

## Welcome to LifeChurch

### Today is Spirit Sunday

Sunday, November 27, 2016

9:30 - Higher Grounds Cafe - Meet and Greet

10:00 - Bible Life Classes for all ages

**Adult BibleLife: Frank Martinez, Senior Associate Pastor**

10:45 - Higher Grounds Cafe - Meet and Greet

11:00 - Worship Celebration

**Focused Ministry: Terry R Baughman, Lead Pastor**



## Wonderful Counselor

### HIS NAME SHALL BE

Terry R. Baughman, Lead Pastor

*“For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given; And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.” (Isaiah 9:6).*

*“His Name shall Be ... Wonderful, Counselor.”*

“Wonderful” is such a — *wonderful* word. Often the word is a impulsive interjection when we hear good news, “Why that is *wonderful!*” Thinking about it, the simplest definition is that it is a description of something “full of wonder.” *Wonderful* is used to describe something that is awe-inspiring, amazing, or inspirational. *Wonderful* is an accurate description of our great God. He is the embodiment of the attribute. He *is wonderful!*

Sometimes language is so limited. We use the words at our

disposal but find they are inadequate to fully describe the immensity of God’s attributes or the Divine quality of His character. So we use modifiers, adjectives and word pictures to convey the magnitude of His magnificence. Other times the simplest words best suit the situation and one succinct word or phrase carries the burden of delivery adequately. *Jesus is just wonderful!*

In the Old Testament times of the Judges an angel delivered a promise in a message to Manoah and his wife that a special son would be born to them who would bring deliverance to Israel. Manoah asked for his name, so when the promise was fulfilled he might bless him, “*The Angel of the Lord said to him, ‘Why do you ask My name, seeing it is wonderful?’*” (Judges 13:18). Because of the multitude of wonderful works performed by the Lord He is rightfully called *Wonderful!*



## Coming Up at LifeChurch

Midweek BibleLife • Wednesday 7pm

Banquet Setup at ALA • Saturday 4pm

Annual LifeChurch Christmas Banquet • Saturday 6:30

**Get your tickets today!**

Leadership Luncheon • Sunday 12/4

LifePraise “Recharge” • Sunday 12/11

Christmas Presentation: “His Name Shall Be” • 12/18

### Next Sunday is iSunday - Student Ministry emphasis

Higher Grounds Cafe 9:30 AM - BibleLife Classes 10:00 AM

Adult BibleLife Session 10:00: Terry R Baughman, *Lead Pastor*

Worship Celebration 11:00: Justin Hutchinson, *Sr. High Student Pastor*

The Christ-child prophesied by Isaiah was also to be a counselor. A counselor is one who gives wise instruction and insight. At the age of twelve He confounded the teachers of the Law in the Temple by His understanding. When Jesus began His ministry and concluded the Sermon on the Mount it was noted that no one had ever taught like Him. “*They were astonished at His teaching, for He taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes*” (Mark 1:22).

Jesus also promised the coming of His Spirit to be a comforter or counselor for us. The same remarkable ministry Jesus demonstrated while living on earth is available through the power of the Holy Spirit. Through His gifts He has given a *word of wisdom*, the gift of *knowledge*, and *discerning of spirits*. The Counselor is still with us; even in us!

Some translations have opted to use *wonderful* as an

adjective modifying *Counselor*. They eliminate the comma between indicating one attribute. Put together, He is the “*Wonderful Counselor!*” He is not just a *counselor* but an outstanding, awe-inspiring *counselor*. Though it may seem like a minor inflection of meaning, both translations are valid. He is *Wonderful*; He is the *Counselor*, and He is also the *wonderful Counselor!*

*His Name shall Be!*

### FAMILY LIFE CHALLENGE

Being thankful is a decision that we make, an attitude to be practiced.

Scripture instructs us to have a thankful heart. Entitlement is the antithesis of being thankful. Use every day events to demonstrate how and why we should be thankful and recognize that Jesus is our sole source and provider. Without Him we can do nothing!

*“And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever” (John 14:16).*

