

THRIVE

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SERVE THE LORD WITH GLADNESS! COME INTO HIS PRESENCE WITH SINGING! PS. 100:2

Dig Deeper:
Celebrating Advent as a family

Youth Worker Spotlight:
Meet Thadd and Angela Lapsley

Wednesday Nights

Join us as we continue to look at what happens when people ENCOUNTER Jesus.

Can't come in person? Watch it online at

<https://eagleslanding.org/thrivelive/>

Sunday Lifegroups

Each Sunday your student will dig deeper into an aspect of the previous week's sermon, discussing life application and personal understanding.

All youth meet in the chapel at 9:45AM before dividing into classes based on grade and gender.

Advent

Advent is celebrated the 24 days leading up to Christmas and/or the four Sundays before Christmas. Looking for a simple way to start celebrating? Focus on these themes each Sunday.

November 29, 2020 - Hope

December 6, 2020 - Faith

December 13, 2020 - Joy

December 20, 2020 - Peace

December 25, 2020 - Light and Purity of Christ

See the Dig Deeper Resources for more ideas on creating your own sense of awe and wonder this Advent season, whether in your family or your personal practice.

GROWING

Dig Deeper Resources

PODCAST AND WEBSITE

[The Lazy Genius: Lazy Genius
Advent with Tsh Oxenreider](#)

[Tsh Oxenreider Advent Resources](#)

ARTICLES

[The Beautiful Meaning and
Purpose of Advent - includes
prayers, hymns, and verses for
each week](#)

[6 Ideas for Celebrating Advent as a
Family from Lifeway](#)

RIGHT NOW MEDIA

(ELFBC members get access to
Right Now Media resources.
Contact Neal for details.)

[Matt Chandler Study Series](#)

[J. D. Greear Study Series](#)

THE BIBLE PROJECT

[Video Series](#)

[Advent Sundays Bible Reading Plan](#)

[28 Day Advent Bible Reading Plan](#)

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[Eagles Landing Devotion Series](#)

You can purchase "Advent Blocks"
in the cafe.

Need links? Check your email for the
digital version of this newsletter.

Celebrating Advent as a Family

For some people celebrating advent means a cardboard box with a door to punch out each day to reveal a trinket or a chocolate.

For others it is a complete state of being that defines the weeks leading up to Christmas.

For still others, it's a vague concept that they've heard about when lighting purple and pink candles in the Sunday service but never really paid attention to.

No matter which group you fall in, this is a great year to consider making a new tradition. The season of Advent is a section of the Christian liturgical calendar. It is followed by the season of Christmas which lasts – you may have guessed it – twelve days.

Advent is meant to be a preparation for the coming of Christ. Since Christ has already come once, these four weeks build a sense of appreciation for the celebration of Christ's birth while anticipating His second coming.

Advent can be celebrated as simply or elaborately as your family desires. The important part is to put focus on slowing down and immersing yourself in the purpose and reason of Christmas.

Some common advent practices involve the wreath and candles, calendars similar to the chocolate a day kind but with a slightly more intentional purpose, Jesse trees, singing advent hymns, special times of prayer, and many other practices with roots in various cultures.

Family Fun Feature

This is the time of year when families often seek ways to come together and unite. If you are a family that enjoys board games, consider one of these cooperative play games where everyone wins together:

- Forbidden Island
- Pandemic (Enjoy the irony)
- Cahoots!
- Break the Safe (Particularly with younger children)
- Telestrations (No winning or losing, but a lot of fun)

Need more? Search for "cooperative board games".

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Upcoming Events

Wednesday 6:30 - 8:15

Student Gathering in Chapel

Children and adult options are also available!

Sundays 9:30 - 10:45

Lifegroups - meet in chapel

Children and adult options are also available!

Lifegroup gatherings

Contact your student's teacher

Student Worker Spotlight



Thadd and Angela Lapsley

Student Guidance Role:

Thadd: Junior Guys Lifegroup leader

Angela: Senior Girls Lifegroup co-leader

Years in student ministry: More than twenty years

Fave part of the gig: *Thadd:* Seeing students excited about the Word or what God is doing in their lives.

Angela: The moments when something they've read in scripture or been taught clicks and makes sense. It changes things for them and their relationship with God.

Fave pizza topping: *Thadd:* All of them. *Angela:* Pepperoni

Unique Fact: *Thadd:* Growing up I lived in 8 states in 9 years. Georgia is my 9th state.

Angela: I am the oldest of 5 kids - 4 girls and 1 boy. Thadd and I have the opposite 5 kids - 4 boys and 1 girl.

One lesson about God that came from working with students: *Thadd:* Students are capable of more than we give them credit for. Give them opportunities and watch God work. *Angela:* God can and does want to use anyone at any age. He has a purpose for each of us, including students! They have unique opportunities to reach their peers in ways adults can't.