

LUKE 2:8-10, "AND THERE WERE SHEPHERDS LIVING OUT IN THE FIELDS NEARBY, KEEPING WATCH OVER THEIR FLOCKS AT NIGHT. AN ANGEL OF THE LORD APPEARED TO THEM, AND THE GLORY OF THE LORD SHONE AROUND THEM, **AND THEY WERE TERRIFIED.** BUT THE ANGEL SAID TO THEM, "**DO NOT BE AFRAID.....**"

4. KING HEROD FACED THE FEAR OF _____

MATTHEW 2:1-3, "JESUS WAS BORN IN BETHLEHEM IN JUDEA, DURING THE REIGN OF KING HEROD. ABOUT THAT TIME SOME WISE MEN FROM EASTERN LANDS ARRIVED IN JERUSALEM, ASKING, 'WHERE IS THE NEWBORN **KING OF THE JEWS?** WE SAW HIS STAR AS IT ROSE, AND WE HAVE COME TO WORSHIP HIM.'" **KING HEROD WAS DEEPLY DISTURBED WHEN HE HEARD THIS,** AS WAS EVERYONE IN JERUSALEM.

5. ZECHARIAH FACED THE FEAR OF BEING _____

*"There can be no deep disappointment where there is not deep love."
"We must accept finite disappointment, but never lose infinite hope."*

Martin Luther King, Jr.

"Evil lurks where disappointment lodges."

George Foreman

LUKE 1:11-13, "THEN AN ANGEL OF THE LORD APPEARED TO HIM, STANDING AT THE RIGHT SIDE OF THE ALTAR OF INCENSE. WHEN ZECHARIAH SAW HIM, **HE WAS STARTLED AND WAS GRIPPED WITH FEAR.** BUT THE ANGEL SAID TO HIM: '**DO NOT BE AFRAID, ZECHARIAH: YOUR PRAYER HAS BEEN HEARD.**'"

HOW CAN YOU DEFEAT THE FEARS THAT HOLD YOU BACK?

DO THE THINGS GOD TOLD THEM TO DO AT THE FIRST CHRISTMAS!

1. _____ MY LIFE COMPLETELY TO GOD

LUKE 1:38, "MARY SAID, '**I AM THE LORD'S SERVANT, AND I AM WILLING TO DO WHATEVER HE WANTS.** MAY EVERYTHING YOU SAID COME TRUE.' AND THEN THE ANGEL DISAPPEARED.

2. BASE YOUR HOPE ON THE _____ OF GOD.

LUKE 1:45, "YOU ARE BLESSED **BECAUSE YOU BELIEVED THAT THE LORD WOULD DO WHAT HE SAID.**"

3. _____ GOD'S CHRISTMAS GIFT TO YOU: SORRY..... THANK YOU.....PLEASE

Fill in the blanks: inadequacy, disapproval, unexpected change, losing control, disappointed, surrender, promises, receive

Christmas
WITH PURPOSE
FESTIVAL

8:30am | Christmas Choir and Orchestra
10am | Outdoor Contemporary
11:30am | Indoor Contemporary

