



**Newsletter  
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**“...DO NOT BE AFRAID,  
FOR BEHOLD,  
I BRING YOU  
GOOD TIDINGS OF  
*great joy*  
WHICH WILL BE  
TO ALL PEOPLE.”**

**LUKE 2:10**

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# Stay Connected



## PRAYER



*County Prayer*  
*Fasting Prayer*  
*Conference Prayer*  
*Prayer before every service*

## MINISTRY



*Prayer Ministry*  
*Worship Ministry*  
*Children Ministry*  
*Outreach Ministry*  
*Teens Ministry*  
*Media Ministry*

## GIVING



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# From The Pastor's Desk

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Greetings to you all in the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. We hope all of you are doing well by the grace of God. We are thankful for God's provision and grace that sustained us through this year. As we enter into the last month of 2020 we encourage all of you to spend time in prayer and seek the face of the Lord for the new year 2021.

By God's grace all the services planned for last month went well. Please continue to pray with us as we are still praying and seeking God for His provision and guidance for a new church facility in Irvine.

Here are the upcoming services planned for this month, please join with us and be blessed.

- Fasting prayer on December 5, Saturday at 10 am PST
- Children's Christmas program on December 20, Sunday at 5.30 pm PST
- Christmas service on December 25, Friday at 9.30 am PST
- Watch night service on December 31, Thursday at 11 pm PST

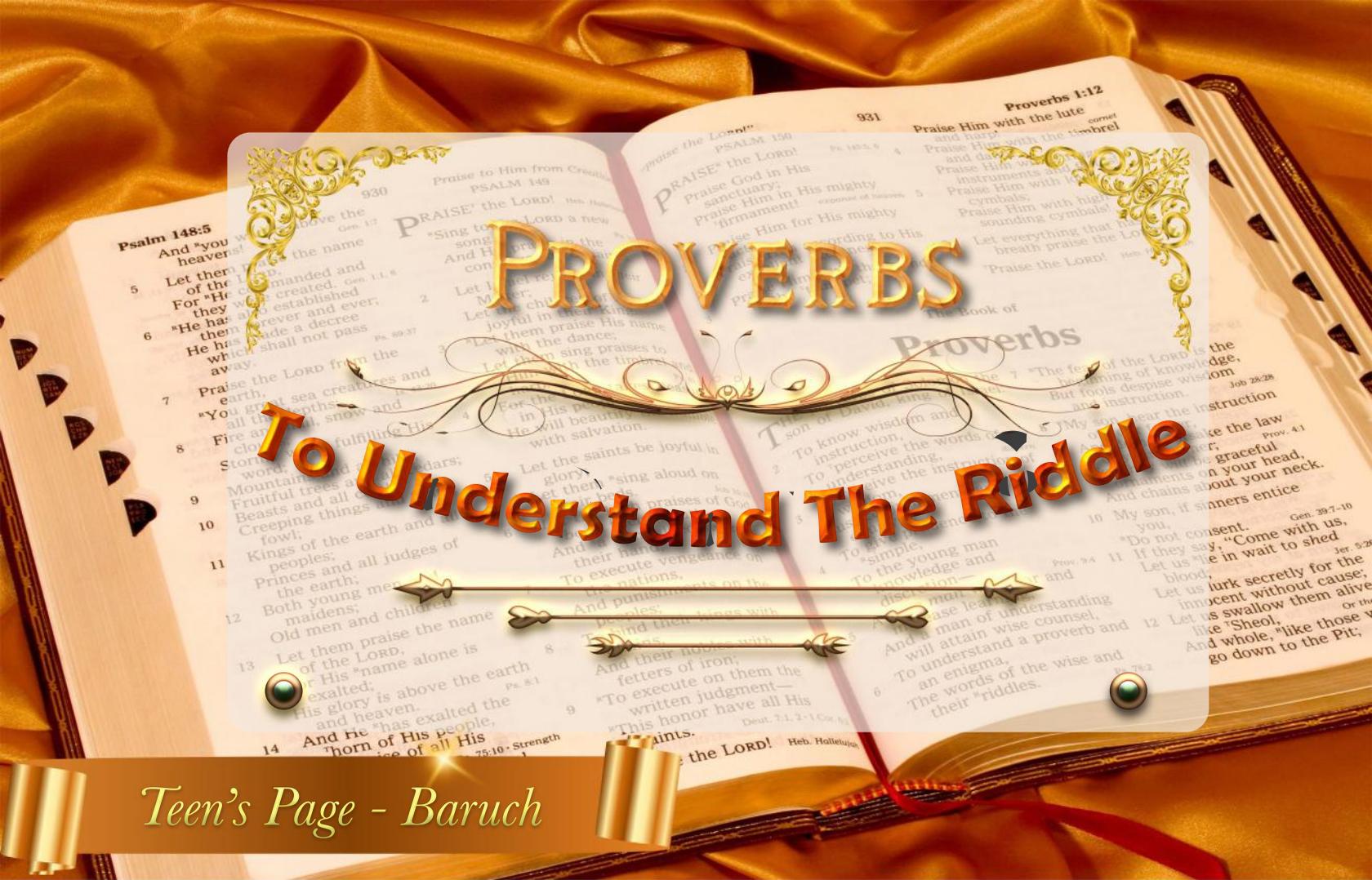
You can visit our website to check for latest updates on all upcoming meetings and events.  
<https://throneofgrace.us/>.

