

Kingdom Chronicle

Christmas and God's Kingdom

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Christmas is about God's Kingdom
Coming to this earth to reign
Christmas is when God the Savior
Came as human to this earth

Christmas is about God's Kingdom
Righteousness and joy and peace
Jesus brought on earth His Kingdom
It's within us now can be

Christmas is about God's Kingdom
Kingdom that began on earth
Government is on His shoulder
He does reign, forever reigns

Kingdom, Kingdom, God's own Kingdom
Jesus came to preach the Kingdom
And He called all to repentance
For God's Kingdom was at hand

Christmas is about God's Kingdom
Jesus to this earth did come
Now each person, every person
Who believes can be redeemed

Christmas is about God's Kingdom
We can now be part of it
Because Jesus came to save us
Bring God's Kingdom to this earth



Raise Your Voice!

BY NICOLE BRAUCHLI
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Upcoming Community Dates:

- ◆ 12/29/2024, 3-4 p.m.: Governmental Prayer at Java Haus.
- ◆ 01/02/2025, 6:30 p.m.: City Council meeting at City Hall, 220 W South Ave. ***pre-briefing and prayer at 6 p.m. at the Memorial Park flagpole.**
- ◆ 01/04/2025, 3-4 p.m.: Governmental Prayer at Java Haus.
- ◆ 01/07/2025, 6:15-6:45 p.m.: Prayer meeting for our library (Woodland Park library, first room on the left when entering from lower level).
- ◆ 01/11/2025, 3-4 p.m.: Governmental Prayer at Java Haus.
- ◆ 01/14/2025, 9:15 a.m.: County Commissioners meeting at 112 North A Street in Cripple Creek.
- ◆ 01/14/2025, 1 p.m.: WP Library Board of Trustees meeting at WP library.
- ◆ 01/14/2025, 6:30 p.m.: Teller County Republicans (GOP) monthly meeting at Pikes Peak Community Center in Divide.
- ◆ 01/15/2025, 6 p.m.: Regular School Board Meeting at the District Office, large conference room. ***pre-briefing and prayer at 5.30 p.m. in the High School parking lot.**
- ◆ 01/15/2025, 6 p.m.: Community Engagement Forum with the Woodland Park Police Department at the Ute Pass Cultural Center.
- ◆ 01/16/2025, 6:30 p.m.: City Council meeting at City Hall, 220 W South Ave. ***pre-briefing and prayer at 6 p.m. at the Memorial Park flagpole.**
- ◆ 01/18/2025, 3-4 p.m.: Governmental Prayer at Java Haus.
- ◆ 01/21/2025, 6:15-6:45 p.m.: Prayer meeting for our library (Woodland Park library, first room on the left when entering from lower level).
- ◆ 01/23/2025, 9:15 a.m.: County Commissioners meeting at 112 North A Street in Cripple Creek.
- ◆ 01/25/2025, 3-4 p.m.: Governmental Prayer at Java Haus.

New Years Resolutions & How To Keep Them

BY KYLE GONZALEZ
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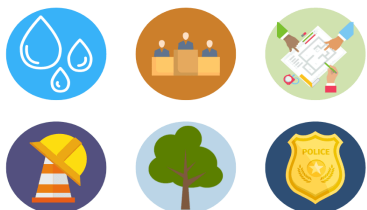
Starting in 2025, the Kingdom Chronicle will be just over one year old (our first issue came out in October 2023) and we couldn't be more excited. The New Year time frame is typically filled with New Year's resolutions to start doing "X" or stop doing "Y". I'd like to ask each of our readers to consider how we can apply this mindset to our walks with Christ? For example, can we begin the new year and resolve to start spending a minimum of 5 additional minutes a day with Jesus in prayer? – Don't get religious about it, but I think this is a place where we can start from.

I pray that whatever resolutions you each make that they will be ones which you decide to take on with Christ daily. So many people who make New Years resolutions maintain them for a short period of time, but end up giving up on them after a time. I'm here to say that that does not have to be the case with you. Because Philippians 4:13 tells us:

13 I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.
Philippians 4:13 NKJV

I encourage you to take on your New Years resolutions with Christ. Invite Him into the process, and you'll find that He will strengthen your resolve and encourage you. It can start with a prayer something like the following, "Jesus, You know my heart's desire is to commit to keeping this resolution. I know I need Your help. Please help me to be successful, and to never forget that You're right there with me."

I am praying for each of us to be successful in your New Years resolutions, with Christ. Amen.



