



# The Messenger

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## The THING versus the IDEA of the THING

adapted from Regi Campbell's blog "Radically Mentoring"

Learning to recognize **the thing** versus **the idea of the thing** is huge.

A friend wanted a '66 yellow GTO like the one he had as a kid. One day, they saw it. It jumped out of his browser and grabbed him. The idea of his old GTO, with its black vinyl top, 8-track player, mag wheels, and loud mufflers was all there in his mind. All he had to do was bid.

The delivery guy rolled the car off the truck, and the fun began. He turned the key and it started. But the engine sounded like it had whooping cough. That started the search for a mechanic, a guy skilled at 50-year-old Pontiacs, but didn't charge an arm and a leg. He put in the 8-track; the music sounded like an AM radio station just before you go out of range. Every time it would rain, he resented the car taking up his regular car's parking space in the garage.

When we get an idea in

our mind, we visualize the thing in its best possible light. Any problems get ignored or suppressed because we don't want them to talk us out of our dream. Then when we get 'the thing,' the stuff we ignored hits us in the face. Where does this play out?

**Stuff** – Houses, cars, clothes . . . marketers are intent on getting us to buy into the idea of the (new) thing, so we'll want it bad enough to buy it.

**Relationships** – we get the idea of a new friend in our head this friend won't be like the one we have. A new friend is an idea of something real.

**Experiences** – The idea of watching the sunset on top of Springer Mountain after hiking the Appalachian Trail is a little different from doing it. The idea of lounging on the beach in Bali doesn't usually include the 23 hours on an airplane or the \$1,700 on your credit card for the ticket. The idea of having your kid play on the travel team is a lot dif-

ferent than the reality of it.

I read that expectations are premeditated resentments. The idea of the thing is usually connected to our expectations, the thing to reality. Resentment ultimately comes from the difference between the two. Instead of thoughtfully and prayerfully considering the thing itself, we buy into the idea of the thing and set ourselves up to resent the very thing we wanted so badly. So, what's the point here? **Pray & Think hard about what you're about to buy, who you're about to befriend, or what you're signing up to do.** Are you considering the thing? Or the idea of the thing? It's hard to beat making a classic pros and cons chart. Then invite people you love and trust to look at your work. Resist the temptation to shut out their input and stick to your guns. Avoid having a tombstone inscribed with "He wasn't confused with the facts; his mind was made up!"



### December Birthdays

Carrie Smith	01
Sharon Rayle	03
Jill Merrell	03
Michael Smith	09
Sierra Zirkle	19
Cookie Bruno	20
Joanne Murphy	21
Romeo DeMeo	25

### December Anniversaries



Kellie & Rev. Eric Anderson	07
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If you have a birthday or anniversary that needs updated, or know of someone's not listed, please email or call the church to let us know!

To stay updated on the latest of District news, go to:  
www.ncodistrict.org



## Mission Moments

Thank you to all who donated to Samaritans Purse and created Christmas Boxes. You will truly show the love of Jesus to a child this Christmas!



Looking for another way to give to others this December? Please donate yarn! Caryl's friend, Sammie is happy to make prayer shawls, lap robes and even hats and scarves for those in need. You may



place your donation in the tub under the Missions Table.

## Adopt-A-Family

There will be an Adopt-A-Family giving tree in the foyer in the month of December. If you would like to participate, please take an ornament off of the tree. Please return the wrapped gift AND the ornament tag, no later than **December 16th**. If you have any questions, or we run out of ornaments, please see Pastor Marcella.



## TEEN MINISTRY:

### Teen Quizzing

The teens meet during the Bible Study hour on Sunday mornings after the service to learn and discuss the book of John. Teen Quizzers can also join the teens at State Road Church on Sunday nights from 6:00-7:00 p.m. to practice the jump seats, work on memory verses and interact with quizzing team mates! The next Teen Quiz is the fun quiz at Mount Vernon First Church on December 7-8. If you have any questions regarding Teen Quizzing, please see Harold Kimmey.



## CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES:

### Children's Quizzing

The children are studying the book of Acts this year. They meet during the Bible Study hour on Sunday mornings. If you have any questions regarding Children's Quizzing, please see Pastor Marcella Rivera as SDMI President.



### Quiz Meet Schedule:

- December 1, 10 am at Sandusky Community Church
- January 12, 10 am at Parkside Church
- February 24, 4 pm at Sandusky Community Church
- March 10, 4 pm at Wooster Church

- May 18 at MVNU Regional Quiz

### Next Children's Event:

Babysitting and a Movie!  
**Friday, December 14** from 6:00-8:30 p.m. featuring, The Star.