We request you to join our conference prayers that are held throughout the week. We also have a conference prayer for COVID19 challenges led by children and teens on Tuesdays at 6PM PST. Please join these prayers and encourage your children to participate as well.

If you have prayer requests for you or your family, please write to us at [pastor.rajan@throneofgrace.us](mailto:pastor.rajan@throneofgrace.us)

***Then the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid, for behold,  
I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people." - Luke 2:10***

In His Service,  
Pastor Abraham K Rajan & Indira Rajan



## Teen's Page - Baruch

One of the most widely read book in the Scripture is the book of Proverbs. What a lot of people may miss is that this book is God's handbook on how to live a successful, God centered, energetic Christian life. It is not a random collection of two liners, but rather an ordered writing by the Holy Spirit through Solomon so that we may live a Christ centered life. Solomon who was also used by the Holy Spirit to scribe the book of Ecclesiastes writes that the proverbs were put in order (Ecclesiastes 12:9).

The book begins with a condition, if we do not fulfill this condition then we will not be able to understand this book. Proverbs 1:6-7 says that for us to understand a proverb and an enigma and the words of the wise and to understand a riddle we need to have the Fear of the Lord. This is the basic requirement for us to understand the book of Proverbs, we need to fear God and come to Him with simple faith that He is God and the Word we have in our hand is His living word.

God will teach us if we are willing to learn, that is the promise in the very next verse in Proverbs 1:8 that if we diligently spend time with God, He will teach us the true knowledge which will keep us rooted in Christ. The book of Proverbs talks about four groups of people, the scorners, the fools, the simple, and the wise.

The Scorners are the group of people who are openly rebellious with God and mock the things of God (Psalm 22:7-8). The fools are the group of people who say that there is no God (Psalm 53:1). The simple are the group of people who are mentioned a lot in the book of Proverbs, this group believes everything of the world (Proverbs 14:15), if you look around, this is the group of people you will find a lot, they believe whatever the culture, the media, the world around them is saying, they never use their discernment

and wisdom provided by God.

The final group of people are the wise, these are the children who fear God and depart from evil (Proverbs 14:16), they do not speak unnecessarily (Proverbs 15:2), they are good listeners (Proverbs 16:20), they are always open for correction (Proverbs 17:10), they hold their tongue and will not speak whatever they want (Proverbs 29:11), and they make the heart of God glad (Proverbs 27:11).

Proverbs teaches us how to be wise, this is a book which can be applied practically in your everyday living, but we cannot learn from it unless and until we submit ourselves to God and sit with Him diligently. Psalm 34:11 promises us that if we approach God, He will teach us His Word.

We may not be a scorner openly mocking the things of God or we may not be a fool saying that there is no God, but we can easily fall into the trap of being simple minded by believing the things of the world and whatever the world teaches us.

Today, let us make a decision that we will be the wise, let us approach God, and let us ask Him to teach us how to be wise and live a God centered, Christian life. God's word is the foundation to our faith and walk with God. In Joshua 1:7- 9 we can read what the Lord's spoke to Joshua for successful living, He says "...Keep this Book of the Law always on your lips; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful. So I encourage you to take time to read God's word each day, plan to read a chapter of proverbs in the morning before you head out to do the things of the day. As there are 31 chapters in the book of proverbs, you can read the chapter which corresponds to our calendar day, and when you do this diligently through prayer every day, you will see the Spirit of the Lord working in you as you become wiser day by day.

Have a blessed month. Merry Christmas.





