

CONSTRUCTING CHRISTMAS

"You are free to eat from any tree in the garden, but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat of it you will surely die." – Genesis 2:16,17

Importance of the first command

- Established God as _____.
- Established _____.
- Established _____ for disobedience.

Humanity's original state

- Adam was _____ in God's presence.
- God's presence was _____ in Adam's heart and spirit.
- Adam had an intimate and personal relationship with God (no sin, guilt or shame)
- Adam was innocent of _____.
- Adam knew only _____, not _____.

The results of Humanity's disobedience to God

"So the LORD God banished him from the Garden of Eden to work the ground from which he had been taken. After he drove the man out, he placed on the east side of the Garden of Eden cherubim and a flaming sword flashing back and forth to guard the way to the tree of life." – Genesis 3:23,24

- Humanity was destined to live under the curse of sin.
- Humanity was removed from _____. (separation and alienation)
- God's presence was no longer alive in _____. (spiritual death)
- Humanity lost and intimate and personal relationship with God.
- Humanity lost innocence and inherited _____ and _____.

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- Humanity would experience _____ – both physical and eternal.

Constructing Christmas: God's Plan to Restore Humanity

"And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel." – Genesis 3:15

- A _____ man would come to restore order
- There would be a great battle between the seed of the woman and the seed of the serpent (enemy)
- The virgin born man would be _____, but _____ the work of the serpent in the process.

From the very outset of man's sin, God had already _____ for Christmas. From the fall of Genesis 3, the rest of scriptural history begins _____ to and _____ for the coming of this Virgin born Savior.

What's happening at SSCC?

Jingle Jam On Sunday afternoon, December 21st, your family won't want to miss this fun time as our Clubhouse Kids bring A *Charlie Brown Christmas* to life. Two identical showings at 4:00 & 6:30pm. Families with young children please try to attend at 4:00pm.

Giving Back Visit the table in the Atrium or the Vestibule to see what specific food items we are collecting for *Manna House* and the *Momentum Box Project* or take an angel off of the tree for *Salvation Army's Toys for Tots*.

Church in the Home On Sunday, December 28th, we will celebrate Church in the Home. We will provide you with resources to worship in your home that Sunday with your family. We will not have a corporate worship service at our facility that morning. Questions? Please call the church office.

Christmas Eve Plan to join us for a candlelight Christmas Eve service and communion on Wednesday, December 24th, from 6-7pm. No childcare will be provided.

Project Stuff A Stocking Children are participating in "Project Stuff A Stocking." Just fill a stocking with items suitable for underprivileged children ages infant-17 years old and drop it off at the Tiny Town check in area through December 14th. Questions? Contact Deb Kay or Pam Scoggins.

Holiday Schedule Due to the holidays the following will not be held:

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| 12/21 | Rush Hour |
| 12/24 | Inside Out |
| | Ladies Evening Bible Study |
| 12/25 | Grief Recovery |
| 12/28 | All on-campus events |
| 12/30 | Celebrate Recovery |
| 12/31 | Inside Out |
| | Ladies Evening Bible Study |
| 01/01 | Grief Recovery |
| 12/23-1/7 | Men's Fraternity |



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