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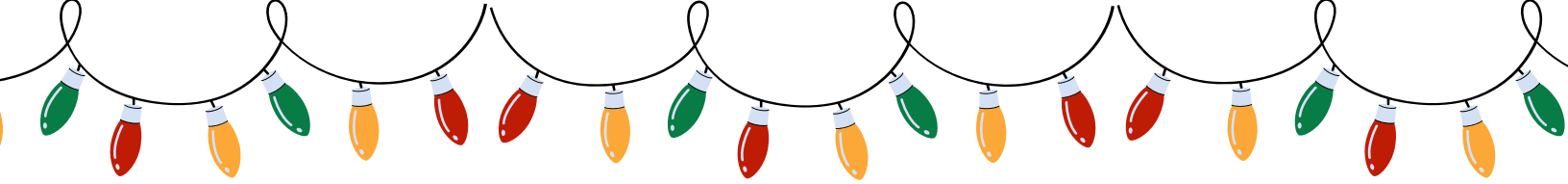
*By Jason Allen, Pastor of LifeConnection*

What if your church had too many leaders? I know it's not a reality many of us face. The busy pastor is trying to meet needs, care for people effectively, prepare for Christmas Eve services, and so much more. But what if we had individuals co-laboring with us in the mission of the church—meeting needs, caring for people, preparing for Christmas Eve services, and more? Many of us wonder if this is even possible. We lead average-sized churches and lack an abundance of leaders. Yet, what if we could equip those around us for the work of ministry (Eph. 4:12)?

This can become a reality for any church that cultivates a disciple-making culture, equipping people to walk closely with Jesus, training them to disciple others, and developing aspiring leaders for their local church. This isn't a church growth strategy; it's a way of life achievable within the local church.....

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## CHRISTMAS - THE MOST INTERNATIONAL OF EVENTS

*By Gregg Boll, Executive Director of Missions*

One of the characteristics of our Association that I derive the greatest joy from is how diverse we are. We partner and serve alongside churches from every continent on the globe. The beautiful truth about Christmas that rings out each year is that Jesus was born as a Savior and gift to the whole world. After saving Cornelius, being from a radically different culture than his own, Peter finally learns experientially the truth of the gospel that God is no respecter of persons, He shows no partiality in who He chooses to save. He has no favorites and so loves the world of people from every nation, tongue and tribe that He is willing to give His one and only Son as an atonement for their sins. (Acts 10:34)

Consider the international nature of the announcement of Christ's birth: 8 In the same region there were some shepherds staying out in the fields and keeping watch over their flock at night. 9 And an angel of the Lord suddenly stood near them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them; and they were terribly frightened. 10 And so the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of great joy which will be for all the people; 11 for today in the city of David there has been born for you a Savior, who is [h]Christ the Lord. (Luke 2)

Because of what happened in Bethlehem of Judea 2000 years ago, a great movement of God in the world was set in motion that has transformed the history of the world more than any other single event. This movement, embodied in the Church and empowered by its message, the gospel is so perennial and worldwide in scope that you and I are still celebrating it over two millennia later.....

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10500 E 350 HIGHWAY, RAYTOWN

MARCH 7TH, 2025 AT 6:30PM

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CHRISTMAS

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December 24th - January 1st  
We will reopen January 2nd