



# Life Together

From the Pastor's Desk....

## Home for the Holidays

Dear New Covenant Family,

This week's article will be a post from Tony Reinke, who is commenting on a sermon from C.H. Spurgeon. May we be encouraged to *make much of Christ* as we "go home for the holidays!"

Grateful for your fellowship,

Pastor David Sunday

[Home for the Holidays](#)



On Sunday morning, December 21, 1856, Charles Spurgeon preached a sermon to prepare his growing church for the coming Christmas season.

*(Continued on page 2)*

**Merry Christmas and  
Happy New Year  
From the Staff of NCBC!**

**We want to send a heartfelt and joyous greeting from all of us to all of you! May God richly bless you this Christmas and in the coming year.**

**It is our joy and privilege to serve you here at New Covenant and to serve our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, whose birth we celebrate this week.**

## For His Glory!

Pastor David Sunday  
Pastor Dave DeHaan  
Pastor Dan Huff  
Pastor David Sommer

Ginny DeMott  
Reba Gordon  
Donna Strand

*Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel" ~Matthew 1:23*



**To bring glory to God  
through Spirit-transformed lives  
by the beauty and power of the gospel of Jesus Christ**

New Covenant Bible Church  
4N780 Randall Road  
St. Charles, IL 60175

630.584.2611

Pastor's Desk continued.....

He titled it "[Going Home](#)," and the aim of the message was to encourage each member of his congregation to humbly, wisely, and appropriately find opportunities to share their personal testimony with family and friends.

Spurgeon had become the pastor of New Park Street Church in April 1854. At that time the church had 232 members. By Christmas of 1856 the membership had risen quickly to around [4,000](#). A large number of newly converted Christians needed to be prepared for their return home for Christmas.

Spurgeon's sermon text was taken from the dramatic account of Jesus healing the Gerasene demoniac in [Mark 5:1-20](#). Spurgeon focused his attention on Jesus's commission to the man after he was healed: "Go home to your friends and tell them how much the Lord has done for you, and how he has had mercy on you" (v. 19). After explaining the demoniac's radical life-transformation by Christ and his commission to go home, Spurgeon commissioned his church to return home. In the remainder of the sermon Spurgeon develops several practical points:

- Christmas is suited for sharing the gospel with family and friends.
- Aim to share the story of God's grace in your life.
- By sharing we edify believers.
- By sharing we reach lost friends and family.
- Be alert for one-on-one opportunities to share your story.
- Don't expect this sharing to be easy.
- Overcome this fear by sharing to honor your Savior.
- Share your story with gratitude to God.
- Share your story with humility.
- Share your story truthfully—don't embellish it.
- Tell your story seriously—don't share it flippantly.

- Don't neglect your personal devotions during Christmas.
- Rest upon the Holy Spirit's help to share.
- Remember that this story you share over the holidays is the story that will be on your lips eternally.

A pdf of this post is available [here](#) (7 pages). You are free to download, email, print, or copy this file as you wish.

May the Savior be glorified this Christmas season as we gather with friends and family.



### Special Christmas Offering

The opportunity for you to give to the special offering has been extended to December 31. Please use the green envelopes in the back of the sanctuary chairs, or just write, "Christmas Offering" on the memo line of your check. Half of the offering goes toward the Wendell Kempton Hospital in Togo, West Africa and the other half to the regular needs of the church.

We praise God that to date we have received \$24,793. Thanks to all who gave, and praise God for your giving spirit and generosity.



*Due to the Christmas and New Year's holidays there will be no newsletter next week. The newsletter will resume on January 5, 2011.*

## Services

**Christmas Eve Service is at 4:00 p.m.**

**December 26 we will have one Worship Service at 10:00 a.m.**

**January 2 we will have one Worship Service at 10:00 a.m.**



### Luke 2:8-11

And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with fear. And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.