Greetings to all my dear sisters in Christ. We have come to the last month of this year and I thank God for giving me the grace to mediate and share His word with you all through this year. We wish you all a merry Christmas.

This month we will meditate on a verse that an angel from the Lord spoke to Mary:

***Then the angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God...” - Luke 1:30***

### **His favor:**

Angel visited Mary saying “Rejoice, highly favored one, the Lord is with you; blessed are you among women!” (Luke 1:28). But Mary was troubled not knowing what kind of greeting this meant, the angel told her “Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God...”. Receiving God’s grace and favor doesn’t mean we are perfect human beings. Bible says God regarded the lowly state of His maid-servant (Luke 1:48) God chose an ordinary young woman to bring forth His only son Jesus Christ into this world for the salvation of His people. Isaiah prophesied saying “a virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel”. God used Mary to fulfill this prophesy because she found favor in His sight.

Many of us at times wonder if God can use someone like us for His work. We often get discouraged looking at own weaknesses and inadequacies. But the Lord looks at us and says “you have found favor with God”, “you are blessed among women”. I can testify this in my own life; I was born in a Hindu family

and accepted Jesus as my God and Savior at a Christian boarding school where I studied. I came from a family background where it was not easy for me to pursue higher education or to find work. But because I found favor in the sight of the Lord, God gave me the grace to complete nursing and work abroad and do ministry for Him. This is not because of my wisdom or my family's support but purely by the grace of God. In the same way, God desires to use you also for His kingdom. He will equip you and use you so do not be discouraged. Just as Mary committed herself to the Lord (Luke 1:38), commit yourself to God and He will use you.

### **His Presence:**

*And having come in, the angel said to her, "Rejoice, highly favored one, the Lord is with you; blessed are you among women!" - Luke 1:28*

In this verse we see that the angel told Mary "the Lord is with you". As a young mother, Mary was able to conceive, give birth and take care of Jesus until a certain time because the Lord was with her. Only because of God's presence in her life, she was able to be a great blessing to many. Similarly, before Paul encountered Jesus, he persecuted the church but once he experienced the presence of Jesus and heard His voice, his life was changed all together. After his conversion, many believers feared to accept him yet when the Lord spoke to Ananias to go to Paul, He said "go, for he is a chosen vessel of Mine...". Paul was chosen by God and His presence was with him in midst of all his struggles during his earthly ministry. The presence of God in Paul's life strengthened him to do God's will. ...the following night the Lord stood by him and said, "Be of good cheer, Paul; for as you have testified for Me in Jerusalem, so you must also bear witness at Rome." Acts 23:11. Not only with Paul and Mary, the Lord was with several other saints in the bible whom He used to do mighty things for Him.



God is blessing you also with His favor and His presence just as He did in Mary's life to fulfill His purpose in and through your life. God bless you. Merry Christmas.



***Then the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people.” - Luke 2:10***

From the above verse I would like to emphasize on the words ‘great joy’. As we begin this new month, God is promising us to bring GREAT JOY! Not only to us but to those around us as well. In this verse we see how the angel came to the shepherds who were watching over their flock by night bringing the good tidings of great joy. The reason for this great joy was the birth of Jesus Christ in Bethlehem. In our lives too without Jesus Christ we cannot have joy. So let’s meditate on the word of God to see who all had received this blessing of ‘great Joy’ and how they received it.

### **1. Those who waited upon Him:**

***“Now Elizabeth’s full time came for her to be delivered, and she brought forth a son. When her neighbors and relatives heard how the Lord had shown great mercy to her, they rejoiced with her ”  
- Luke 1:57-58***

In this verse we see an entire community rejoicing with Elizabeth. The good tidings that she and her husband Zacharias received brought joy to them and to all their friends and relatives! When the Lord brings joy to us, through us He will make our friends and relatives rejoice too. Bible says Zacharias and Elizabeth were righteous and walked blameless before God but had no child and they were well advanced in age. Zacharias was a priest ministering before the Lord when the angel brought a good news to him from the Lord. Zacharias and Elizabeth had waited for many years before they received this visitation. Bible says “Hope deferred makes the heart sick, but when the desire comes, it is a tree of life” Proverbs 13:12.

Even in midst of their waiting, Zacharias continued to minister to God faithfully. The Lord will bring great joy to those who wait on Him and serve Him. the angel said "...And you will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth" Luke 1:14. In Zacharias' life God brought joy by blessing them with a child. During our seasons of waiting too when we continue to serve Him and stay faithful to God He will bless us with great joy.