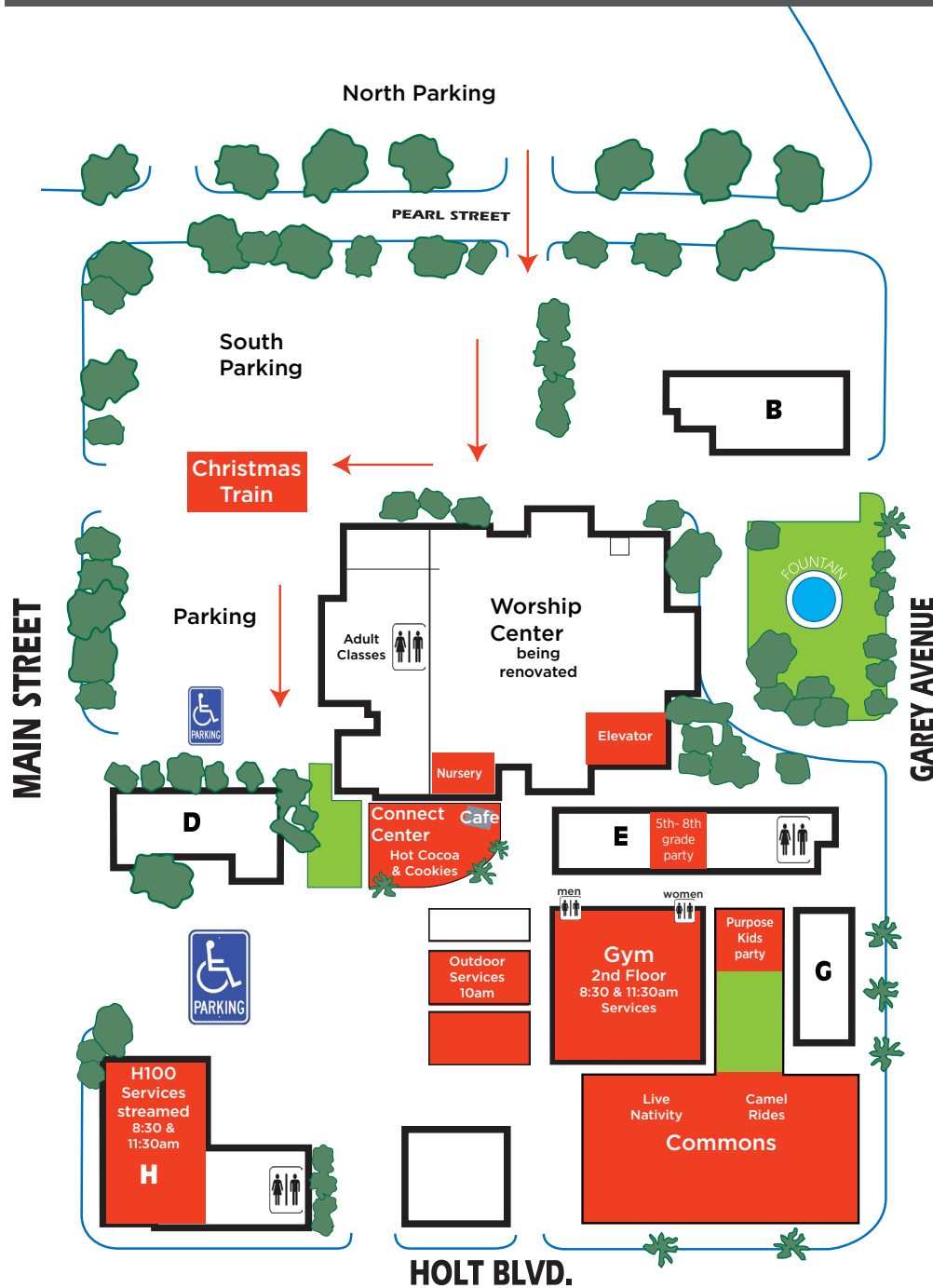
Christmas parties for Nursery-8th Grade at 10 & 11:30

LIVE NATIVITY AND CAMEL RIDES
9:30-1:30PM

HOT COCOA, COOKIES, CAROLERS
9:30-1:30PM

CHRISTMAS TRAIN AND TRAM
RUNNING UNTIL 11:30AM

CAMPUS MAP



A "FEAR-NOT" CHRISTMAS (DEFEATING THE FEARS THAT HOLD ME BACK)

"For millions this Christmas, it's not a cheerful time, but a fearful time. To them it's not a merry Christmas, but a scary Christmas."

Rick Warren

FEARS THAT PEOPLE HAD AT THE FIRST CHRISTMAS:

1. MARY HAD TO FACE THE FEAR OF _____

LUKE 1:29-31, "**MARY WAS GREATLY TROUBLED AT HIS WORDS** AND WONDERED WHAT KIND OF GREETING THIS MIGHT BE. BUT THE ANGEL SAID TO HER, "**DO NOT BE AFRAID, MARY**; YOU HAVE FOUND FAVOR WITH GOD. YOU WILL CONCEIVE AND GIVE BIRTH TO A SON, AND YOU ARE TO CALL HIM JESUS."

"I'm pretty sure the feeling of inadequacy is universal for moms."

Sarah Drew

2. JOSEPH HAD TO FACE THE FEAR OF _____

MATTHEW 1:18-20, "THIS IS HOW THE BIRTH OF JESUS THE MESSIAH CAME ABOUT: HIS MOTHER MARY WAS PLEDGED TO BE MARRIED TO JOSEPH, BUT BEFORE THEY CAME TOGETHER, SHE WAS FOUND TO BE PREGNANT THROUGH THE HOLY SPIRIT. **BECAUSE JOSEPH HER HUSBAND WAS FAITHFUL TO THE LAW, AND YET DID NOT WANT TO EXPOSE HER TO PUBLIC DISGRACE, HE HAD IN MIND TO DIVORCE HER QUIETLY.** BUT AFTER HE HAD CONSIDERED THIS, AN ANGEL OF THE LORD APPEARED TO HIM IN A DREAM AND SAID, "**JOSEPH SON OF DAVID, DO NOT BE AFRAID** TO TAKE MARY HOME AS YOUR WIFE, BECAUSE WHAT IS CONCEIVED IN HER IS FROM THE HOLY SPIRIT."

3. THE SHEPHERDS FACED THE FEAR OF _____

"Life is not what you expect: it is made up of the most unexpected twists and turns."

Ilaiyaraaja