



SENIOR PASTOR, ROCK CHURCH

Miles McPherson

A former defensive back with the San Diego Chargers, Miles is the Senior Pastor of Rock Church and author of *The Third Option: Hope for a Racially Divided Nation*, which explains that we must learn to see people not by the color of their skin but as God sees them—humans created in the image of God. Pastor Miles is also the founder of DoSomethingChurch.org, a vibrant affiliation dedicated to establishing pervasive hope in communities through proactive community service.

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Mission

Save, Equip, Send

Vision

Establish global pervasive hope

Locations Point Loma, San Ysidro, San Marcos, City Heights, East County, Online, Microsites



NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS

Pastoral Support Team

Do you feel a call to pastoral leadership? This ministry is designed to provide leadership mentoring within the pastoral ministry services alongside the pastors of Rock Church.

HURRY, DEADLINE TO APPLY IS DECEMBER 31 TO SIGN UP, TEXT "PST" TO 52525



LET'S DO SOMETHING TOGETHER!

2019 Year-End Giving

Your giving empowers Rock Church to change lives. To count toward your 2019 charitable contributions, gifts must be postmarked or received no later than December 31st.

FOR YEAR-END GIVING INSTRUCTIONS AND/OR TO MAKE A GIFT, VISIT SDROCK.COM/GIVE OR TEXT "GIVE" TO 52525

FEATURED STORY

Nativity Scene

If only the real Nativity scene was as our minds have conjured it.

BY DAVE FRANCO

When the innkeeper, whom Joseph had asked about renting a room, directed them to the barn, essentially, Mary was going to give birth in one of the foulest, unsanitary environments imaginable. The manger, commonly thought of as a lovely wooden structure perfect in size for a baby, was likely an animal trough from which pigs and other animals would eat their slop. It was dirty, likely rat and fly infested and crowded with animals that were more than likely rarely, if ever, cleaned. And that is where our King was born.

But why? Jesus, the son of the Almighty God, could have been born into riches and royalty the likes of which no man or woman could imagine. Why would God allow His holy Son to be born into human squalor? Why enter history in such a mess?

Because Jesus came into the world to enter into the mess of our lives. Not clean and sterile



environments but the dirty, embarrassing lives that we have created for ourselves. The dirty Nativity Scene says to mankind, *I have come to deliver you from your mess. I'm not afraid of it. I touch lepers. I cry with the grieving. I wash grimy feet. No one is too dirty for Me. Not you with all your secrets. Not you with all your failures, addictions, and fears. I stand in the middle of your mess and offer you My holiness...and I always will.*

READ THE FULL STORY AT SDROCK.COM/STORIES TO SHARE A STORY, VISIT SDROCK.COM/MYSTORY



Get Connected

Whether you are new to the church, or a seasoned member, we encourage you to be in community with other believers. Below is a list of available options we provide, in no specific order.

LIFE Class

Find your purpose and place as you get plugged in to experience our unique discipleship pathway.

TEXT "LIFE" TO 52525

rGroups

Build meaningful relationships through a small group setting, held in various locations across San Diego.

TEXT "RGROUPS" TO 52525

dGroups

A Discipleship Group (dGroup) is a closed group of 3-5 believers who meet together weekly for the purpose of accelerated spiritual transformation.

TEXT "DISCIPLE" TO 52525

Core Ministries

Check out the list below and get plugged in to one of our main ministry groups.

Mens

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Womens

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Marriage

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Young Adults Ages 18-30yrs

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Youth Middle-High School

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Kids Infant-Fifth Grade

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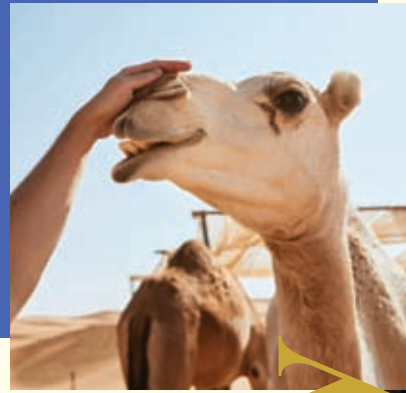
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SHARE THE GOSPEL MESSAGE WITH A FRIEND BY TEXTING "SHARE" TO 52525



We Need Your Help!

Want to get involved in this year's Living Nativity? We still need volunteers! We are looking for passionate people who want to help us make Christmas super special. If you want to participate, we have a role for you.

SIGN UP TODAY! TEXT "NATIVITY" TO 52525



Living Nativity

Experience The Nativity Story Come To Life

Rock Church is embarking on a new event this year with a "Journey into Bethlehem." Bring friends and family members of all ages to this **FREE**, interactive experience where we will transform the sanctuary and lobby into a live-action Living Nativity and Bethlehem Marketplace.



Friday, December 20

Showtimes: 6pm, 7:30pm

Saturday, December 21

Showtimes: 3pm, 4:30pm, 6pm

Point Loma Campus



What To Expect

Arrive early so you can enjoy food trucks and games outside before entering the sanctuary where you will see a live performance featuring the Nativity story of Jesus' birth with lots of singing, dancing, and real animals!

After the show, you will be gifted with a pouch full of coins to help pay your way through the Bethlehem Marketplace in the lobby. During your visit, you can interact with the townspeople and learn more about this little town of Bethlehem. Then check out the kid's activities and petting zoo in Rock Park!

FOR MORE INFO, TEXT "NATIVITY" TO 52525

JOIN US FOR OUR

Christmas Services



Invite your friends and family for two special Christmas messages from **Pastor Miles McPherson**. Join us on Sunday and Christmas Eve as part of your Christmas celebration.

Sunday, December 22

8am, 10am, 12pm, 6pm | All Campuses

Tuesday, December 24

4pm | All Campuses

TOYS FOR JOY WANTS TO SAY

Thank You!

Yesterday, thousands of families were blessed by the love of God and received toys, clothes, and food. Thank you to all who supported, donated, and volunteered for this incredible outreach event! This could not have happened without you!

TO LEARN MORE, VISIT TOYS-FOR-JOY.ORG