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Christmas Is The Beginning

BY KATE GORELOVA
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We're celebrating the beginning
The beginning of God's Kingdom
Kingdom of Heaven that came
Jesus it brought to earth

Behold I bring you good tidings
The angel did say to them
Good tidings it is the Gospel
Great joy it will bring, produce

The good news it is the Gospel
Is peace between God and men
The war between God and people
With Jesus it came to an end

The good news will bring joy to people
But only if you believe
The shepherds believed this message
And others they told of His birth

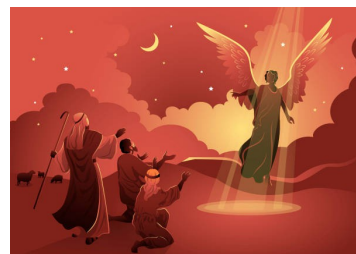
And everyone who did hear this
They marveled at what they heard
The shepherds returned – God praising
And glorified God of this

And this Word, the Good News, the Gospel
But Word must with faith be mixed
To bring to us joy – the profit
It must be still mixed with faith

To many this Word brings no profit
Because they just don't believe
Mix faith with the Word to have profit
The Gospel is still good news

For indeed the gospel was preached to us as well as to them; but the word which they heard did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in those who heard it.

Hebrews 4:2



Hanukkah

BY CHRISTY ENG
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This year the Feast of Dedication starts December 25th and continues through January 3rd. It is 8 days of celebrating and remembering God and His goodness. Jesus observed this feast as we see in John 10:22. For those who don't know the Feast of Dedication is Chanukah, or as it is more commonly referred: Hanukkah.

Hanukkah is a Jewish festival that lasts 8 nights and remembers when God brought victory to the Jewish people through a family of courageous men called the Maccabees. It is called the Feast of Dedication and, also, the Festival of Lights. The Jewish people celebrate it to this day to remember God's deliverance and His miracle.

It is an interesting time in Jewish history between the last written revelation of God before the coming of Jesus. Their temple had been captured and desecrated, the pagan king at the time sacrificing a pig on the altar in the Jewish temple was an act of defiance and defiling. Antiochus was the ruling king in the Seleucid era and called himself Epiphanes, a claim to be God, and forbade the worship of Jehovah, the true God of Israel.

The Maccabees were a family of priests that led a successful revolt against Antiochus and reclaimed the temple. When they went to rededicate the temple there was a lamp that was commanded to keep always burning. They only had one day's worth of oil, but God made it last for 8 days until they could purify more oil. The temple was dedicated to God again and God showed He was with them like He was with David. Yeshua (Jesus) came to be with us and now all New Testament believers understand that we are the living temple of God and get to think about how we can dedicate and separate ourselves to Him this year.

Are there any things in your life you need to fight to give Jesus the first and only place in your heart? Are you needing a miracle in this season?

We light a candle each night in the Jewish tradition on a special kind of Menorah called a Hanukkiah. It has nine candles on it with one higher than the rest. We call this candle the “servant candle” and it is used to light all the other candles. In Messianic tradition we believe this is a picture of Yeshua, Jesus, and we must let Him directly light up our lives as He is the Light of the World. I invite you to light a candle with us and remember Jesus, our Servant King and Light of the World. God still does miracles.



Coming Up @ Your City Council Meeting:

BY NICOLE BRAUCHLI
Kingdom Chronicle Staff

Please find the current agenda and supporting documents on the city's website:

<https://woodlandparkco.portal.civicclerk.com/>

We encourage you to attend these public meetings and voice your opinion during public comment. Also, please email your council-members to make sure your voice is heard. Even a few emails have a tremendous impact on the council-member preparing for these meetings.



Kingdom Chronicle Updates

BY KYLE GONZALEZ
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Have you ever wanted to do more than just read about the Godly news that the Kingdom Chronicle reports on? We provide our readers with many ways to engage with their community, to include attending official meetings. In addition, if you have ever wanted to learn journalism skills, such as how to conduct interviews, we are looking to fill some important roles in our team.

If you feel the call to write for a journalistic endeavor with a faith-based focus, please contact us via editor@kingdomchronicle.news. We can develop your skills through practical application as an Investigative Journalist. Also, if you find our content to be a blessing, have suggestions for us, or feedback (to include testimonies) please send us an email at editor@kingdomchronicle.news. I pray that you all have a blessed day.

