

SUNDAY 12/01/24

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## THE CHRISTMAS PLEDGE

- 1. To remember those people who truly need my gifts.
- 2. To express my love for family and friends in moredirect ways than presents.
- 3. To rededicate myself to the spiritual growth of my family.
- 4. To examine my holiday activities in light of the true meaning of Christmas.
- 5. To initiate an act of peacemaking within my circle of family and friends.



From "Unplug the Christmas Machine"
Jo Robinson & Jeanne Coppock Staeheli



Missions

Pastor Phylis will soon travel to Ecuador to encourage pastors and leaders in Guayaquil and Quito.



BAPTISM Sanday

Analisa Perez makes her profession of faith Sunday, December 8



#### **CELEBRATE RECOVERY**

Instructor: Deb Perez
Next. Class: Thursday, December 12
7:00 p.m.

#### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

GUEST SPEAKER Sunday, December 29



From New Creation Church Benjamin Muro

# Great Joy

Dec 01 » Mary's Joy Dec 08 » Zechariah's Joy Dec 15 » The Shepherds'Joy Dec 22 » Simeon's Joy Dec 29 » Guest Speaker: Benjamim Muro.

## Prayer REQUESTS

SALVATION —	
☐ Walter Miner III ☐ Gearen Family ☐ Tom M. ☐ Stein Family	
Ryan K.	yler M. Mandy W. Dave. O
► HEALTH ISSUES ——————————————————————————————————	
Mandy W. » Cancer	Clarence F. » Knee Rehab
Merle » Health Issues	Mike K. » Bone Cancer
Carlos V. » Health Issues	Walter M. » Limited Mobility
Angie & Family » Life Issues	Sophie T. » Health Issues
Camilia S. » Cancer/Leg	Keith K. » Health Issues
Lucille S. » Health Issues	Kenzie S. » Seizures
Augustin A. » Sobriety	Hector S. » Healing
Yalda Samano » Cancer	Angela A. » Hospice
Walter Miner III. » Health Issues	Vanessa » Health Issues
Zach D. » Sobriety	Jacob M. » Emotional Health
Paitn » Return to God	Noelle G. » Health Issues
Meztti » Return to God	Junior » Health Issues
Jeffrey » Healing	Charlie » Lung Cancer
Ivy » Healing	

**METRICS THAT MATTER** (11/24/24)

ATTENDANCE ▶ 31 GIVING ▶ \$1,579<sup>58</sup> GUESTS ▶ 0 VOLUNTEERS ▶ 14 DECISIONS FOR CHRIST ▶ 0 Something incredible happens between the angel's visit (prophecy) and Mary's pregnancy!

A little about Mary...

- · She is pregnant with the Savior of the universe.
- · With this pregnancy comes a bad reputation.
- She is very poor. (She could not afford a lamb to take to the temple, she took two turtle doves.)
- · Her marriage is up in the air.
  - she is engaged.
  - she tries to convince Joseph that she has been faithful.
  - Joseph thinks about calling off the marriage.



## Mary births a song

In this song, she describes ten characteristics of who God is. She creates the atmosphere for her miracle to be birthed.



And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord,



## God is PERSONAL

 $\mathbf{VV}$ ,  $\mathbf{48}$ - $\mathbf{49}$  for he has looked on the humble estate of his servant. For behold, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for he who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is his name.

### God is HOLY v. 49 and holy is his name.

## 5 God is MERCIFUL v. 50 And his mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation.

## 6 God is POWERFUL

 ${f VV.~51 ext{-}52}$  He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts; he has brought down the mighty from their thrones and exalted those of humble estate;

God is GENEROUS

vv. 52-53 he has brought down the mighty from their thrones and exalted those of humble estate;

he has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent away empty.

## 8) God is JUST v. 54

He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy,

## God is FAITHFUL

 ${f WV.~54} ext{-}{f 55}$  He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, as he spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his offspring forever."

## O God is ETERNAL 🕽

 $\mathbf{VV}$ ,  $\mathbf{54}$ – $\mathbf{55}$  He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, as he spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his offspring forever."



