

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 spirit of Christmas. | 5. To initiate one act of peacemaking within my family and friends.

JEAN GOOCH

Please continue to pray for Jean Gooch, Neal's sister, for healing and restoration. God is able to do above what we ask!

PAUL BAUER

Your continued prayer support of Paul Bauer, Josh's friend, is greatly appreciated.



Thank you for your generous response to the Angel Tree Project—a family in need will be blessed in a big way!

BIBLE STUDY (Off Campus)

Studies are scheduled at Kimberly's on: December 21.



TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY

A 5-SESSION
DVD BIBLE STUDY

anxious *for* **NOTHING** | BY MAX LUCADO

Starts Tuesday, January 9

Christmas

FROM MANGER TO MAJESTY

Dec 03 » The Humanity of Jesus

Dec 10 » The Deity of Jesus

Dec 17 » The Virgin Birth

Dec 24 » Jesus: The Savior of the World

PRAYER REQUESTS ▶ THINKING-OF-YOU PRAYER

Breanna V. ▶ Health Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>	Michelle G. ▶ Spiritual growth	<input type="checkbox"/>
Elizabeth S. ▶ Health Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>	Brian H. ▶ Salvation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Suzie S. ▶ Health Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>	Benjamin G. ▶ Salvation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Noe F. ▶ Health Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>	Rick W. ▶ Pinched nerve	<input type="checkbox"/>
Kenny D. ▶ Neurological	<input type="checkbox"/>	Ray H. ▶ Salvation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Danny L. ▶ Peace Corps	<input type="checkbox"/>	Karen W. ▶ Salvation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Phyllis L. ▶ Health Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>	Cheyenne W. ▶ Salvation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Misty L. ▶ Headaches	<input type="checkbox"/>	Tommy F. ▶ Healing	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jason G. ▶ Salvation	<input type="checkbox"/>		

▶ URGENT PRAYER

Barb S. ▶ Cardiac Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>	Stein Family ▶ Salvation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Toni R. ▶ Health Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>	Danny R. ▶ ALS	<input type="checkbox"/>
Peggy K. ▶ Health Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>	Gerry G. ▶ Health Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>
Emma G. ▶ Health Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>	Ray S. ▶ Health Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sam H. ▶ Cardiac Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>	Ruth H. ▶ Health Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>
Judi G. ▶ Health Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>	Terry P. ▶ Cancer/spleen	<input type="checkbox"/>
Gearen Family ▶ Drawn closer to God	<input type="checkbox"/>	Bob Z. ▶ Lung Cancer	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cindy ▶ Cardiac Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>	Paul B. ▶ Surgeries	<input type="checkbox"/>

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“Jesus entered the world not to demand our allegiance but to show His affection.” —Max Lucado

METRICS THAT MATTER (12/10/17)

ATTENDANCE ▶ 33 GIVING ▶ \$275.⁰¹ GUESTS ▶ 0
 VOLUNTEERS ▶ 15 DECISIONS FOR CHRIST ▶ 0

Christmas

FROM MANGER TO MAJESTY

THE VIRGIN BIRTH OR MARY'S MIRACLE

Mary is a model for how God's grace can fill every life with promise. Mary's miracle was not just for her—it's for everyone that opens up to the promise of God!

A VISIT FROM GOD

CHANGES OUR FUTURE

³⁰ But the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary; you have found favor with God. ³¹ You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus. ³² He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, ³³ and he will reign over Jacob's descendants forever; his kingdom will never end." *Luke 1:30-33*

LEADS US TO EVERLASTING LIFE

She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins. *Matthew 1:21*

SHOWS US THE PATTERN FOR THE MIRACULOUS

³⁴ "How will this be," Mary asked the angel, "since I am a virgin?" ³⁵ The angel answered, "The Holy Spirit will come on you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God. ³⁶ Even Elizabeth your relative is going to have a child in her old age, and she who was said to be unable to conceive is in her sixth month. ³⁷ For no word from God will ever fail." *Luke 1:34-37*

THE MIRACLE PROCESS

GOD RELEASES HIS GRACE THEN FINDS A WILLING INSTRUMENT

"I am the Lord's slave," said Mary. "May it be done to me according to your word." Then the angel left her. *Luke 1:38*

GOD GROWS HIS PROMISE

- » The promise is brought to Mary. // *Angelic visitation.*
- » The promise grew in her. // *Miraculous Conception.*
- » To be delivered through her. // *First Christmas.*
- » To change the world around her. // *Calvary's triumph.*



A RESPONSE OF FAITH

MARY MODELS THE FAITH LIFE FOR US.

- » She knows how to respond when God offers miracles.
- » She knows how to think when people give her prophecies about her life.
- » She knows what to say when she doesn't understand what God is doing in her life.
- » She knows how to grow when one stage of her life is ready to pass to another.



FREEDOM TO TRUST GOD



In a loud voice she exclaimed: "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the child you will bear!" *Luke 1:42*

- » Elizabeth is an older relative who only six months earlier had conceived a later-in- life pregnancy.
- » Elizabeth and her husband, *Zacharias*, are about to conceive a son by the name of *John the Baptist*—the forerunner of *The Messiah*.
- » Elizabeth gives Mary a "sure" word of encouragement: "As soon as I heard your voice, the baby inside me leaped."
- » Elizabeth tells her cousin—"the baby you are carrying is the *Messiah!*"
- » That is just what Mary needed to hear.