Christmas Message

BY KATE GORELOVA
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"We know Jesus you are a teacher
From God You did come, from God"
This was what Nicodemus
To Jesus He said this at night

"Unless you are born again"
Jesus told Nicodemus
"You Kingdom of God can't see"
"You must be of Spirit born too"

Jesus was born of the Spirit
But also of water, the flesh
And this is the Christmas message
God came to earth in the flesh

If you are of flesh born only
You Kingdom of God can't see
You must of the Spirit also
Be born, born again, be saved

And you who believe in Jesus
You perish will not, but have
You will have eternal life
If truly you have believed

For God has so loved this world
He gave us His Only Son
Whoever believes in Jesus
Should life everlasting have

For God did not send His Son
To this world condemn, but save
The World through Jesus only
Can saved be only by Him

And this is the condemnation
That Light into world did come
But people they loved the darkness
Because evil were their deeds

For everyone practicing evil
Hates light, does not come to it
Because they don't want their evil
Their works to be seen, exposed

But he who does truth, to light comes

His deeds they are clearly seen
Because they have been done
In God those works were God



Here Are Some Local, Christian-Owned Businesses We'd Like To Highlight:

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Your Money Makeover
FIX YOUR MONEY FIND YOUR PURPOSE

Yourmoneymakeover.com

The Greater Sacrifice

BY JOY OTI
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In the book of 2nd Kings chapter 3, the Kings of Israel, Judah and Edom went to war against the King of Moab. They traveled to a certain point and found no water, and were afraid that God was against them, and was going to destroy them through thirst. To know the mind of God in their situation, they decide to seek Him through the prophet Elisha. Elisha had great respect for King Jehoshaphat of Judah, and decided to seek the Lord on the behalf of the three Kings. Well, the report was good. God promised water in the valley, without rain or wind. He, also, promised overwhelming victory against the Moabite army.

With so much good in store for them, the armies of Judah, Israel and Edom set out to war. Everything was going in their favor, and they did so much damage to the army of Moab. However, when the king Moab saw that he was bound to lose the battle, he took his son, the only heir to his throne, and sacrificed him on the city wall. The scripture says that act of sacrifice brought indignation against the armies of Israel, Judah and Edom, so they left the battle front and returned to their homes. Israel didn't lose the battle, but they didn't win complete victory. If there was no indignation against them, they would have continued fighting and would have won a decisive victory, because, after all, they had an unshakable promise from God. Why did an unbreakable promise from God seem to falter?

THE CRUX OF THE MATTER

The first time I read this story, I was perplexed. However, a closer look reveals a profound principle: the power of sacrifice. Sacrifice, whether used for good or evil, holds immense spiritual weight. In the Jewish culture, sacrifice is deeply significant. Whether negative or positive, sacrifices can turn the tide of any situation. Leviticus 17:14 says, "For the life of every creature is in its blood: its blood is its life." Life is exchanged for life, and not just any life – but a precious, costly life. The king of Moab and his people had a death sentence that could be said to be written on stone, because we know that the promises of God never fail. Yet, even that which is written on stone cannot stand the override of a blood sacrifice, and the king of Moab knew it. That singular act turned the tide in his favor, even though Israel had the unbreakable promise of victory from God.

What's the point of this story then? The Bible says

the soul that sins shall die. When Adam yielded his authority to Satan, the war for the soul of man began. Man was doomed to die, because the law of sin and death was in operation, and many were held hostage to it. Every day, sin was taking lives and marching valiantly on to victory, because it had the authority to do so. Then God stepped in, and, like the King of Moab, sacrificed His only son on the cross. There was great indignation against Satan and his kingdom, that remains till date. However, our story is better; Jesus went to hell and took the keys of Hell and death (Revelations 1:18), and now we have the right to choose to truly live a life of abundance on earth and eternity in heaven, or die in every sense of it.

CALL TO ACTION

Seeing what God has done, no matter the situation you find yourself – good, bad or ugly, remember that a sacrifice was made for you by the almighty God, and there is an eternal indignation against the devil and his kingdom. The blood still speaks deliverance (Hebrews 12:24), and you win every time, if you do not give up.

Calling All Intercessors BY AMANDA LOCKMAN Kingdom Chronicle Staff Join Us For Strategic Prayer

Are you passionate about standing in the gap through prayer? We invite you to join us for Governmental Intercession, where we pray and intercede for everything from our local city council and school board to the nation of Israel.

When: Sunday afternoons from 3:00-4:00 PM

Where: Java Haus Conference Room

Additionally, we are gathering for intercession focused specifically on our public library and community. Your prayers are vital in these challenging times!

When: 1st and 3rd Tuesday of every month from 6:15-6:45 PM

Where: Downstairs of the library, first room on your left as you enter from the lower level

Please note, we start and end on time as there are events scheduled after each prayer meeting. Don't be late—every minute of prayer counts! Come, let's unite in prayer and make a difference.

