

★ THE CHRISTMAS PLEDGE

1. To remember those people who truly need my gifts.
2. To express my love for family and friends in more direct 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.

ADVENT

Peace I leave with you; my peace PEACE I give to you.
Not as the world gives artwork do I give to you.
Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid. John 14:27



Free Kid's Club & Youth Group

6:00 – 8:00 P.M.

The 2nd and 4th Thursday of every month.
Open to everyone Pre-K through High School.

Games, activities, lessons, crafts, snacks & more.

NEXT SESSION: THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14



MOUNTAIN CLIMBERS

Teaching that informs, equips, and empowers!

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CHRISTMAS TOGETHER

Dec 03 » Together for Purpose
Dec 10 » Together for Support
Dec 17 » Together for Glory
Dec 24 » Wrapped Up in Love

WHEN LIFE IS TEARING THINGS APART, JESUS IS BRINGING PEOPLE TOGETHER.

Prayer REQUESTS

▶ SALVATION

- Walter Miner III Gearen Family Tom M. Stein Family
- Ryan K. Tyler M. Mandy W. Dave. O

▶ HEALTH ISSUES

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METRICS THAT MATTER (12/03/23)

ATTENDANCE ▶ 32 GIVING ▶ \$4,370 GUESTS ▶ 0
VOLUNTEERS ▶ 15 DECISIONS FOR CHRIST ▶ 0

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. Galatians 4:4-5

BLESED AMONG WOMEN

Luke 1:39-45

Then she [Elizabeth] spoke out with a loud voice and said, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb!" Luke 1:42

- Elizabeth is an older relative who had only six months earlier conceived a late-in-life pregnancy.
- She and her husband, Zacharias, are awaiting the birth of their son—the child who will become John the Baptist.
- Elizabeth has just received a revelation of a wonder in process.
- "God showed me that you're going to have a baby—and that your baby is the Messiah."
- The Holy Spirit is helping Mary at a moment when she surely needed it!
- Elizabeth's prophecy was a confirmation.



MARY'S SONG

Luke 1:46-56

- This uncommon thing is God's doing.
- He has shown favor to me.
- He has looked beyond my servant state.
- His 'mercy' as shown to me is ready to be shown to all generations.
- What God has poured out on me, He is ready to pour out on all others.
- Her "miracle" was not intended to be a "one time" thing. She was the template for us to expect good things from God.



- Her blessing was an invitation for all to share in the grace of God.

THE TENDRIVES OF GOD'S GRACE

1

To see God's truth



- Mary is not an "impure" vessel.
- She has simply obeyed God.
- Talk is easy. Hearts were quick to judge.
- Joseph thought about divorcing her.
- The angel told Joseph not to be afraid about taking Mary as his wife.

2

To see God's tenderness in the way He used her to comfort and assure Mary

- Elizabeth was just what Mary needed.
- Mary needed assurance and blessing.
- The Holy Spirit quickened that in Elizabeth.
- Elizabeth gave voice to that quickening.
- Mary's visit with Elizabeth lasted 3 months.

3

To see God's timelessness in the way He had Mary sing out that her miracle was of an order that could be realized in any generation

- Mary shared her joy and her miracle.
- She had God's perspective on her pregnancy.
- Mary emphasized that her blessing could be received in any generation.
- She was confident and joyful about God's work.

