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At a Glance: Upcoming Events

Saturday, December 3 @ 5:30pm Christmas Banquet @ Bible Fellowship Church, Rapid City

Saturday, December 31 @ 7:30pm. New Years' Eve Party @ Dan and Laurel's in Summerset

Saturday, January 14th @ 6:00pm Potluck and Bible Study @ CLM.

Saturday, January 21 @ 7:00pm Game Night @ Darcie's.

Saturday, February 4 @ 6:00pm Potluck and Bible Study @ CLM.

Saturday, February 11 @ 6:00pm. Valentines' Day celebration at Pizza Ranch, E. Stumer Road, Rapid City

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Perspective cont.

Our theme of perspective will continue. Our study will cover looking at how we can grow in Jesus through the eyes, or perspectives, of the Apostle John, and James, and maybe even Jesus. Our study leaders will be as follows:

January 14th will be Pastor Larry Reinhold. Larry directs Rainbow Bible Ranch north of Rapid City, SD. Rainbow Bible Ranch is an existing cattle and horse ranch that runs children and youth camps as well. It was founded in 1979 and has been in operation since then. Children ages 6-18 are able to ride horses, herd cattle, participate in rodeos, learn how to use a rope, swim in the old swimming hole and enjoy God's wonderful creation. Larry will be sharing with us growing in Jesus from the Apostle John's perspective.

February 4th will be Pastor Daniel Fiester from Bible Fellowship Church. Daniel grew up in Gering, NE, is married to Shelley and they have 6 children. Daniel graduated from Moody Bible Institute and Wheaton College. He enjoys reading and playing the guitar but his biggest enjoyment comes from reading and teaching the Bible. Pastor Daniel will be sharing with us growing in Jesus from James' perspective.

We are so looking forward to this continued perspective studies as it has helped us grow and be encouraged in our faith.

I Am Joseph

By Lila Scandrett

Taking a bit of poetic license, I am attempting to tell the story of Joseph, the stepfather of Jesus from his perspective. Enjoy!!

Hello! I'd like to introduce myself. My name is Joseph, and my family's heritage can be traced all the way back to Abraham! I am a God-fearing Jew and love the Lord, my God, with all my heart! I had heard about God speaking to our fathers like Abraham, David, Solomon, and so forth, but when He actually spoke to me, I was humbled, scared and awestruck all at the same time. Let me tell you what I am talking about and how I came to be the step-dad, so to speak, of Jesus, our Messiah! I had met and fell in love with a young girl named Mary. She was very lovely and whole heartedly loved the Lord as well. We became betrothed (or engaged). Before we could be together, though, I found out she was pregnant. I didn't want her to be shamed, stoned or shunned and wasn't sure what to do until an angel of the Lord came to me in a dream. The angel told me to not be afraid to take Mary as my wife because what had happened to her was of the Holy Spirit. She would have a son and we were to call His name Jesus for He will save His people from their sins. What could I do? I knew it was God who had sent His angel to guide me and tell me what to do. So, that is what I did. We got married and that is when our adventure really began!

After we got married, a very pregnant Mary and I had to journey to Bethlehem to take part in a census. It was a long, hard journey and when we got to Bethlehem, we couldn't find a place to stay until a kind innkeeper told us we could stay in his stable. And that is where Jesus was born... in the stable amongst the animals, the hay, and so on. We were so thankful He had been born without any trouble, but then, He was God's Son so I guess we should have expected God would be looking out for Him, huh? Anyway, He was born with no problems and Mary and Jesus were resting comfortably when, all of a sudden, we were visited by a group of shepherds. They had the most fantastic story about how they had been out in their fields tending their flocks when an angel had appeared and told them about Jesus being born and how they would find Him in a stable wrapped in swaddling clothes!! Wow!! That would have been so cool to see!! And then, they said, a chorus of angels joined the one and they all exclaimed, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom He is pleased!" With that they all hurried here so they could see this child and worship Him. When they left, Mary and I just looked at each other in awe at how God had sent the shepherds to visit Jesus!!

