



## SERMON NOTES

December 22, 2024

Speaker: Dr. Brian Bennett

### “Make Room”

#### Christmas Stories: “Make room”

God will always “make room” in His \_\_\_\_\_.

[Luke 2:1-5; John 1:9; 14 (Msg)]

- When we \_\_\_\_\_, we “make room” for God’s plans.

God uses humble \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ that “make room” for His glory.

[Luke 2:6-12]

- The names that matter are \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.

To “make room” for God takes being \_\_\_\_\_, intentional, and \_\_\_\_\_.

[Luke 2:13-20; Romans 10:8-15]

#### Next Step Questions:

- Will you “make room” for Him to be made known to you?
- Will you “make room” to make him known to others?



**Pathway Group Discussion Questions:**

***Note: 1, and 8-9 are general questions asked at Pathway weekly.***

1. How is God at work in and around your life?
2. Read John 10:10. Pastor Brian said, “When we “make room” for God we open the door to abundant life”. How have you experienced this in your own life?
3. Read Luke 2:1-5. How did God work in time and space to orchestrate His plan? How does His historic faithfulness, goodness, and sovereignty encourage you today?
4. What does it mean to “trust and obey” to “make room” for God’s plans? How did Joseph, Mary, and even the inn keeper do that?
5. Read Luke 2:6-12. How does the historical context with Bethlehem, and the manger, and the shepherds highlight the need for humility?
6. Verse 11 calls out that Jesus is, “Savior, Christ, and Lord”. How has He been this in your life?
7. Read Luke 2:13-20. Pastor Brian said, “to “make room” for God takes being interruptible, intentional, and influential. How do we see these three with the shepherds? What would it mean for you to embrace all three in 2025?
8. How did you answer the next step questions this week?
  - Will you “make room” for Him to be made known to you?
  - Will you “make room” to make him known to others?
9. How can we pray for you and support you this week?

**Note for life group leaders: if you need additional support or resources due to the depth of the verses and topics covered don’t hesitate to reach out:**

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**December 8 – December 14, 2024**

## **FINANCIALS**

\$60,479 up 72.8% to budget for W/E 12/14/24  
\$1,847,879 up 0.6% to budget for Year to Date  
-\$29,833 Net Revenue after including other income through November 2024  
\$270,421 for Missions or 15.1% of General Giving YTD  
through November 2024

## **CONNECT**

Total Worship Attendance: 953  
Online: 52  
TWC Attendance Sunday: 532  
Kids Sunday: 167  
Students: 202

## **GROW**

Baptisms (YTD): 82  
Discipleship Groups: 151  
Salvations (YTD): 110

## **SERVE**

People Fed at Food Pantry: 62  
Weekly Volunteers: 111