)

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