

**BEHOLD:  
O, Little Town of Bethlehem**

Advent 2022 Goals

- Behold: Pay attention to the centrality of Christ's coming in Scripture.
- Behold: Prioritize Christ's coming during the season.
- Behold: Pursue a deeper intimacy with Christ through personal engagement with Him and His story.
- Behold: Put "advent" into your year-round vocabulary.

Bethlehem Background

*The Birth of a Nation and the Death of the One Love (Genesis 35:1-29)*

*The Total Corruption of a Nation and Death Related to Religion (Judges 17-21)*

*The Death of a Family and the Birth of a King (Ruth)*

*The Death of a Nation and the Birth of a Covenant (Jeremiah 31:1-40)*

*The Birth of a Ruler who will be divine in the Context of Judgment (Micah 5:2)*

*The Birth of a Savior and the Death of the First Martyrs (Matthew 2:1-18)*

***God's plan of redemption has always involved  
a story that links birth and death in Bethlehem.***

**Next Steps**

- I will reorient my thinking about the placement of my story in God's story.
- I will meditate on the context and cost of my salvation.
- I will invite someone to the Christmas Eve Service.

### **This Week's Growth Guide**

God's Word is both central and critical to your spiritual growth. We invite you to utilize the Growth Guide during the week to further your application of the Truth from the message.

- **Monday** - [Genesis 35:1-40](#)
- **Tuesday** - [Ruth 1-2](#)
- **Wednesday** - [Ruth 3-4](#)
- **Thursday** - [Jeremiah 31:1-40](#)
- **Friday** - [Micah 5:1-15](#)

### **Finances**

Weekly Budget 31,390  
Giving For 12/04 31,030  
Giving FOR 12/11 31,531  
YTD Budget 753,354  
YTD Giving 683,869  
OVER/(UNDER) (69,485)

### **Generations Campaign**

Total Pledge 1,535,065  
Received-to-date 1,664,825

## **Christmas Eve and Christmas Candlelight Services**

Fellowship Christmas Eve services will be Saturday, December 24, 4:00 and 6:00 p.m.

Christmas Day, 10:45 a.m. the service will be the same as the Christmas Eve Service.

These will both be candlelight services, a Christmas message, a special time for kids, and worship.

### **New to Fellowship?**

We are so glad that you joined the Fellowship Family to worship this morning. If you are joining us for the first time or have been checking us out for a few weeks, we are excited you are here and would love to meet you. Please fill out the “Connect Card” and bring it to the Connection Center in the Atrium, we would love to say “hi” and give you a gift.

### **Get Connected in a Home Church**

Fellowship’s desire is for everyone to be relationally connected. The primary way we do this is in Home Churches – small groups that meet in living rooms to apply God’s Word, pray, and to serve together. Go to [fellowshipconway.org/home\\_church](http://fellowshipconway.org/home_church) for more information.

### **Fellowship 101**

We invite you to join us Sunday morning, January 22, at 9:00 a.m. to learn more about Fellowship. This is a great opportunity to learn about our mission, values, and ministries. If you’re new to Fellowship, join us in the conference room (first floor) to hear what God is doing and where He is taking us. During this time, you will meet some of our ministry leaders and ask questions. Register at [fellowshipconway.org/register](http://fellowshipconway.org/register).

### **Christmas Offering**

This year’s Christmas offering will go towards a master plan to refresh our main areas of welcome and fellowship not touched in the building addition and remodel of 2019, beginning with a refresh of the atrium, bathrooms, and kitchen. The updates will foster a warm and inviting space that is welcoming to all who come to Fellowship. We will take an offering on December 18 during both services. You can also give online by clicking [here](#).

### **New Years Day**

On Sunday, January 1, we will have one worship service at 10:45 a.m. Children of all ages will be joining their families so everyone has a chance to worship during the one service.

### **Perspectives**

God has a “world-sized” role for every Christian in His global purpose. Perspectives has equipped thousands of everyday believers with greater vision, hope, and passion. Join us Mondays from 6-9 pm starting January 16th. Come check out the first night for FREE! Visit [perspectives.org/conway](http://perspectives.org/conway) for more information.

### **Ministry Office Holiday Hours**

The Fellowship ministry office will be closed December 26, 27 and January 2 to enjoy time with friends and family.