Adult and Teen volunteers are needed for this event.



# Babysitting & a Movie



Babysitting and Movie is a new twist on a old favorite.

We are still offering free babysitting to our Child Care Center, Church and now Local Community Families on December 14 from 6:00-8:30 p.m.

We will provide dinner, fun games and watch The Star together!

To register your 6 week old to 6th grader for this event, please go to:

www.parknaz.org. To volunteer, sign up at the Opportunity Table, or see Pastor Marcella. We need at least 13 volunteers to make this event safe and fun for everyone!

# New Year's Eve Service/Party

Join us at 7:30 p.m. for a 30 minute service to pray in the New Year. At 8:00 p.m. there will be a service project and fun games for the whole family. Please join us and bring a friend to ring in the new year together! You may come and go anytime as you please, but we will be here until midnight to welcome 2019! Please bring snacks to share.

*(Reminder: Please label if your treat contains Peanuts/Tree-Nuts.)* See Pastor Marcella Rivera with any questions.



# Child Care Center Events:



The Child Care Center Christmas Concert is Sunday, December 2 at 10:00 a.m. with a church sponsored reception to follow.



The church is offering babysitting to the CCC families as well as church and community parents. It will be on Friday, December 14 from 6:00-8:30 p.m. and will have fun games and feature the movie The Star.

The Center hours on December 24 and December 31 are 6:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.. We are closed on Christmas Day and New Year's Day.

If you have any questions, please see Cheryl Szczepanski or Pastor Marcella in the Child Care Center Office.



# Wednesday Nights:

6:30 p.m.

**YOUTH MINISTRY:** 5th-12th graders will continue to meet with Pastor Stephen and Elizabeth Ruple. The Bible Study begins with a fun game!

**ADULT PRAYER &**

**BIBLE STUDY:**

The Adults will be led by Rev. Jim VanderSchuur. We will continue to study LifeSong

from Right Now Media.

There will be no Wednesday night study on December 26 and January 2.



**PRAISE TEAM:**

meets in the sanctuary. If you have any questions or would like to join the Praise Team, please see Sharla Zirkle.



# December 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>2 <b>10:00 a.m.</b> CCC Christmas Concert Reception to Follow <b>Finance Com Mtg</b> <b>5:30 p.m.</b> Teen Quiz Practice (S.R.)</p>	3	<p>4 <b>10:00 a.m.</b> Ladies Bible Study</p> <p><b>6:30 p.m.</b> Life Group</p>	<p>5 <b>6:30 p.m.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Children/Youth</li> <li>• Adult Bible Study</li> <li>• Praise Team</li> </ul>	<p>6 <b>10:30 a.m.</b> AA Mtg.</p> <p><b>6:00 p.m.</b> <b>Board Dinner</b></p>	7	8
<p>9 <b>10:00 a.m.</b> Worship Life Bible Study</p>	10	11	<p>12 <b>6:30 p.m.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Children/Youth</li> <li>• Adult Bible Study</li> <li>• Praise Team</li> </ul>	<p>13 <b>10:30 a.m.</b> AA Mtg.</p>	<p>14 <b>6:00 p.m.</b> Babysitting</p> 	15
<p>16 <b>9:15 a.m.</b> <b>Ladies Prayer</b> <b>10:00 a.m.</b> Worship Life Bible Study <b>5:30 p.m.</b> Teen Quiz Practice (S.R.)</p>	17	18	<p>19 <b>6:30 p.m.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Children/Youth</li> <li>• Adult Bible Study</li> <li>• Praise Team</li> </ul>	<p>20 <b>10:30 a.m.</b> AA Mtg.</p>	21	22
<p>23 <b>10:00 a.m.</b> Worship</p>	<p>24 <b>6:30 p.m.</b> Carols &amp; Candles</p>	<p>25</p> 	<p>26 <i>No Wednesday Night Services</i></p>	<p>27 <b>10:30 a.m.</b> AA Mtg.</p>	28	29
<p>30 <b>10:00 a.m.</b> Worship</p>	<p>31  <b>7:30 p.m.</b> New Year's Eve Service &amp; Party</p>	<p>1 </p>	<p>2 <i>No Wednesday Night Services</i></p>	<p>3 <b>10:30 a.m.</b> AA Mtg.</p>	4	5
					<p>Teen Fun Quiz @ Mount Vernon First</p>	<p>CCC Christmas Party</p>
						<p>Senior Breakfast</p>