

DECEMBER 18, 2016

THIRD ADVENT

Then an angel of the Lord appeared to him, standing at the right side of altar of incense. When Zechariah saw him, he was startled and was gripped with fear. But the angel said to him: "Do not be afraid, Zechariah: your prayer has been heard.



Your wife, Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you are to call him 'John'." (Luke 1:11-13)

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SIMEON: A PEACEFUL HEART that HOLDS GOD'S SALVATION

“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. (Luke 2:25) “A heart that is led by the Holy Spirit is a heart that is led with peace.”

Today–December 18, 2016

Morning Bible Class.....9:00am

Church Service.....10:30am

ANNOUNCEMENT:

WELCOME:

FIRST TIME VISITORS:

WARM GREETING:

TITHES/LOVE OFFERINGS

SERMON:..... call him 'John'

.....**LOOK AHEAD:**

NO EVENTS OR CLASS IN DECEMBER 2016.

JANUARY 1, 2017: “AFTER HAPPY NEW YEAR DAY”–some discussed if possible to have some food-fingers and watching movies in afternoon? See Linda M.



“..by His stripes you were healed.” (1 Peter 2:24)

HEALTH:

- Pray for Debra G. (verse permeates into her ankles, knees, hips, spine, and head)
- Pray for Jerri K. (verse permeates into her both kidneys/mind)
- Pray for Jeanette M. (verse permeates in her lower back)
- Pray for Diane M. (verse permeates in her C.T.)
- Pray for Erin R. (recovery from surgery)
- Pray for every one here in our church–their health be protected from cold/flu virus.
- Pray for Lain M. (verse permeates into his health issues)
- Pray for Betty M. (verse permeates into her health)
- Pray for Lynntte M. (verse permeates into her lower back)

“Give all your worries and cares to God, for He cares for you.” (1 Peter 5:7 NLT)

FINANCIAL NEEDS:

- Pray for Erin R.–finding a new apartment or house rental.
- Pray for MariFe O–job.
- Pray for Judith T–finding a new apartment or Senior low-income rental.



WINTER CLASSES 2017:

Jan. 15, 2016–CDC offers our two new morning classes: Sign up the class. Both classes starts at 9:00am.

- CDC offers the new morning class which calls “**BASIC BIBLE STUDY**” for new Christians or anyone who interests to learn about the Bible. Our teacher Jennifer J will lead the class.
- CDC offers another morning class, which calls “**UNMERITED FAVOR**” authored by Joseph Prince. Our Pastor Eric will lead the class.

Provision Promises

"But of Him you are in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God—and righteousness and sanctification and redemption." (1 Cor. 1:30) "...Christ in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge." (Col. 2:2-3) "...you are complete in Him, who is the Head of all principality and power." (Col. 2:10)

"You Have Jesus—You Have Everything"

When you love someone deeply, you would want to give that person your very best. To show your love to that person, you would give him or her what you value the most.

My friend, that's exactly what God did when He gave you JESUS. Jesus is the apple of God's eye, heaven's darling Son. Yet, God gave Him up for you because that's how much He loves you. God wants you to have His very best!

And Jesus is God's best for us because when we have Jesus, we have EVERYTHING! Jesus is our wisdom, our righteousness, our sanctification, our redemption, our success. In Him are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge!

Beloved, you are truly rich because you have Christ. And in Christ you are COMPLETE. Don't wait to have this or that before you feel complete. You are ALREADY complete in Christ—your all in all!

[Copy from Provision Promise Devotional book by Joseph Prince]

Those who received the cup from last Sunday. Pastor Eric contacted the company who imprinted the cup. The cup washed by hands, not in dishwasher machine. It will fade the imprint.



NEWS REPORTED: Huge hole in the ocean floor near Australia could cause catastrophic earthquakes and tsunamis.

NEWS REPORTED: Venezuela's 100-bolivar note withdrawal causes chaos.

NEWS REPORTED: Russia 'to increase mobile missile patrols'.

NEWS REPORTED: Trump's ambassador to Israel references 'embassy in Israel's eternal capital, Jerusalem'.

NEWS REPORTED: 50 Christian statues defaced and decapitated in Germany.

NEWS REPORTED: Iran sanctions extension act to become law without Obama's signature.

NEWS REPORTED: Islamists threaten 'volcano of jihad' against Egypt after execution.

NEWS REPORTED: Activist told New York schoolchildren to become 'freedom fighters for Palestine'.

NEWS REPORTED: The Obama family's Christmas card doesn't mention Christmas.

