

December 25, 2022



*Merry
Christmas*

WHY WE DON'T CANCEL CHURCH BECAUSE IT'S CHRISTMAS DAY

Many churches have chosen to close their doors this morning opting for families to stay home and enjoy Christmas amongst themselves. While there are many reasons to find that foolish, we will focus on just 2 in this short article. While I have heard every excuse for why a service would have its challenges on Christmas morning, these two simple reminders help me put things into perspective. First, December 25 should be Sunday in our minds before the fact that it's Christmas. Since the start of the church, believers have gathered on Sunday, resurrection day, the Lord's day. When Sundays are dedicated to starting our week in worship to our God who is worthy, why would we cancel when it's a special Sunday? Furthermore, why would we cancel when it's a special Sunday that's meant to be celebrating the very God we worship every Sunday? If the fact that it's Christmas Day is more important to you than it is Sunday, then priorities need to be shuffled and refocused. Second, we need to remember that family is a gift not a God in our lives. Many seem to think canceling church because Christmas falls on Sunday is ok because families should be together and people want to watch their kids have a fun morning. I can't think of a better gift to give one's family than the consistent emphasis that worshipping God is what we do. God is greater than family. He's called people to be His and it rips them away from their earthly family. Celebrating with family is important, but your family is a gift from the God you should be worshipping. So the festivities of Christmas, can't become more important than the festival itself. We should rearrange our schedules to make worship a priority over making Christmas a priority.



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SUNDAY

**MERRY
CHRISTMAS**

9:00 Sunday School
10:00 Worship

MONDAY

6:30 Men's Bible Study
7:00 Elder/Board Meeting

WEDNESDAY

6:30 Adventure Club
6:30 ROOTED
6:30 Ladies Bible Study

THURSDAY

10:30 SR Bible Study
7:00 20' & 30's Bible Study

FRIDAY

7:00 Bible Study

SATURDAY

5:00 Community Meal
(2nd & 3rd of every month)

SUNDAY SCHOOL AT NORTH STREET

Next week starts our new Sunday School setup here at NSCC. We will offer one adult Sunday School class led by all of the Elders. The Elders will take turns teaching for one month at a time. They will focus the entire month on a topic like Holiness, or forgiveness. By the end of the year, we will have covered 12 topics well and you will be learning from the leaders every Sunday. Elders are called to feed the flock and that feeding happens through teaching. Please plan to attend this Sunday School class. We are narrowing it down to one option so that we can focus on content and feed this flock well. Come grow with us every Sunday from 9-9:45 A.M. This class will begin in January in room 101. When we outgrow that space it will be moved somewhere better suited for the group. This is the first step in fixing our Sunday School programs and getting more people involved.

MY CHOICE Medical Clinic



The Eckert family would like to thank everyone who generously supported the bake sale for Life Choices. Together, we were able to raise \$1,328.50 to support their pro-life ministry in our community.

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If you would like to tithe to NSCC, there is a very easy way to do that. Just download the Tithe.ly giving App to give online using the app **Tithe.ly**. Your gift is safe & secure and goes directly to your church. Plus, you'll be able to create an account to track your gifts, setup recurring giving, and more!