We had decided to see if we could rent or buy a place in Bethlehem instead of going back to our hometown since I am a carpenter, and a pretty good one, if I do say so myself. Good carpenters are in demand and I really could work almost anyplace I wanted. We had been in Bethlehem for a little over a year or so when we got some more visitors. This time, they were magi who had come from the East. They told us the stars had told them about Jesus, the newborn King of the Jews, they called Him. In fact, they had followed a star that, eventually, led them to us. I guess since His heavenly Father created the universe including the moon and stars, God had no problem using the stars to let these wise men know about Jesus being born. At first I didn't understand why God would send these magi specifically to see Jesus, until they opened up their treasures and presented Jesus and us with gold, frankincense and myrrh. Those were wonderful gifts but shortly thereafter, God sent us out of Israel into Egypt and those gifts sure did come in handy. It seems the magi had stopped and told King Herod about this child who they said was King of the Jews. Old Herod was pretty mad and jealous so he sent to kill Jesus and would have succeeded if we hadn't already left Bethlehem. We were in Egypt until God told us it was safe to head back to Israel where we settled in Galilee to raise our Son and our other children.

Through all this, my God has been faithful. He has guided and directed and protected us at every turn. He has even sent His angels to guide and direct. How great is our God! I'm not sure how all this will turn out, but I trust in my God and know my step-Son, Jesus, is the promised Messiah, the Christ! Hallelujah!!

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December 2022

<u>Saturday, Dec. 3 @ 5:30PM</u> Christmas Banquet!! You should have RSVPed by now but to refresh your memory, the Christmas Banquet will be at Bible Fellowship Church, 1212 E. Fairmont Blvd., Rapid City. Cost is \$25.00 per person. We will have a wonderful catered meal with Dutch Oven Caterers! Our meal will include choice of roast beef or chicken, salad, almondine green beans, mashed potatoes, and a choice of chocolate lava cake or peach cobbler. Derek Anderson, pastor of Newell Community Church in Newell, SD, will present a Christmas devotional, share music and lead us in some traditional Christmas carols!! We, also, will have our very fun White Elephant Gift Exchange. We sure hope you all are coming!!

<u>Saturday, Dec. 31</u> @ 7:30PM Meet at Dan and Laurel's in Summerset, SD, to celebrate New Years'. Please bring a snack to share, table games and an attitude of celebration!! They will have their ping pong table up and available! We don't know what the New Year holds but we do know who holds the New Year! Please call Laurel @ (605)545-4852 for more information and/or directions!! Come bring in the New Year together!!

January 2023

<u>Saturday, Jan. 14 @ 6:00PM</u> Potluck and Bible Study/Discussion @ Christian Life Ministries, 1948 N. Plaza Drive, Rapid City. Please bring a dish to share for our potluck, your Bible, a friend or two and come ready to learn and grow!! Larry Reinhold from Rainbow Bible Ranch will be sharing how to grow in Jesus from the Apostle John's perspective. Larry has helped with Bible studies, etc.. at Rainbow Bible Ranch and is looking forward to sharing and discussing this topic with us. Please call Lila @ (605)484-1460 for more information and/or directions! Let's grow together!!

<u>Saturday, Jan. 21 @ 7:00PM</u>. Game Night at Darcie's. Please come and bring snacks to share, your favorite table game, a friend or two or three and an attitude of fun!! This is a good time of fellowship and fun. For more information and/or directions, please call Darcie @ (605)209-6677. Come and enjoy!!

<u>Please refer to page 4 for the events of February 2023</u>



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February 2023

Saturday, Feb. 4 @ 6:00PM Regular potluck and Bible Study/Discussion @ Christian Life Ministries, 1948 N. Plaza Dr., Rapid City. Pastor Daniel Fiester from Bible Fellowship Church will be sharing growing in Jesus from James' perspective. Pastor Daniel just completed a series of sermons on James so he is looking forward to discussing James' perspective with us. Please bring a dish to share, your Bibles, a friend or two and come prepared to learn and grow. For more information and/or directions, please call Lila @ (605)484-1460. Come and see!!

<u>Saturday, Feb. 11 @ 6:00PM</u> Valentine's celebration at Pizza Ranch, 405 E. Stumer Road, Rapid City. Join us for a time of food and fellowship and a short devotional at Pizza Ranch for our Valentines' celebration. We know Valentines' Day can be a struggle sometimes for singles so we just wanted to get together for fellowship and food so it, hopefully, won't be so difficult!! For more information and/or directions, please call Sherri @ (605)521-8933. We are better together!!



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