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 www.spiritofjoyumcaz.org
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 www.thechurchqc.com
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Catholic Mass For information, contact Virginia 480-888-7914, also the church in Florence: Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish, at 520-868-5940 (Fr. Cloud).
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 www.lightandlifegatherings.com
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What's at the Center?

Mark Krenz, D.Min.



What's at the center of a Reese's Peanut Butter Cup? What's at the center of a target? Bulls eye! What's at the center is usually the most important thing. What's at the center gets our focus and attention. In the movies, the important action happens center-screen. At a play, it happens

center-stage. At the store the items you're supposed to buy are displayed front and center.

So, what's at the center of your Christmas this year?

For some, the center is a jolly old bearded fat man wearing a furry white suit. After all, he rings in the holidays at the Thanksgiving day parade and closes them out by coming down the chimney. Maybe presents are front and center. Christmas is a time to express the joy of giving. So getting just the right gift for someone and seeing their face light up takes center stage. Maybe it's deeper than that, you say. Family takes center stage at Christmas. It's time spent with loved ones. These are all great, but not the center.

So, what is at the center of Christmas?

I think my two year old daughter Miana figured it out. Last week her Omi (grandma) set out a special wooden carved nativity set, complete with all the usual suspects - Mary and Joseph, baby Jesus, some wise men, a shepherd complete with rod and sheep, and angels with cute little wings, plus a few extra onlookers - the donkey, an elephant, an owl, a camel, and some random little kids.

Miana was captivated by this dimly lit stable scene. She loved playing "peoples," as she called it, meticulously arranging each and every figure into precise locations. Yet, no matter the arrangement of the figurines - all in a line, half-circle formation, or random, one constant was always at the center - baby Jesus. Everyone's eyes, attention, and body posture was centered on Christ. He is the most important person in the whole story. Jesus is at the center of Christmas.

So, what's at the center of your Christmas this year?

Let Rudolph have his nose so bright and let your beautifully decorated tree illuminate your living room. Give Santa his milk and cookies and hang the stockings with care. But, don't let them take center stage. Christ will always be at the heart of Christ-mas. Let his hope, love and forgiveness, take center stage in your heart and life this Christmas and throughout the year. When we focus on the right thing at the center, the rest of life falls into place. For God so loved the world... he came. Merry Christmas.

Dr. Mark Krenz is the lead pastor of ONE Community Church. ONE meets Sundays at 9:30am at Mountain Vista K-8 in San Tan Heights (1/4 mile behind the Sonic on Hunt Hwy and Mountain Vista Blvd). Check out www.discoverONE.net - win an iPod Nano.

Special ONE Christmas Events:

- A San Tan Family Christmas Fri and Sat, Dec 21 & 22, 6-7pm Outdoors at San Tan Flat Restaurant. Kids, Carols, Nostalgia, Fun. Kids get participation bags.
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MY ANSWER

By Billy Graham

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Q: A year ago, I secretly reconnected with my first wife, and before we realized it we were having an affair (which only lasted a few months). I felt like a cheat afterward because we both are remarried, but I couldn't help it. I don't understand myself. Why did I go down that road?
 — J.S.

A: I don't know why you went down that road (as you put it) — but I do know that it didn't bring you the happiness you were seeking. And this is almost always the case with any illicit affair; it leads to disappointment and insecurity.

In fact, I can't recall anyone ever writing me about an illicit affair who said they were glad they had engaged in it, and that it had brought them lasting peace and happiness. At first, it may have seemed exciting — but then it turned sour, or it led to conflict and the breakup of their family. The Bible warns, "Can a man scoop fire into his lap without his clothes being burned? ... So is he who sleeps with another man's wife; no one who touches her will go unpunished" (Proverbs 6:27, 29).

The most important thing I can urge you to do is to turn to Jesus Christ and give your life to Him. You will never know lasting peace and happiness as long as you ignore God, because He made you, and He loves you and knows what is best for you. Confess your sins to Him and open your heart to Christ today.

Then ask God to help you strengthen your present marriage. You cannot change the past — but with God's help you can change the future. Put Christ at the center of your marriage, and then get into a church where you and your wife will grow closer to Him — and to each other. (Send your queries to "My Answer," c/o Billy Graham, Billy Graham Evangelistic Association, 1 Billy Graham Parkway, Charlotte, N.C., 28201; call 1-(877) 2-GRAHAM, or visit the Web site for the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association: www.billygraham.org.)

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