

DIFFERENCEMAKERS OF CHRISTMAS — PART 2: THE JESSE TREE BLOOMS

Dec 13, 2015 • Pastor Gregg Matte • Isaiah 11:3–10 (p. 445 in HCSB provided)

▶ **Jesus is a** _____.
Psalm 37:4, 40:8, 119:1

• Our depth depends on our _____.

▶ **Jesus is** _____ and _____.
1 Chronicles 16:34; Psalm 57:10; Ephesians 6:14

▶ **Jesus brings** _____.
Psalm 29:11; Isaiah 26:3; John 16:33

BE A DIFFERENCEMAKER

The Christmas season is a great time to build relationships with those who live around you. NextGen Minister Doug Bischoff shares these ideas for opening “relational doors” in your neighborhood as you seek to be missional this Christmas:

- 1. Open the door with food!** Bake some treats and share some with your neighbors. It’s surprising how receptive private people can be when presented a gift like food.
- 2. Open the door with service!** Putting up Christmas lights and decorations is hard work. Volunteer to help those around you, especially elderly neighbors needing some younger hands.
- 3. Open the door with cards!** You may send Christmas cards to distant friends and family, but what about the people on your street or in your building?
- 4. Open the door with an invitation!** Invite a neighbor to share a meal with you, or to join you at a Christmas Eve service.

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

WEEK AT A GLANCE

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

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MENTOR COUPLES

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JAIL/PRISON MINISTRY TEAM

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COFFEE BREW MASTERS

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WELCOME CENTER

Welcome Team

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ASSISTED LISTENING DEVICES

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

DECISIONS DEC 6, 2015

From Other Fellowship

Jessica Arita

Nestor Arita

Barbara Hudson

Eric Ober

Lizzy Ober

Olivia Ober

Rebekah Ober

Phillip Pappas

BIRTHS

- Jason & Sherry Goodwin in the birth of their daughter, Riley Jean.
- Joshua & Jennifer Brown in the birth of their son, Luke Harvey.
- Eldad & Raluca Simon in the birth of their son, Lucan Eldad.
- John & Julie Robertson in the birth of their daughter, Elizabeth Grace.

SYMPATHIES

- John & Terri Tharp in the loss of her mother, Helen Parsley.
- Allen (deacon) & Dana O'Neal in the loss of her brother, Donald Webb; Hailey O'Neal, niece.
- Paul & Betty Wilson in the loss of her mother, Alma Powers Dudley; Chris and Kaitlyn Wilson, grandchildren.
- Clark & Rebecca Dalton in the loss of his grandmother, Catlett Williams; Andrew and Caroline, great-grandchildren.
- Nick & Emily Franks in the loss of his father, Nick Franks.
- Kim Shelby (staff) in loss of her grandmother; Mark & Alicia Adams in the loss of her grandmother. Shelby and Robert Adams in the loss of their great-grandmother.
- Jody Rogers in the loss of his aunt, June Ousley.

ATTENDANCE DEC 6, 2015

Life Bible Study (all campuses)	4,828
Mission Bible Study	196
Total Bible Study	5,024

Generosity
AT HOUSTON'S FIRST

Week ending Dec 6, 2015

First-time givers	33
Total number of givers	1,437
Great Commission Giving total	\$664,093

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