

Pastor Brian's
Mid Week Message
Wednesday December 4, 2019

LIGHT IT UP!



On Saturday and Sunday I went about the task of decorating the exterior of our home for Christmas. This is not a monumental effort as all it entails is suspending one string of lights along the eaves from the garage around the side of the house to the side door, and plugging it in. Although, we did add a few things this year; a very tastefully tacky plastic Santa Claus (lighted from within) and a couple of spiraling Christmas trees to bring just that much more festiveness to our display. This is the time of year that the darkness of night of its longest duration. Our outdoor Christmas decorations help to pierce that darkness and remind people of the light of Christ that has come into the world, for whom we celebrate the birth of in December. The bright colors point us to the beauty that God has given to us in His creation with a foretaste of the incredible colors that will overwhelm our senses when we reach His heavenly kingdom by faith in the completed work of Jesus; His life, death and resurrection. Now I have heard reports that there are some among us who have taken the idea of piercing the darkness to extremes; who's Christmas light displays have been spotted from the International Space Station. I don't think that I'll ever be able to muster up that degree of ambition and energy, so I don't plan to try to compete. But all of us, in our own ways, can shine the light of Christ into the Christmas celebrations that we take part in. A light that our secular culture is increasingly trying to extinguish.