***"For with God nothing will be impossible." - Luke 1:37***

## **2. Those who pray to Him:**

***"My heart rejoices in the Lord; My horn is exalted in the Lord. I smile at my enemies, Because I rejoice in Your salvation..." - 1 Samuel 2:1***

Hannah was a woman who poured out her heart in prayer and supplication. Bible says she did not have a child because the Lord had closed her womb and her rival also provoked her severely, to make her miserable. In midst of her challenges she continued in prayer. Even though her soul was bitter she knew how to reach the presence of the Lord. Hannah built her relationship with the Lord. As we continue to read this chapter, we can see how she prayed specifically for a son and made a vow to give him to the Lord. Because of her prayer the Lord helped her to believe in His salvation so that she rejoiced and was no longer sad! Soon the Lord remembered her and blessed her with a son and Hannah kept the vow she made to the Lord and gave Samuel for the Lord's work.



Even today many of you are prayer warriors, you pray selflessly interceding for others, for ministries and for the nations. Some of you even make vows like Hannah did. Take heart, your prayers will not go in vain. God is pleased with the prayers of His people and in due season you will see your reward.

***Then Eli answered and said, "Go in peace, and the God of Israel grant your petition which you have asked of Him." - 1 Samuel 1:17***

### 3. Those who seek the Lord:

***“Then they returned, every man of Judah and Jerusalem, with Jehoshaphat in front of them, to go back to Jerusalem with joy, for the Lord had made them rejoice over their enemies.” - 2 Chronicles 20:27***

Jehoshaphat and his people were faced by a great multitude coming against them to destroy them. Bible says, Jehoshaphat feared but he and the people of Judah united together to seek the Lord. They did not gather to plan and device a strategy but they came together to first seek the Lord for His help. Bible says seek ye **FIRST** the kingdom of God. We need to plan and make strategies but before everything else we should resort to seek the Lord. When we do this, the Lord will help us with the strategy and a plan that will give victory. As a king, Jehoshaphat knew this and encouraged his people to seek God first. Before praying about their situation and their enemies, Jehoshaphat and his people praised God for who He is and remembered God’s covenant and promises. Only in the end of his prayer he made his request known seeking for God’s help against his enemies. Jehoshaphat prayed saying, “for we have no power against this great multitude that is coming against us; nor do we know what to do, but our eyes are upon You.” 2 Chronicles 20:12



God gave Jehoshaphat and his people a mighty victory over their enemies. He fought their battles for them. The Lord responded to their prayers saying ‘Do not be afraid nor dismayed because of this great multitude, for the battle is not yours, but God’s. 2 Chronicles 20:15 The Lord did not allow Jehoshaphat to be ashamed, He will not leave you as well. He will fight your battles. Seek the Lord with all your heart, praise Him because there is nothing too hard for the Lord. When we are sincere toward Him and do the little we can, He is faithful to fight our battles and bring great joy in our lives.

***“I sought the Lord, and He heard me, and delivered me from all my fears.” - Psalm 34:4***

We pray that the Lord will bless you with great joy all through this month even as you wait on the Lord in prayer and seek Him continually. God bless you merry Christmas.

# Follow The Star

Dear Children,

It is the time of Christmas where the season is full of stars, decorated trees and mom's love filled cookies and cakes. More than all of these, Story of Christ must be shared.

When Christ was born there were wise men from the east following the star to worship Jesus Christ. This star led the path for the wise men "and stood over where the young Child was."

Out in the starry sky, amongst the Millions of stars - the wise men were to follow the right star to reach baby Jesus. In our current time, we will see Millions of beliefs and principles which deceive people as their stars of direction. Be not deceived by all those, but like the wise men did, be sure to follow our Lord's promises and word to reach Jesus Christ. Our Lord is the true light and strong-hold who will lead into salvation and eternal blessings.

Guide the three wise men through the star maze to the manger.

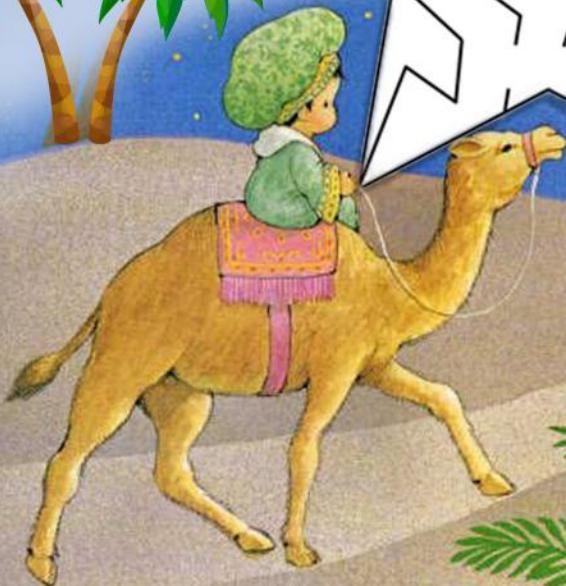
Be sure to pick up the gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh along the way



