

DIFFERENCEMAKERS OF CHRISTMAS: LIVE AGAIN

Dec 6, 2015 • Pastor Gregg Matte • Isaiah 11:1–2 (p. 445 in HCSB provided)

► A stump is a place of previous _____ and _____
present death.

► Thankfully, Jesus gives _____.
• 29 generations from Jesse to Jesus. *Matthew 1*

JESSE TREE RESOURCES:

Unwrapping the Greatest Gift
by Ann Voskamp
The Advent Jesse Tree
by Dean Meador Lambert

► New life is found through _____.
Isaiah 11:2

- He renews our _____ — wisdom and understanding
- He _____ our life — counsel (*Isaiah 9:6*) and strength
- He turns our _____ — knowledge and fear of the Lord

BE A DIFFERENCEMAKER

“Nowhere in the book of Acts do you see the word ‘church’ used to describe a building where people gather on Sunday mornings. In Acts, the church is the people of God in love with God doing the will of God. . . We need to restore the original biblical vision of the church to a movement, radiating into the world with a sense of power and purpose, changing lives, impacting the culture, accomplishing a mission.” (from Unstoppable by Gregg Matte, p. 19)

To foster this vision of being the church:

1. Instead of talking about the church you “go to,” talk about the church you are “a part of.”
2. Prayerfully consider ways you can join with others to be the church in your community, workplace, school, etc.
3. Write notes to people who would benefit from encouragement, appreciation, etc.

Share your stories at HoustonsFirst.org/MyStory and on social media with **#diffmakers**.

WEEK AT A GLANCE

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Visit HoustonsFirst.org/Volunteer for details about the following opportunities and nearly 100 other ways you can serve His Kingdom.

PEACE OFFICER TEAM

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INTERNATIONAL STUDENT FRIENDSHIP MINISTRY TEAM

Local Missions

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BAPTISM PHOTOGRAPHER

Prayer, Missions & Connection Center

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FOOD PANTRY/CLOTHES CLOSET TEAM

Faith Center

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LORD'S SUPPER PREPARATION TEAM

Adult Enrichment

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COURTESY CART DRIVERS

Welcome Team

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- Great Commission Budget
- Local Missions
- Benevolence
- Unstoppable Gospel: The Offering (also known as the World Mission Offering)

DECISIONS NOV 29, 2015

Baptized

Chester Ashong
Josh Inderrieden

Matt Slataper

For Baptism

Christine Farmer
Julio Guerrero

Yvonne Hernandez
Hannah Lee

From Other Fellowship

Susie Arbizu
Oliver Debayle

Joan Hartland
Justin Russell

Statement

Amanda Coonts
Mike DeFelice



BIRTHS

- Justin & Kelley Ramsey in the birth of their son, Greyson Reid.
- Leigh & Whitney Martin in the birth of their son, Douglas Leigh.
- Will & Parrish Sparkman in the birth of their daughter, Aubrey Ohree.



ATTENDANCE NOV 29, 2015

Life Bible Studies did not meet on Sun, Nov 29	—
Mission Bible Study	239
Total Bible Study	239



Week ending Nov 29, 2015	5
First-time givers	720
Total number of givers	720
Great Commission Giving total	\$317,439

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