



During our Overflow group in the month of December, we discussed our favorite Christmas movies. Among the long list of everyone's favorite was, of course, A Charlie Brown Christmas. If I am being honest, this is how I learned what Christmas truly is all about. I remember as a kid watching it and getting teary eyed. And as an adult, I still do. One day, I was in my car and on the radio, they were talking about the movie and how Linus taught us what Christmas is all about. And then they said something that just blew my mind, that I had never noticed. As Linus is talking, he drops his blanket. What?! If you remember, Linus had a security blanket that he carried around with him everywhere he went and never let it go. So, of course, as soon as I got home, I had to watch it. And sure enough! Linus: ***"And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people."*** As the words "fear not" come out of his mouth, Linus drops his blanket. His security. All these years and I never picked up on that?! Am I the only one?! Let me tell you, I cried. I had to ask myself, what do I cling to for safety? For security? That I just won't let go or haven't let go of because I'm afraid? What are you clinging to or haven't let go of because you're afraid? I think we can all learn a lesson from Linus as he tells us what the true meaning of Christmas is. Here is a link to "A Charlie Brown Christmas", where Linus can teach all of us something. The true meaning of Christmas.

<https://youtu.be/eff0cqYefYY>

We hope you had a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year! And most of all, we hope you are able to find the true meaning of Christmas.

-Love,
Terri



If you can't access the link, or you have a paper copy of the newsletter and the link is no use to you, simply type into google "Charlie Brown Christmas the True Meaning" and this clip is the very first thing that will pop up!

The past few years, Erin's Purpose has had the opportunity to shop for and find others to shop for Christmas gifts for foster children through our local DCS. We would like to extend a huge thanks to the Bloomfield and Eastern Greene Communities for joining us in ensuring that 63 kids received Christmas gifts this year! The ability to take time out of your busy schedules during the holiday season to bring a little Christmas spirit to children in our community is such a blessing. Thank you to everyone who helped out!

On December 8th, Eastern Greene hosted a Greene Game for Mental Health. The Eastern Greene Lady Thunderbirds and the Bloomfield Lady Cardinals played their hearts out and were such great shows of support and sportsmanship towards each other. Terri was able to speak at the game about Erin's Purpose, Self Care, and the importance of our words and how we interact with others. It was a great turn out.



We took a group of our Monday Night Overflow crew to Bobe's Pizza in Washington, Indiana for dinner and then to Antioch Christian Church in Washington to see David Leonard and Cochren & Co. They put on an amazing show with beautiful Christmas songs old and new. We all had a great time spending the evening together and rejoicing with one another! Check out a couple pictures of the group on the next page! We had quite the group this night, so much fun!!



January Overflow!

January 2nd - Pre-Dinner Discussion: William Plummer

Group: Disciple Makers Movement Bible Study

January 9th - Pre-Dinner Discussion: Mike Floyd

Group: Disciple Makers Movement Bible Study

January 16th - Pre-Dinner Discussion: Josh Neighbors

Group: Disciple Makers Movement Bible Study

January 23rd - Pre-Dinner Discussion: Ben Summers

Group: Disciple Makers Movement Bible Study

January 30th - Pre-Dinner Discussion: Leroy Barnhill

Group: Guest Speakers Clay and Brandy Harding

December 19th was our Overflow Christmas, we hosted at Casa Sevilla in Bloomfield this year. We had a great turn out and lots of fun. We are so thankful for this group of people and can't wait to see it grow more in the new year! Last year, we received a giving jar that our Overflow group has been adding their loose change and random extra dollars to the whole year. We decided during our Christmas party where we would like to donate to! After voting, we sent donations to Pregnancy Choices in Linton and LittleStar ABA Therapy in Bloomington!



We are so excited to see what all God is working for our good in 2023!