

Christmas Behind the Scenes

Week 4: 'Managing the Manger (Pt 2)'

“We must share Jesus with the world”

Luke 1:1-4, 26-38

1 Many people have set out to write accounts about the events that have been fulfilled among us. 2 They used the eyewitness reports circulating among us from the early disciples. 3 Having carefully investigated everything from the beginning, I also have decided to write an accurate account for you, most honorable Theophilus, 4 so you can be certain of the truth of everything you were taught.

The Birth of Jesus Foretold

26 In the sixth month of Elizabeth’s pregnancy, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a village in Galilee, 27 to a virgin named Mary. She was engaged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of King David. 28 Gabriel appeared to her and said, “Greetings, favored woman! The Lord is with you!”

29 Confused and disturbed, Mary tried to think what the angel could mean. 30 “Don’t be afraid, Mary,” the angel told her, “for you have found favor with God! 31 You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you will name him Jesus. 32 He will be very great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his ancestor David. 33 And he will reign over Israel forever; his Kingdom will never end!”

34 Mary asked the angel, “But how can this happen? I am a virgin.”

35 The angel replied, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the baby to be born will be holy, and he will be called the Son of God. 36 What’s more, your relative Elizabeth has become pregnant in her old age! People used to say she was barren, but she has conceived a son and is now in her sixth month. 37 For the word of God will never fail.”

38 Mary responded, “I am the Lord’s servant. May everything you have said about me come true.” And then the angel left her.

Parents of school age children are in a unique position to know the pressures and often the anxieties that are associated with “sending your kids off”, whether that be to school, to camp for the week, or even just to a friend’s house to play. Sometimes, we even have trouble leaving them behind with their grandparents, who did a fine job of raising us, but, maybe we worry that they lost a skill or two in the time that’s since past? Whatever the reason, we often get nervous when it comes time to share our children with the world.

Imagine how much that anxiety might be amplified if you were the mother of the Messiah himself.

Mary was called to not only give birth to and raise Jesus, but also to share him with the world when the time was right. But she’s not the only who’s been called to share Jesus with the world. You and I have as well. And while we may have our own reasons for being nervous to share him with the world, we are nevertheless called to do so.

Join us this Sunday, and we’ll talk about how we can be confident to share Jesus with the world, even when we’re nervous about doing so.

Prayer Requests



Eddie Peters (Bea Burgdoerfer's friend)
Eddie Kerr
Lynne Wilhelm

Ron & Teresa Scott
Donna Parrett

**A weekly updated long term prayer list can be picked up in the lobby.



Vitals for December 10

Weekly Need: \$3,200
Actual Given: \$1,569

Sunday School - 33
Morning Service - 64

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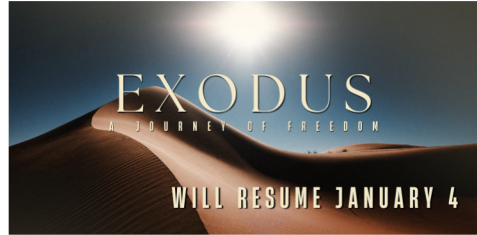
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Alea Lucas in memory of Denise Matthews
Pat Summan in memory of Kenny Summan

Kim Carroll in memory of Art Carroll

Kim Carroll in honor of Mary Hornung

Larry and Marcia Clark in memory of Clarks' and in honor of Scaggs'

Donna Parrett in memory of family

Beth Rowland in memory of Calvin and Barbara Rowland

Bea Burgdoerfer in memory of Doris Lynch

The Jefferson Family in memory of Talia Jefferson

Diane Burks in memory of Barbara Kerr

Christmas Service

Breakfast at 9:00
No Sunday School
Christmas Service at 10:30

WEEKLY BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Tracy Jefferson 12-18

