

SUNDAY 12/20/15

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- To remember those people who truly need my gifts.
  - ?....To express my love for family and friends in more direct ways than presents.
- To rededicate myself to the spiritual growth of my family.
  - 4. ««To examine my holiday activities in light of the true spirit of Christmas.
- To initiate one act of peacemaking within my circle of family and friends.

-from Unplug the Christmas Machine | by Jo Robinson and Jean Coppic

#### **BASSOON SOLO**

Kerri Wozniak will perform a bassoon solo this morning. "Angels We Have HeardOn High".

#### **NEW ADDRESS**

Barb Smith has a new address.
Please make a note of it: 120 S. State Street
#706 Elgin, Illinois 60120, Tel. 224.760.7418

#### AWAKENING

Start strong and join us for a season of fasting, prayer, and personal devotion.

January 4-24, we plan to set aside 21 days to pray, fast, and seek God to believe Him for miracles in our lives, the lives of others, our church, and the world. An Awakening Guide Sheet will be printed to provide you with important information regarding the effort.

CONNECTION CARD Each week everyone will be asked to fill out a Connection Card in order to "MEASURE" our church in five key areas. There will be a summary report each week in the bulletin that identifies those five key metrics.

Please turn in your card each week. Members, leaders and guests will be asked to turn these in.

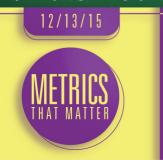


Nov 29 / The Unexpected Gift Dec 06 / The Unexpected Way Dec 13 / The Unexpected Place Dec 20 / The Unexpected Time

60	Breanna V.	► Health Issues
	Lily M.	▶ Dementia
	Anabelle G.	► Lung Cancer
	Andrew H.	▶ Health Issues
	Noe F.	► Health Issues
	Elizabeth S.	► Health Issues
	Kenny D.	► Skull Fracture
	Trevor W.	▶ Deployed to Afghanistan
	Danny L.	▶ Peace Corps Assignment
HAT	Sean L.	▶ Loss of His Brother
	Ralph H.	▶ Fluid in the brain
	Moe M.	▶ Lung Cancer
RAYE	Ruth S.	▶ Undiagnosed Health Issues
	Jim B.	▶ Eye Problems
	Mary H.	▶ Mobility Issues
	Jane G.	▶ Hospice Care
	Darryck T.	▶ Spiritual Strength
	Bill L.	▶ Post-Surgical Healing
	Suzie S.	▶ Health Issues
	Larry C.	▶ Stroke
	Carol J.	▶ Heart Attack
	Emma G.	▶ Pnuemonia

**OUR CONDOLENCES...** to Saundra (Emma's sister) and Carlos Valles at the passing of Carlos' mother, Mercedes Valles. Pray that the family would be comforted in their grief.

PROJECT ACCESS SCHOOL DISTRICT U-46 Thanks to all who gave so generously to Project Access so that homeless children would receive Christmas. Dr. Terri Dallas wants to thank each of you for your generosity—you went above and beyond. May you be truly blessed!



ATTENDANCE





**DECISIONS FOR CHRIST** 

#### EXPECT the Unexpected



<sup>4</sup> So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. 5 He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. 6 While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, <sup>7</sup> and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because

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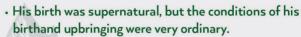
there was no guest room available for them. Luke 2:4-7

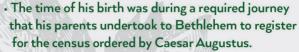
### There Are Over 350 PROPHECIES System The Birth Of Christ

There is solid confirmation about:

- · His credentials as Messiah.
- His claims as the Son of God and Savior.
- · His unique life in comparison to all the other religious leaders in the world.
- Our hope and confidence that He and He alone is the one to whom we must look for salvation and the meaning of life.

#### His Ordinary BIRTH





· Prophecies foretold his coming and his place of birth, yet, when he arrived, very few were aware of it.

· People had looked for Messiah but after hundreds of years of waiting, they lost their focus.



# Some People Believed IN GODS PROMISE

# SIMEON: a priest who served in the Temple observing the prescribed rituals.

Now there was a man in Jerusalem called Simeon, who was righteous and devout. He was waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was on him. <sup>26</sup> It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not die before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. <sup>27</sup> Moved by the Spirit, he went into the temple courts. When the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the custom of the Law required, <sup>28</sup> Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying:

<sup>29</sup> "Sovereign Lord, as you have promised, you may now dismiss your servant in peace. <sup>30</sup> For my eyes have seen your salvation, <sup>31</sup> which you have prepared in the sight of all nations: <sup>32</sup> a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and the glory of your people Israel." **Luke 2:25-32** 



ANNA: a prophetess who served in the Temple Courts praying and fasting—thanking God for His faithfulness.

<sup>36</sup> There was also a prophet, Anna, the daughter of Penuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was very old; she had lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, 37 and then was a widow until she was eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped night and day, fasting and praying.

<sup>38</sup> Coming up to them at that very moment, she gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were looking forward to the

redemption of Jerusalem. Luke 2:36-38