

Christmas Decorations Checklist.

- Evergreen Trees** to remind us of the everlasting life Jesus freely gives us.
Romans 6:23
- Tree Toppers** of a star, an angel, a dove, feathers, thorns, or a crown.
Revelation 22:16, Matthew 2:9-10, Luke 2:9-14, Luke 3:22, Psalm 91:4, Matthew 27:29, Isaiah 9:6-7
- Lights** to celebrate Jesus being the Light of the World and lighting us up from the inside out. John 8:12, John 1:4, 1 John 1:7, Ephesians 5:8, Luke 11:35-36
- Ornaments** to represent the spiritual fruits His Holy Spirit produces in our lives.
Galatians 5:22-23
- Nativity Scene** to remind us that Jesus is not native to this world. That Jesus *IS* God who humbled himself to come as a baby. John 1:1-3, Isaiah 9:6
- A Bible** to remind us that the Word of God is the person of Jesus, who put on flesh and dwelt among us.
John 1:1-5,14, Luke 24:25-27
- Presents** to remind us of God's generosity and the Wise Men's gifts.
Romans 6:23, James 1:17, Matthew 2:10-11
- Stockings** to remind us to think about the poor and to share, out of God's generosity to us, with those in need.
1 John 3:17, Matthew 25:34-40
- Poinsettias** to remind us how beautiful yet brief our journey through this life is and that this world is not our home.
Hebrews 13:14, Isaiah 40:8
- Bows, Ribbons, and Tinsel** to remind us of how God wraps us in His love, clothing us in His righteousness.
Luke 15:20-24, Zechariah 3:4, Ephesians 6:13-14
- Gingerbread Men** show us that all men have sinned and all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus.
Romans 3:23-24
- Candy Canes** to celebrate Jesus as our Good Shepherd, who laid down His sinless life and shed his blood to save us.
John 10:11
- Mistletoe** to inspire love. It only survives by attaching itself to a tree, as we are in need of attaching ourselves to the Lord. He is The Vine and we are to remain in Him. John 15:4-5
- Wreaths and Holly** in the shape of a never ending circle, like a wedding ring, as we celebrate being the bride of Christ; or like the crown of thorns with berries to show the blood Jesus shed as He gave Himself up for us. Ephesians 5:25
- Bells and Music** are a call to worship, to seek out and enjoy the presence of the LORD. If you search for Jesus you will find Him! God says, "You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart."
Jeremiah 29:13, Psalm 100
- Parties, Food, and Games** to celebrate and remember that He is where the joy is!
Nehemiah 8:8-12, John 5:39, John 15:11