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CHURCH CAN HAPPEN ANYWHERE Sunday Worship 10:00 AM | House Groups All Week Long

Christmas Eve with **PeaceTree**

9315 E Shelby Dr, Collierville, TN • 6:00PM Family-friendly Service with Communion

INVITE FRIENDS TO OUR CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

People throughout our area will be looking for a place to worship God and celebrate the birth of Jesus on the night of December 24. With over 50 houses of worship in the town of Collierville alone, how will they know which local church to visit?

Time and time again, research has shown that a personal invitation is the best way to get a friend, neighbor, or co-worker to visit your congregation.

We could spend money running ads on Google or Facebook. We could put mailers in every mailbox within 25 miles of our church building. But at the end of the day, the best chance that any of us have at welcoming new people into our newly renovated sanctuary is by calling them up and inviting them.

We host events out in the community like the Blessing of the Animals and Carols & Candlelight to show others how Church Can Happen Anywhere. But Christmas Eve is an opportunity for us to invite people to encounter God inside a sacred space. One big reason we took on the work of our UPLIFT renovations was to open the doors of our building even wider to the public.

We're accomplishing that with recreation classes, scouting programs, and concert events like our inaugural Christmas Music Revue. We're also in conversation with several non-profit organizations as we explore ways to launch new programs and better utilize the space we have on E Shelby Dr.

But 6:00PM Worship on Christmas Eve is a prime opportunity for us to welcome new families, to invite friends who are making resolutions to connect with a faith community in 2022, and to say 'Hello' to neighbors who have wanted to visit.

So, who will you invite to our Christmas Eve service this year? I pray that you'll call them up right now!

-**Pastor Kris** (@krisroof) kris@peacetreeumc.org | 901-286-5532



SAFE SANCTUARIES | VOLUNTEER WITH CHILDREN & YOUTH

December marks the first time in over 20 months that we will have an open Nursery and Peace Tree Kids (children's church) during our 10:00AM Large Group Worship service on Sunday mornings. While we occasionally employ the services of paid workers in our Nursery, we primarily rely on the gifts and graces of our amazing volunteers. If you'd like to volunteer with these age-level ministries, then please email **office@peacetree.church** and we'll schedule your Safe Sanctuaries training.



Manna Bag Donations Needed

One of our ongoing ministries is the provision of Manna Bags to those in need. Supplies are low, so we're asking for non-perishable foods, socks, underwear, fruit cups, nuts, and other snacks. Contact the church office for info.



Confirmation Retreats at Lakeshore

Lakeshore Camp & Retreat Center is hosting two separate Confirmation Retreats: **Feb 18-20** (Being Christian) and **Mar 25-27** (Being Methodist). For more info or to sponsor a scholarship, email **kris@peacetree.church**.



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