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The Most Magnificent Gift of All

When you think about the way Jesus was born in comparative obscurity, he never did all the typical things that usually denote greatness.

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Yet he changed all of history around the world in the three and half years of his ministry. When we talk about biblical history, you have B.C and A.D. before Christ and after death, the year of our Lord. If you look in the encyclopedia or go to a museum of science, it doesn't cast doubt on whether or not he lived.

While Buddha and India might have had some profound sayings along with Krishna, Mo-

hammad, and different religions of the world, nobody spoke like Jesus and none of them died as a sacrifice for the sins of the world. There's something very clearly different about Jesus. None of the other religious leaders of the world said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life."

There are over 300 Old Testament prophecies that talk about what to expect when the Messiah comes. In the first prophecy, God was speaking to Adam and Eve after the fall in Genesis 3:15: "And I will put enmity between you and the woman and between thy seed and her seed. He shall bruise thy head, and he shall bruise his heel." This promised seed came through humanity as the Messiah or Christ.

In the New Testament, you will see that they

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Anne Childers, Staff Writer



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Merry Christmas!

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Wishing you a Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year

Faith and Hope Care Center

The Care Center was established first as a healing center for individuals seeking a safe and encouraging place where they can be restored and comforted from life's hurts. The Care Center is a solid, balanced, inter-denominational ministry that is recommended by both Christian ministries and alternative faith-based health and healing organizations. Faith & Hope Care Center offers anonymity and confidentiality in a secure, faith-based environment. Our fees are on a sliding scale based on income. CALL US TODAY AT 813-415-6756 TO SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT.

Grace Lutheran Church Activities

Grace Lutheran Church at Carrollwood, located at 3714 West Linebaugh Avenue, has many activities free and open for the public to enjoy in the month of December.

Saturday, December 3 from 5:00 -8:00pm, guests can see what it might have been like in Bethlehem on the night when Jesus was born. Exhibits include a bakery, marketplace, scribe, and more. Those attending can talk with villagers and Roman guards and participate in a retelling of the Nativity story.

Sunday, December 11 at 4:30pm there will be a concert of Lessons and Carols presented by the Grace Lutheran Chancel Choir with orchestra. The concert includes anthems and carols arranged by British composer John Rutter. A reception will follow the concert in the Connections Gathering Center. The concert is free but a free will offering will be received for the Homeless Vets of Tampa.

Happy Birthday Jesus will be on Sunday, December 18 at 9:45am to celebrate Jesus' birth. Children will be treated to a birthday party with cake, punch, stories, crafts, and games. Adults may enjoy coffee, cake, and fellowship.

Christmas Eve Services will be on Saturday, December 24. There will be a Family Service at 5:00pm in the main Sanctuary and a Quiet Christmas Service at 6:30pm in Grace Memorial Chapel with communion. Carols & Candlelight Services are at 8:00 & 10:30pm with communion in the main Sanctuary. All are welcome to celebrate Christmas Eve at Grace.

On Sunday, December 25 at 10am there will be a celebration of Jesus' birth with Christmas carols and hymns sung with communion.

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Tampa Bay Times Masterworks Beethoven's Violin Concerto

TFO Concertmaster Jeffrey Multer steps into the spotlight for Beethoven's beloved Violin Concerto, under the baton of popular returning conductor Joshua Weilerstein, who in his late 20s is already artistic director of the Orchestre de Chambre de Lausanne in Switzerland. Also: Shostakovich's Symphony No. 10, his deeply personal and first major work following the oppressive years of the Stalinist regime. Get the full stories at the pre-concert conversation, one hour before the performance in the concert hall.

Fri., Dec. 2, 8pm, Straz Center
Sat., Dec. 3, 8pm, Mahaffey Theater
Sun., Dec. 4, 7:30pm, Ruth Eckerd Hall
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Have a jolly good time with the whole family, with Sleigh Ride, White Christmas, What Child is This, Trans-Siberian Orchestra's Carol of the Bells and a holiday sing-along. Jeff Tyzik will be your very merry host along with vocalist Doug LaBrecque. Now with two matinees that won't spoil anybody's bedtime.

Fri., Dec. 9, 8pm, Straz Center

Sat., Dec. 10, 2pm and 8pm, Mahaffey Theater – Matinee Added!
Sun., Dec. 11, 2pm and 7:30pm, Ruth Eckerd Hall – Matinee Added!
Tickets: \$15, \$30 & \$45
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Wed., Dec. 14, 11am, Ruth Eckerd Hall
Thurs., Dec. 15, 11am, Mahaffey Theater
Tickets: \$24, \$29, \$34, & \$42

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Wishing you a very Merry Christmas & a Happy New!

**Faith Outreach Center
December Events**

Saturday, December 3rd
Christmas Outreach 10 - 1pm

Monday, December 12th
Academy Christmas Program

An Out of the Box Christmas - 7pm

Sunday, December 18th
The Greatest Gift - Christmas Cantata - 10:45am

Saturday, December 24th
Christmas Eve Candle Light Service - 6pm

Sunday, December 25th
Christmas Service - 10:45am


Saturday, December 31st
New Years Eve Service - 6 - 9pm

Sunday, January 1st
New Years Day Service - 10:45am

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Anne Childers, Staff Writer



When Tampa Bay natives Dana and James Spears decided to open a business in 2006, they choose air conditioning, an always needed service in the Florida climate.

“We felt there was a demand for an honest, reliable, customer service-orientated air conditioning business in the Tampa Bay area,” says Dana, who functions as Cornerstone’s business owner while husband James manages operations for the decade-old company.

But the couple wasn’t satisfied to stop with only air-conditioning and heating. Now going into the 11th year in business, Cornerstone has added both plumbing and electrical maintenance and repair to the list of services offered. The entrepreneurs added plumbing repair and service to the extensive menu three years ago and brought electrical services on board two years ago. “We are a one-stop location for all your major home and business systems,” notes Dana.

The growth and expansion of the Land O’ Lakes based business has provided nearly 60 jobs for local skilled technicians, with a fleet of 30 vehicles to serve the entire Tampa Bay area. Some of those jobs are staffed by Dana

and James’ own family. “We are fully family owned and operated,” says Dana. “Eight family members spanning three generations work together to deliver guaranteed services and products to our clients.”

Additionally, this civic-minded couple gives back to the community, supporting local schools and charities annually while maintaining memberships in all local Chambers of Commerce.

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