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THE LIGHT OF LIFE

MESSAGE FROM PASTOR



*John 1: 4 & 9
4 In him was life, and the life was the light of men. 9 The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world.*

Christmas lights are springing up everywhere. Here is a blurb about a home right here in East Stroudsburg:

A family's passion for decorating turned into a popular seasonal attraction. Each year the Belvin family transforms their East Stroudsburg property into a virtual North Pole. Over 153,000 bulbs illuminate the night. The lights flash, blink, twinkle and chase in harmony with 25 beloved Christmas Carols. The centerpiece of the show is a 186-foot illuminated arch.

Source: [https://ledgeshotel.com/blog/4-must-](https://ledgeshotel.com/blog/4-must-see-holiday-light-displays-in-the-poconos)

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Wow! That is impressive. This year I understand they have more than 185,000 lights! The family makes this display available to the community free of cost on weekends. (They do accept donations which go 100% to a local charity.) I love Christmas lights and I appreciate the effort and expense people undertake to decorate their homes in this glorious season. My wife and I love to drive around sometimes and see these heartwarming displays.

But the greatest light show of all happened on the very first Christmas. Jesus Christ, the Light of the World clothed Himself in flesh and entered our dark world as a little baby. While today's Christmas lights are for decoration, the Light of the World was for deliverance. Human beings are trapped in the darkness and danger of sin. We stumbled along ignoring and/or dishonoring God as we trudged on to the inevitable judgment and dreadful consequences that await sin. But Jesus entered our world and gave us a new

option!

He brought the light to us. By His roughly thirty-three-year life on earth, He illuminated how God expects us to live. By His death on the cross and resurrection three days later, He secured eternal life for us by paying for the sins that condemned us to eternal damnation. Through His indwelling presence, He enables us to live daily in the light. He is available to everybody – free of cost! All we need to do is turn from our own sinful ways and ask Him for forgiveness. He waits eagerly to bestow salvation to any who asks, and bring them into the true light.

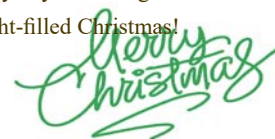
Have you asked Him to give you the Light of Life?

Are you living every day in the Light of Life?

Have a joyous, Light-filled Christmas!

God bless you,

Pastor James



ANNOUNCEMENTS

WHAT'S HAPPENING

CORPORATE PRAYER
TUE @ 7 PM

DEC 19

Join us via Zoom video

Please contact Pastor James for log on information at rcantio@gmail.com

YOUTH GROUP
FRI @ 6:45 PM

DEC 22

In-person at church.

For teens ages 13 and over

EVENING SERVICE
1st & 3rd
SUN @ 6 PM

JAN 7 & JAN 21

Join us in-person at church

KIDZONE & NURSERY
SUN @ 11 AM

DEC 24

These ministries are available every Sunday during the morning service

Kidzone for ages 6-12 yrs. old.

WORSHIP SERVICE
SUN @ 11 AM
DEC 24

In-person service & livestream

Livestreaming is only on Facebook and our church's website.



➤ CHRISTMAS & YEAR END ACTIVITIES

Christmas Day Service	December 24 th @ 11 am
Christmas Eve Service	December 24 th @ 6 pm
New Year's Day Service	December 31 st @ 11 am
New Year's Eve Service	December 31 st @ 10:30pm

- The church's Annual Business Meeting will be held January 13th, 2024 at 4 pm at the church. All members please plan to attend this important meeting.
- The 2024 Nominees for church officers are posted at the Information Center. Members, begin praying about whom God would have us select.
- Help Needed: If you'd be willing to bring refreshments on a Sunday, speak to Becky or Lori.
- Join us on 1st and 3rd Wednesday at 3:15 at the Meadows at Stroud as we sing and share the gospel with the residents. Contact Tom for more information.

QUICK TIPS ON WAYS TO GIVE YOUR OFFERING

Traditional during the Sunday morning service, with a check by mail or through our secured website. Please remember to hit "SAVE" after you give if you did not set up an account so the church can have a record of who gave for tax purposes. Thank you!