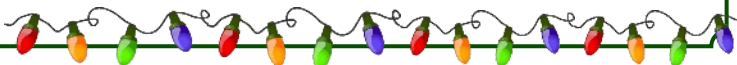
NEWS REPORTED: Christmas TV episode features jaw-dropping Jesus mockery, violence, oh wait—it's 'Family Guy' cartoon.

NEWS REPORTED: U.S., NYPD: Muslim teenager who reported harassment by Trump supporters made the story up.

NEWS REPORTED: Ami Horowitz went into a Muslim No-Go Area in Sweden and got beat up by 5 Muslim men.

NEWS REPORTED: Nine members of Trump's cabinet identify as Christians.

NEWS REPORTED: Syrian forces slaughter at least 82 civilians in Aleppo.



“..call him *John*”

(Luke 1:5-13)

1. The names have meanings in this story in verse 5:
 - Herod ‘son of the hero’; Judea ‘praise the Lord’; Zachariah ‘whom the Lord remembers’; **Abijah** ‘my father is Jehovah’; Aaron ‘light’; and Elisabeth ‘my God sworn’.
2. Both Zachariah and Elisabeth are righteous before God, walking in all the commandments and ordinances of the Lord, blameless. And they had no child, because Elisabeth was barren, and they both were now well stricken in years in verse 6. **Both are under the Old Covenant of LAW.**
 - Deuteronomy 28:15, 18 TLB: “If you won’t listen to the Lord your God and won’t obey these law I am giving you, then all of these curses shall come upon you:....the curse of barren wombs....”
3. Now while Zachariah served as priest before God, when his division was on duty, according to the custom of the priest’s office, his lot was to burn incense when he went into the temple of the Lord in verse 8 and 9.
 - According to Nehemiah 12:1-8: Zechariah’s division led the thanksgiving psalms in the temple of the Lord. Another one according to 1 Chronicles 24:6-12: Each division on each month: v. 7: 1st fell to Jehoiarib (the Lord will contend), 2nd fell to Jedaiah (known of the Lord), v. 8: 3rd fell to Harim (consecrate), 4th fell to Seorim (bearded one), v. 9: 5th fell to Malchijah (Jehovah is King), 6th fell to Mijamin (fortunately), v. 10: 7th fell to Hakkoz (thorns), 8th fell to Abijah (my father is Jehovah); v. 11: 9th fell to Jeshua (salvation), 10th fell to Shecmiah (one of the Lord’s people with whom He is pleased to dwell); v. 12: 11th fell to Eliashib (whom God restores), 12th fell to Jakim (God sets up)...
4. Normally, the priest don’t hear God’s voice or don’t see God. Only the prophet does. It is out of blue nowhere, the angel appeared to Zachariah at the right side of the golden altar of incense where Zachariah prayed. Where does the angel came from? Wonder about it? Zachariah was startled and overwhelmed with fear. But the angel reassured him, saying, “Don’t be afraid, Zachariah! **God is showing grace to you.** For I have come to tell you that your prayer for a child has been answered. Your wife, Elisabeth, will bear you a son and you are to name him John “the Lord has been gracious”. (Luke 1:12-13)
5. Zachariah asked the angel, “How do you expect me to believe this? I’m an old man and my wife is too old to give me a child. What sign can you give me to prove this will happen?” Then the angel said, “I am Gabriel (God my strength). I stand beside God Himself. He has sent me to you to announce this good news. But now since you did not believe my words, you will be stricken silent and unable to speak until the day my words have been fulfilled at their appointed time and a child is born to you. That will be your sign!” (Luke 1:18-20)
6. Shortly after his return, Elisabeth became pregnant. She avoided public contact for next five months. Elisabeth said, “I have lived with the disgrace of being barren for all these years. **Now God has looked on me favor.** When I go out in public with my baby, I will not be disgraced any longer.” (Luke 1:24-25 VOC)
7. When the time was right, Elisabeth gave birth to a son. News about the Lord’s special kindness to her had spread through her extended family and the community. Everyone shared her joy, for after all these years of infertility, she had a son! As was customary, eight days after the baby’s birth the time came for his circumcision and naming. Everyone assumed he would be named Zachariah, like his father. Elisabeth (disagreeing) said, “No. We will name him John”. Her relatives (protesting), said, “That name is found nowhere in your family”. They turned to Zachariah and asked him what he wanted the baby’s name to be. He motioned for a tablet, and he wrote, “His name is John”. Everyone shocked by this breach of family custom. They were even more surprised when, at that moment, Zachariah was able to talk again, and **he shouted out praises to God.** (Luke 1:62-64) Has the Lord been graciously given to you? His Son—the Son of the Hero!