

### Happening Each Week

#### Prayer Times:

**Monday's, Tuesday's, and Wednesday's,**  
9:00 – 10:00 AM. (Time and location of weekday prayer subject to change without notice. Call or text Barbara [number at right] for updates).

**Spanish Services: Thursday's** 6:00 PM and **Sunday's** 3:00 PM (Subject to change without notice. Contact Ruben [number at right] for updates if you aren't a regular attendee).

**Wednesday's:** 6:30 - 8:00 PM Service and classes for ages 11 and under including nursery.

**Sunday's:** 10:00 AM Service with classes for ages 11 and under including nursery.

5:00 PM **X Factor Youth Group**

#### Public Parking or Courteous Parking?

We at FMC practice **Courteous Parking** by leaving the parking spaces next to the Nazarene church across the street for their members.

#### Honor Others by

**Putting Them First** Romans 2:10

### Pastoring

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**Peter and Lucy Samaniego** (X-Factor Youth)

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### New Gen Bible Club

Ask our youth leaders how you can join Douglas High School's New Gen Bible Club.

#### Facebook:

New-Generation-Bible-Club-Douglas

### Church and Missions Mailing address:

P O Box 1252 Douglas, AZ 85608

520.364.6187

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### CHRISTMAS MORNING

A Joyful 'toon by Mike Waters



But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him. But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: — 1 CORINTHIANS 2:9-10 KJV

On that first Christmas morning, God revealed His gift to the world, Jesus, born in Bethlehem of the virgin Mary. This gift is revealed to us by the Holy Spirit and will be continually opened up to us throughout the coming ages (Ephesians 2:7).

### Important Dates Coming Up This Month

- Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> **Kids Christmas Shopping** 6:30 pm  
We are seeking donations of items (new or good used) that the children can give to their families. Also... paper, bows, gift bags, and volunteer wrappers.
- Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> **Special Christmas Service** 10:00 am
- Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> **Evening Service Dismissed**

### Christmas Question

Am I simply flowing along with the fads of this world, or am I bringing glory to God by using this holiday to share the Gospel?

Many people are too busy to think about God, let's take the opportunity this Christmas to show them Jesus' love, **The Reason for The Season.**

... take your everyday, ordinary life—your sleeping, eating, going-to-work, and walking-around life—and place it before God as an offering. Embracing what God does for you is the best thing you can do for Him. Don't become so well-adjusted to your culture that you fit into it without even thinking. Instead, fix your attention on God. You'll be changed from the inside out. Readily recognize what He wants from you, and quickly respond to it. Unlike the culture around you, always dragging you down to its level of immaturity, God brings the best out of you, develops well-formed maturity in you. Romans 12:1-3 The Message



**WELCOME**  
to Faith Ministries Church

901 11th Street  
Douglas, Arizona

## Notes:

**Wi-Fi fmc-Guest** Password: **habakkuk2:2**

 **Faith Life Bible App**  
Join Faith Ministries Church on Faithlife ● Go to Faithlife.com  
● Register account  
● Look for Faith Ministries Church

### Celebrate Recovery Group (Overcome Hurts, Habits, and Hang-Ups):

Taught by Martin and Irene Pizano (520.282.8582 men's group, 520.977.9774 ladies group). Call for times/locations.

**Jesus wants to set you free from hurts, habits, and hang-ups.**



### Grounds and Edifice Minister

**Wanted:** Handyperson or persons to spend a few hours per week keeping our church beautiful, inside and out. I. E. Bob the Builder with a green thumb.


No fear of heights. Our maintenance ladder is 32 feet high.

Want to help around the church but not sure if you want to commit to this volunteer position? Talk to God about it, and consider these words from Galatians 6:9, **So let's not get tired of doing what is good. At just the right time we will reap a harvest of blessing if we don't give up.**

**\*TODAY\***  
**Pot Blessed Lunch**  
(potluck)  
Please stay and eat with us.

Our coffee station is open Sunday\* mornings until just before the service.

Busy bee workers begin arriving around eightish am and the church becomes a fun beehive of activity with people getting ready for our morning service.

 Come early, have some **FREE** coffee, and rest in God's presence.

**Bring a Friend** ○ **Read**  
**Meet New People** ○ **Use our Wi-Fi**

\*Wednesday evenings too, about 5-5:30.

### Atheist Holiday

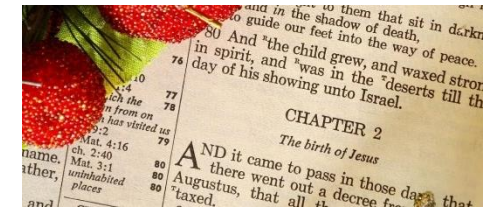
An atheist complained to a Christian friend, "You Christians have your special holidays, such as Christmas and Easter. Jews celebrate their national holidays, such as Passover and Yom Kippur. But we atheists have no recognized national holidays. It's unfair discrimination." His friend replied, "Why don't you celebrate April first?" The fool has said in his heart, "There is no God." Psalm 14:1

## Christmas Trivia part 2

Find the answers in Matthew 1-2, and Luke 1-2

### Questions:

9. The shepherds and the wise men went to see Jesus. Who followed a star, and who followed angelic instruction?
10. What did the angels sing to the shepherds?
11. When the shepherds went looking for Jesus, what was the sign they were to look for?
12. How many wise men, sometimes referred to as kings or magi came to see Jesus?
13. True or False: Herod asked the wise men to inform him where the baby Jesus was so that he could worship Him.
14. How old was Jesus when the wise men found him?
15. What three gifts were given to Jesus by the wise men?
16. Which emperor ordered that all children under two be killed?
17. What animals does the Bible say were present at the birth of Jesus?
18. What was the name of the innkeeper who would not allow Mary and Joseph to lodge in his inn?
19. Two of the four Gospels do not mention the birth of Christ. Which two?



### Answers:

9. The wise men followed the star and the shepherds followed angelic instruction.
10. Technically the Bible doesn't say they sing, it says they praised God with these words: "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, goodwill toward men."
11. A baby, wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.
12. The Bible does not say how many wise men there were. Some believe that there were three because of the three gifts. Some cultures have even named them, but the Bible doesn't. It is possible that there were many.
13. False. Herod *said* he wanted to worship Jesus, but he really wanted to kill Him.
14. The wise men saw the star at His birth and began following it. If the journey was 500 miles from Persia and Mesopotamia, then it would have taken around a month. Later in the story, Herod ordered all the children aged 2 years and younger to be killed. Therefore, we can assume that Jesus was at least a month old but not yet 2 years old.
15. Gold, frankincense and myrrh.
16. Herod. He ordered all the children in Bethlehem and the outlying areas who were 2 years old and younger to be killed. However, Jesus and His family had already moved to Egypt after Joseph was divinely warned in a dream.
17. There is no mention of any animals in the New Testament.
18. The Bible doesn't mention an innkeeper, it just says there was no room for them in the inn.
19. Mark and John.



**FMC Prayer Chain** (Secret Group – Prayer Requests and Information) Ask a member of our ministry team to add you.



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