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## UPCOMING EVENTS AND NEWS

### IS GOD CALLING YOU TO LEAD A CONNECT GROUP? — Apply by January 1

*Is God calling you to lead a Winter/Spring Connect Group to help us go deeper together? It could be a prayer group, a hiking group, a Bible study, or even a gathering just to share and carry each other's burdens. Just as long as it comes back to Jesus being at the center. If you've never led a group before, we'll give you some guidelines to follow. It is very simple. Ask God about it now. And if you feel prompted, apply to lead a group at [www.mydestiny.family/apply-to-lead](http://www.mydestiny.family/apply-to-lead).*

### END OF YEAR GIVING

*As we think about our end-of-year financial donations, would you consider sowing an extra financial gift to Destiny? These gifts enable us to finish the year stronger.*

### CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE — Wednesday, Dec. 24, 5:00 pm

*Join us for a warm, intimate evening of worship, carols, and Scripture as we celebrate the birth of Jesus. Enjoy photo spots by our evergreen trees and complimentary hot cocoa. All are welcome!*

### WORSHIP + WAIT — Wednesday, Dec. 31, 4-to-6:00 pm

*A reflective, live worship set in the sanctuary. We'll create space to pause, listen, and lean into what God is speaking as we enter 2026. Bring your journal, or use one of our provided reflection sheets. Let's seek Jesus together and begin the year aligned with His purpose for our lives and our Destiny family.*

### THE GATHERING — Saturday, January 3, 6:00 pm @ the Pure Bean Hub

*Join us for a powerful night of prophetic worship and Holy Spirit outpouring at Pure Bean Coffee. All men are welcome—come ready to seek Jesus together and start the new year in His presence.*

### 21 DAYS OF PRAYER + FASTING — January 5 through 25

*Let's pray together, Church! United across the globe, Foursquare churches are setting aside Jan. 5-25, 2026, for 21 Days of Prayer + Fasting. Sign up now at [FoursquarePrayer.org](http://FoursquarePrayer.org) to join in, and each day in January, you'll receive an emailed devotional to guide your time with Scripture, reflection, and prayer. Enjoy writing in the margins? You can download a free book or buy a full-color version from Amazon. There is even a book for kids and families!*

### FINDING YOUR DESTINY GROWTH TRACK— Sunday, January 11, 1:00-4:00 pm

**INTERESTED IN BECOMING A MEMBER?** Pastor Valerie will be hosting the Finding Your Destiny Growth Track in January. We encourage you to attend. Especially new visitors who want to find out what we are all about, members who wish to learn more about themselves and how they can fit and serve in our body, and anyone who wants to lead a small group, volunteer team, or serve in hands-on ministry.

### MEN'S GAME NIGHT — Saturday, January 17, 6:00 pm

*Bring your favorite family-friendly board or dice games and enjoy a night of gaming, fellowship, and snacks. There is no cost for this event. Snacks will be provided.*

We love capturing moments of worship and community. Photos and videos may be taken today for Destiny Foursquare's online and promotional use. If you'd rather not appear, let our Welcome Team know.

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## MESSAGE NOTES

12.14.25 | ALL THIS WAY: A Christmas Story That Reminds Us God Is Near

### EMMANUEL, THE GOD WHO IS (REALLY) WITH US

- If Christmas has ever felt heavy to you, you're not broken, you're \_\_\_\_\_.

*And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us....* **John 1:14a NASB**

- God came all this way because \_\_\_\_\_ is the point.

*...while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.* **Romans 5:8b NASB**

- God has a \_\_\_\_\_ of coming close to broken people. *This is who He has always been.*

*The Lord is near to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit.* **Psalms 34:18 NASB**

- Presence over \_\_\_\_\_ is God's way. *He comes to us.*

### RELATIONAL RHYTHMS TO EXPERIENCE HIS PRESENCE

1. HOST \_\_\_\_\_: *Tell God the truth you've been avoiding.*

- Stop praying \_\_\_\_\_ prayers and start telling God the \_\_\_\_\_.

2. \_\_\_\_\_ HIS PRESENCE: *Make space for the God who came near.*

*And you will seek Me and find Me when you search for Me with all your heart.* **Jeremiah 29:13 NASB**

3. LOOK FOR GOD'S \_\_\_\_\_: *Train your eyes to see the God who came all this way.*

- God shows up for us, and now, we get to do that for \_\_\_\_\_.

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