COLOR ME



The Three Wise Men Following the Star



## MEMORY VERSE

"The Lord is my light and my salvation, whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life, of whom shall I be afraid?"  
Psalm 27:1



# DECEMBER 2020 - PROMISE

**"...Do not be afraid, for behold,  
I bring you good tidings of GREAT JOY  
which will be to all people"**

Luke 2:10

**NEVER GIVE UP**

## EVENTS FOR DECEMBER 2020

S		6 Irvine Worship Service @ 10:30 am  Inland Empire Worship Service @ 5:00 pm	13 Irvine Worship Service @ 10:30 am	20 Irvine Worship Service @ 10:30 am	27 Irvine Worship Service @ 10:30 am  San Fernando Valley Worship Service @ 5:30 pm
M		7	14	21	28
T	1 Promise Service @ 6:00 am  Children/Teens Prayer in Zoom @ 6:00 pm	8 KP Family Service @ 9:30 am  Children/Teens Prayer in Zoom @ 6:00 pm	15 Children/Teens Prayer in Zoom @ 6:00 pm	22	29
W	2	9	16	23	30
T	3	10	17	24	31 Watch Night Service @ 11:00 pm
F	4	11 Connecticut Worship Service @ 7:30 pm EST	18 San Jose Worship Service @ 7:00 pm	25 Christmas Service @ 9:30 am	
S	5 Fasting & Prayer @ 10:00 am	12 Santa Maria Worship Service @ 5:00 pm	19 Las Vegas Worship Service @ 6:30 pm	26	

**Conference Prayer** Call-in #: 605 468 8004 Access Code: 240388#

TOG (Mondays)  
9:30 pm – 10:15 pm

Las Vegas (Tuesdays)  
8:00 pm – 8:30 pm

San Jose (Tuesdays)  
9:00 pm – 9:30 pm

Connecticut (Wednesdays)  
9:00 pm – 9:30 pm EST

USA & Israel (Thursdays)  
9:30 pm – 10:00 pm

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# THRONE OF GRACE MINISTRIES

## Service & Location Information – DECEMBER 2020

### IRVINE, CA

Worship Service:

Every 1<sup>st</sup> of the month – Promise Service

Every Sunday - 10:30 AM to 12:30 PM

No Monthly County Prayer in December

Throne Of Grace Ministries

2134 Michelson Dr

Irvine CA 92612

### INLAND EMPIRE, CA

Worship Service – 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday – 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM

No Monthly County Prayer in December

Redeemer Lutheran Church

920 W 6th St

Ontario, CA 91762

### LAS VEGAS, NV

Worship Service - 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday – 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM

No Monthly County Prayer in December

Trinity Life Center

1000 E St. Louis

Las Vegas NV 89104

### SAN FERNANDO VALLEY, CA

Worship Service - 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday – 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM

No Monthly County Prayer in December

Canoga Park Lutheran Church

7357 Jordan Ave

Canoga Park CA 91303

### MANCHESTER, CT

Worship Service – 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday – 7:30 PM to 9:30 PM EST

No Monthly County Prayer in December

New River Community Church

314 Woodbridge St

Manchester, CT 06042

### SAN JOSE, CA

Worship Service – 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday – 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM

No Monthly County Prayer in December

Church of the Living Rock

675 E Taylor Ave

Sunnyvale, CA 94085

### SANTA MARIA, CA

Worship Service – 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday – 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM

No Monthly County Prayer in December

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church

4380 Orcutt Rd

Santa Maria, CA 93455

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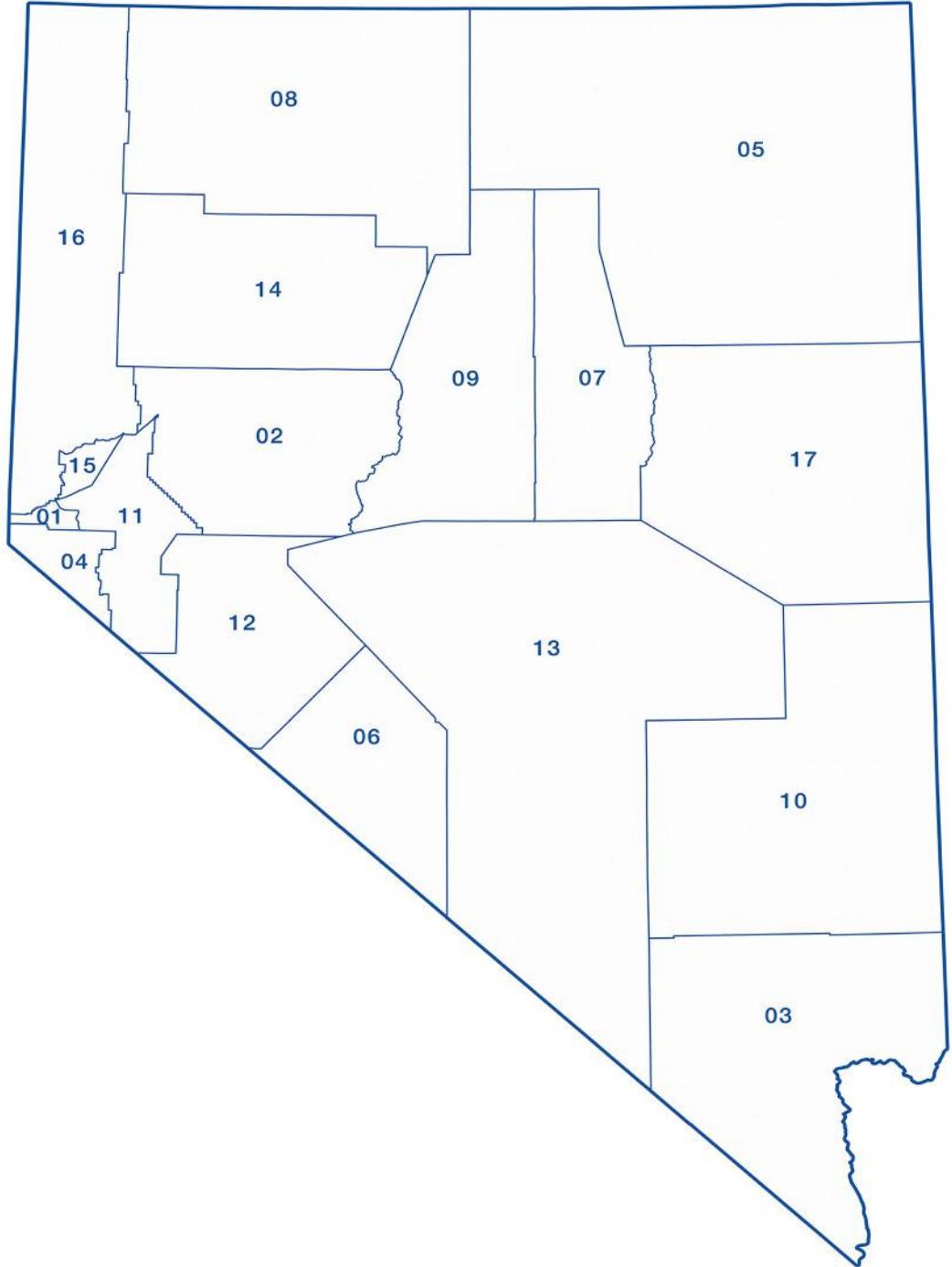
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# N F O R C H R I S T



Ask of Me, and I will give you the nations for your inheritance, .. - Psalm 2:8

- 01 Carson City
- 02 Churchill County
- 03 Clark County
- 04 Douglas County
- 05 Elko County
- 06 Esmeralda County
- 07 Eureka County
- 08 Humboldt County
- 09 Lander County
- 10 Lincoln County
- 11 Lyon County
- 12 Mineral County
- 13 Nye County
- 14 Pershing County
- 15 Storey County
- 16 Washoe County
- 17 White Pine County



*Let us pray together and inherit this land for Jesus*



"...come boldly to the throne of grace..." Hebrews 4:16



# *Christmas* Worship Service

25th December  
*Friday*

9:30 AM - 11:30 AM  
At Irvine

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Worship



Word



Communion

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*Join us*

Watch Night / New Year

2021

Worship Service

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31<sup>st</sup> DEC 2020, THURSDAY

11:00 PM - 2:00 AM

At Irvine

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Worship 🕒 Word 🕒 Testimony 🕒 Communion