

Is the Light Turned On?

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Dwelling Place Church
Vision: Manifesting Christ in
Many Ways to Many People

Isaiah 9:6 - For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given; And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Micah 5:2 - "But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah (ef-ravth), Though you are little among the thousands of Judah, Yet out of you shall come forth to Me The One to be Ruler in Israel, Whose goings forth are from of old, From everlasting."

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I. Introduction

- a. Is the light on?

II. David

- a. Bethlehem
 - i. A city in Judah.
 - ii. The birthplace of David.
 - iii. David, the son of Jesse.
 - iv. David, who became King of Israel.
 - v. David, the father of Solomon who built the Temple in Israel.
- b. Ephrathah
 - i. Bethlehem was Ephrath before it was Bethlehem.
 - ii. Ephrath (ef-ravth) = "ash-heap: place of fruitfulness"
 - iii. The first place Ephrath is mentioned in Scripture is:
Genesis 35:16 - And they journeyed from Bethel; and there was but a little way to come to Ephrath: and Rachel travailed, and she had hard labour.
 - iv. This is God's gospel – to take people from ash heaps and sit them as princes and princesses.
 - v. John 7:42 - Has not the Scripture said that the Christ comes from the seed of David and from the town of Bethlehem, where David was?
 1. Many had that right but got Jesus wrong because he grew up in Nazareth.
 2. Are others getting you wrong because of your "growing up" seasons? (1 Jn 3:9)
 - vi. This is the gospel of God – resurrection out of death, beauty out of ashes and overcoming out of willful surrender. (2 Tim 2:8)
- c. The house of bread
 - i. Bethlehem = "house of bread"

1 Samuel 16:7 – 7 But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not look at his appearance or at the height of his stature, because I have refused him. For the Lord does not see as man sees; for man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart."

1 Samuel 13:14 - But now your kingdom shall not continue. The Lord has sought for Himself a man after His own heart, and the Lord has commanded him to be commander over His people, because you have not kept what the Lord commanded you."

- ii. The bread of God's presence.
- iii. David, a man after God's heart?
- iv. What was and is God's heart?
- v. David was a type of foreshadowing of the bread of God's presence being with us. (Genesis 35:16)

III. Jesus

- a. The true bread from heaven. (Jn 6:63)
- b. How do you know when there is not just bread but fresh bread from heaven?

Matthew 2:1 - Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, 2 saying, "Where is He who has been born King of the Jews? For we have seen His star in the East and have come to worship Him."

- c. The Father of lights turned on the light to the fact that there was fresh bread in the house of bread.
- d. As a church:
 - i. Fresh encounters. There is bread, and there is fresh bread out of the oven (fire).
 - ii. Fresh prophetic promises. There is Scripture, and there is a fresh word in due season.
 - iii. Fresh prophetic promises fulfilled. There is encouragement of Scripture and there is fulfillment of promises. Fresh vibrant worship.
 - iv. There is singing and worshipping, and there is fresh worship in the spirit.
 - v. Fresh manifestations of the Holy Spirit – the signs of being turned on.
- e. At your home to your neighbors – if you are a house of bread, turn the light on.
- f. At your work to your co-workers – if you are a house of bread, turn the light on.
- g. In your heart – if you are a house of bread, turn the light on.
- h. Be intentional.

WELCOME!

If you have questions, please stop by the NEXT STEPS table in the foyer or look for a team member. If we can help you in any way, please email us at dwellingsplacement@gmail.com.

Our strategy at DPC: Gather (Gatherings), Group (Connect Groups), Grow (Growth Phases), Give (Giving/Gifting Teams), Go (Outreach)

GROUP

**Sunday, December 19 -
Connect Group Night**

Our connect groups will be meeting all over the area this evening. If you would like to join a connect group, please visit the Next Steps table in the lobby.

GATHER

**Sundays in December -
Lights**

9:30a + 11:15a

Although Christmas is about more than the trees, decorations, and presents, Christmas lights are one of the best parts of the season. This series sheds LIGHT on the true meaning of Christmas. Join us all month long as we take another look at the Light of God from Isaiah 9:6.

**Friday, December 24, 3p + 5p
Christmas Eve
Candlelight Gathering**

Join us for a full hour of anointed praise and worship, Christmas carols, communion, and a short message as we celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ! Experience the breathtaking sight of a sanctuary full of candles. This is a gathering you don't want to miss!

**Sundays Starting January 9-
New Gathering Worship Times
9a + 11a**

At DPC, our mission has always been to gather people to Jesus Christ and then lead them to biblical maturity for the multiplication of believers, leaders, and churches. We do this with a focus on the presence of God. This change in worship times will better serve our church and the community we desire to reach. It will also aid in preparing us for the launch of our gatherings in our new church facility in the near future!

GROW

**Thursday, January 13, 7p - 9p
Launch of our Winter**

Semester of Growth Phases

Our next session of Growth Phases kicks off on January 6th! Be sure to get signed up now at the Next Steps table.

GIVE

**"His Blueprint" Capital
Campaign - He Has Chosen Us!**

We encourage each of you to continue to ask God what He would have you give to our capital campaign!

Goal by June 2022

\$220,000

Commitment Levels:

One time Legacy Gifts

20K - Gold Legacy Gift

10K - Silver Legacy Gift

1K - Precious Stone Legacy Gift

Monthly Pledges

\$500, \$250, \$150, \$50

Did you know you can give via text? Just text any dollar amount to 84321 to give. You will follow a quick, self-guided setup process to tie your mobile phone to our church, your donor account, and a payment source. After that, donating is as easy as sending a text.

GO

**Be on the lookout for more
opportunities to serve our
community in the upcoming
weeks.**