

# NEWSLETTER

LOVE GOD. LIVE CHANGE. LIGHT THE WAY.

## This Month

### Weekly Sunday Services

9:30am (12:30pm Spanish)

### Dec 6 Christmas Worship Service

10:00am Marrieds . Teens

2:00pm Latinos . Singles . Campus

### Dec 15 Regional Midweek

7:00pm at the Temple

### Dec 27 Sunday Service

9:30am (12:30pm Spanish)

Go to our website under calendar for a complete 4-month calendar

## Prayer Requests

**Geroni Douge** - Her mother passed away suddenly last week.

**Elva Pullenayegam** Fighting an evasive form of cancer.

**Juan Aguilar** - Has brain cancer & will have surgery in the coming weeks.

**Shirley Moss** Health challenges.

**Lori Campbell** Health challenges and spiritual encouragement.

**Middle East Churches** The refugee situation is affecting our brothers and sisters in Christ.

**Parents of Prodigal Children** Pray that God will restore our children.

**World Leaders** 1 Timothy 2:1-2

**Unemployed Members**



## Unto Us A Child Is Born

Welcome to our Christmas celebration! This is the time of year we remember God's amazing desire to be reconciled with each and every one of us. *Unto us a Child is Born*, is a 2,755 year old announcement through the prophet Isaiah that God was going to close the gap between a fallen mankind and our Heavenly Father. Jesus went to unimaginable lengths to save us and teach us and too often we miss the demonstration of our celebration: *Reconciliation*.



Did you miss last week's message? Just subscribe to Lighthouse Church of Christ on iTunes, and you can listen to any message from a past sermon series.





## Serve Others

Opportunities to serve right now!

- **Pomona Cold Winter Shelter**  
Daily from 5:00pm–8:00pm  
600 S. Park Ave, Pomona, 91766
- **Hope Youth Corp Applications**  
Please note that Hope Youth Corp will start taking applications for opportunities to serve worldwide.
- **Operation Christmas Child**  
On Sunday December 6 we are collecting shoeboxes full of toys which will be sent to children all around the world. Bring a box!

## Contact Us

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## Discussion Questions

1. Are there any songs that you can remember hearing when you were a child at Christmas? What emotions do those songs bring back when you hear them?
2. **Read Isaiah 9:6.** Isaiah describes God’s desire to close the gap between our fallen lives and His desire to bring us close to Him. Names are given to Jesus. What do they mean to us?
3. In the message, Peter quotes the song Hark! The Harold Angels Sing, *“Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinner reconciled.”* What about sinner to sinner getting reconciled? Why does it seem so difficult in comparison to God’s sacrifice?
4. **Read Colossians 1:19-22.** We leverage this promise every time we pray for God’s help. At what cost did God reconcile us? What was the assumption of all religions Peter mentioned? Does that agree with Jesus teaching in Matthew 5:23-24?
5. How is it that we can be so content with being reconciled with God at such a high price and not be willing to make an effort to be reconciled with our brothers and sisters (sinner with sinner)? Do we really live what we celebrate at Christmas?
6. Are there any family members or old friends who you need to reconcile with? Remember that God did not pull His offer to reconcile us because we weren’t willing to receive it. Between now and Christmas what can you do to initiate reconciliation?

## Changing Your Mind

*Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to them; then come and offer your gift. Mt 5:23-24*

## Lighthouse Giving Recap

Average Weekly Attendance (Including the Latin Ministry) = 732

| <u>Month</u> | <u>Actual</u> | <u>Budget</u> | <u>Difference</u> |
|--------------|---------------|---------------|-------------------|
| October      | \$ 17,865     | \$ 19,100     | -\$ 1,235         |

### Online Giving

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