

### Prayer needs:

**Public safety:** Please pray for the safety & well-being of our law enforcement, healthcare workers, grocery, pharmacy & restaurant employees, for everyone still required to work away from home. **LEOs from our church family:** Caleb Hutchison, Ryan White, Nikk Wood, Erich Teuton, Shauna Wetzel

**Education:** Please pray for all our educators, students and parents.

**Health:** Our friends battling cancer: Lisa Sanders (friend of Linda St. John); Stephanie Bryant (friend of Markland's); Cheryl Smith; Sharron Davenport (Christine Chambers' grandmother); Drew Hennessy (friend of Stacy Wood); Kris N. (Adienne Robertson's brother); Craig Cook (Karen Warner's brother-in-law); John McMullen (Karen Warner's friend); Marty East (Ryan's father); Bob Turner (Rusty Turner's father); Kim Henson; Betty Patton (Terri Wainscott's mother); Riley (10 y/o son of Vicki Tarrence's cousin), leukemia; Steve Cox (brother-in-law of Karen Anderson/Donna Keith); Col. Allen; Jim Glaser (Kathleen's brother); Jim Ervin (Mike's brother); Camy Quiggins (niece of Chad & Terri Dow)

**Other health concerns:** Caleb Hutchison; Theresa & Steve (Sharron B's sister & b-i-l), COVID; Tony Roberts (Meshelle's husband), stroke; Jimmy Chambers, back; Sharron Barger; Terry Walker; Kenny Anderson; Ray & Marge Monticue; Rusty Turner; Mike & Anne Basey; Vicki Hollowell; Betty Carter (Karen Turner's mother); Alexander Chambers; Mark Shields (brother-in-law of Mitch & Shauna Wetzel); Bryan Phillips (friend of Query's), stroke; Kathryn Anderson (Rob & Becca's daughter), Lyme disease; Wendy Mader; Crystal Wyatt; Mike Barger; Grace Pendleton

**Healthy pregnancies:** Mary & Matt Beckwith; Cassie & Rob Hoene; Rebecca & Ethan Chesser (expecting 4)

**Recovery:** Lynn Arnett; Kim Beckwith

**Military:** Iain Ramsay, Ft. Leonard Wood; Phillip Morrow; Chris Erb; Jessica Parmer, in Colorado; Shane Hickman (Linda St. John's nephew), in Idaho; Nick Hickman (Linda St. John's nephew), in Colorado. Please keep all our military service people and their families in prayer.

\*Please keep Pastor Bill, Pastor Ryan, Diana and our elders (Wayne Akerson, Jeff Carlson and David Robertson) in prayer as they make ongoing decisions for OVCF.

**Sympathy:** We extend our sympathy to Jeanna Srinivasan's family on the passing of her grandmother, Roberta Mosier. We extend our sympathy to the family of Jim Query upon his passing. Please keep Charlotte, Jim, Dave & Heather (Query) Keith and their families in prayer.

### Weekly statistics: December 13, 2020

**Attendance: 100**

**Roots youth group: 11**

**General Fund: \$3,442.50**

**Building Fund: \$101,925**

## Owen Valley Christian Fellowship

December 20, 2020

(812)828-9840

[www.ovcf.org](http://www.ovcf.org)

### Our mission:

To connect people to Jesus

### Our vision:

Be passionate pursuers of Christ

Be models of truth and love

Be involved in our community



All OVCF women are invited to the women's prayer group, Mondays at 6:45 PM in the children's addition. Zoom will be offered for those who cannot attend in person. The group will not meet the first Monday of each month, due to the OVCF leader's monthly meeting. Please contact Adienne Robertson about participating ([davadienne@hotmail.com](mailto:davadienne@hotmail.com) (for zoom) Questions: 413-217-6125)



### **Christmas Eve service**

Thursday, Dec. 24 at 6 PM

We will have a time of worship, communion and a devotion.



### Christmas Food Care Packages:

- \* Curbside pick up will be 12/22 from 10-2 at OVCF
- \* Requests/referrals may be called in to the church or you may fill out a form for yourself or someone in need.
- \* Contact: Jo Grandi (812-821-1897) or the church office (# above)
- \* You may leave donations on the tables we have set up in the auditorium & at the east entrance. **TODAY IS THE LAST DAY TO DONATE ITEMS.**



**Sunday, January 3** we will offer a **masked service at 1:30 PM**. If you'd like to attend this service, wearing a mask is required. This service will be offered on the first Sunday of each month.

Per the OVCF leaders:



- We will meet in person this week & limit our capacity.
- We encourage you to wear a face mask and ask you to practice social distancing.
- If you feel ill, have concerns, or are considered at high risk, please join us via our Facebook page or group or on YouTube! We will be assessing what is best for OVCF on a regular basis and keep you informed!

Can you help with running our live stream? We need your help!

See Pastor Ryan for more info.



Online giving is an option! You may visit

<https://ovchristianfellowship.churchcenter.com/giving> to give via a bank account or debit card. You will receive full tax credit for your giving. The system charges OVCF a small fee for processing.



If you have not created an account,

please take advantage of the OVCF subscription to Right Now Media! It's free and has many resources from Bible studies and videos to children's features! Scan the code or text RightNow OVCF to 41411.

At this time we plan to continue children's church, but we are reviewing this action regularly in response to COVID-19. If we decide to make any changes we will announce them here.

(Our children's programs for ages Preschool-6th grade meet at 10:45! We also offer an unstaffed nursery for parent use. Please feel free to bring your own toys. :))



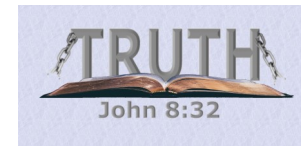
December 20, 2020

2020 Theme: TRUTH

Series: A Grand Production

Title: The Star is Born!

Scripture: Matthew 1: 18-25; Lk. 2:1-7; John 1:1-5, 14



## I. THE DRAMA UNFOLDING

Matthew talks about Joseph's role.

Luke gives us a detailed account.

John gives us no physical details, but does give us the deeper meaning.

This story begins years before. To God time is (\_\_\_\_\_).

He is on no one's (\_\_\_\_\_). The whole story was set in motion before time began, even thousands of years before. Every page, Genesis to Malachi, seems to tremble with the wondrous (\_\_\_\_\_).

## II. THE DOCTRINE MADE KNOWN

Verse 14: the most concise biblical statement of the (\_\_\_\_\_).

1. The first four words express the reality that God took on

(\_\_\_\_\_); the  
(\_\_\_\_\_); and the  
(\_\_\_\_\_). {See Phil.2:6-7}

2. The idea of becoming flesh means He took on full humanity. But He also was (\_\_\_\_\_).

"Christmas was not a beginning but a becoming. Christmas wasn't His start, but His commission. He was not created; He came."  
(*The Christmas We Didn't Expect-Mathis*)

So why did Jesus come and what does all this mean? [Mt.1:21]

We are not being told merely that Jesus Christ has eternal life or even that He gives it. This verse in I John 1 is saying He is eternal life, salvation itself.

Next Week: Theme: Truth!

Title: Back to the Future (Don't Waste Your Life): Rom. 10: 9-17