

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

SUNDAY

MORNING SERVICES • 8:00 AM & 9:30 AM ORCHESTRA / CHOIR • WORSHIP CENTER
 • 9:30 AM & 11:00 AM – WORSHIP BAND - LIVE & LOUD

SPECIAL NEEDS AVAILABLE • 9:30 AM & 11AM • ROOM 108
HIGH SCHOOL & JR. HIGH • 9:30 AM • STUDENT MINISTRY BUILDING
THE WORD CLASS • 9:30 AM • ROOM 109
COLLEGE (AGES 18-28) • 6:00PM • STUDENT MINISTRY BUILDING

MONDAY

DIVORCE CARE • 6:30 PM • ROOM 206
GRIEF SHARE • 6:30 PM • ROOM 115
PRAYER TEAM • 12:00 PM • PRAYER ROOM WORSHIP CENTER

TUESDAY

GLORYLAND BAND (REHEARSAL) • 6:00 PM • LIVE & LOUD (G101)
SPIRIT CHOIR (REHEARSAL) • 7:00 PM • LIVE & LOUD (G101)

WEDNESDAY

JR. HIGH SCHOOL • 6:30 PM • STUDENT MINISTRY BUILDING
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KID VENTURE (PRE-K - 3RD) • 6:30PM • KID'S CHECK-IN
ACTIVATE (4TH - 6TH) • 6:30PM • KID'S CHECK-IN

THURSDAY

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY • 6:00 AM • LIVE & LOUD
EARLY BIRDS (WOMEN) • 7:00 AM • LIVE & LOUD (G101)
WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY • 10:00 AM • LIVE & LOUD (G101)
CELEBRATE RECOVERY (FOR ALL WHO HAVE HURTS, HANG-UPS & HABITS)
 • 5:30 PM DINNER • 6:30 PM WORSHIP • 7:30 PM SHARE
 GROUPS • 8:30 PM DESSERT • LIVE & LOUD
MEN'S FELLOWSHIP (SERMON BASED) • 6:48PM • RM 203C

UPCOMING EVENTS

CINNAMON ROLL FUNDRAISER (MEN'S MINISTRY) • 12/09/18 • AFTER ALL SERVICES

Giving Summary from 11/19/18 - 11/25/18

	Last Week	Year to Date*
Budget Needs	\$ 37,000	\$ 1,110,000
Tithes & Offerings	\$ 27,000	\$ 1,030,000
Difference**	- \$ 10,000	- \$ 80,000

*Fiscal Year begins May 1 **Includes miscellaneous gifts



12.02.18 | PASTOR WILL STOLL

THE FIRST CHRISTMAS CAROL

HOW SHOULD WE CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS?

FIVE WAYS TO REALLY CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS

(LK. 1:46-47)

1. THE SUBJECT OF HER SONG—THE SAVIOR

2. THE NATURE OF HER SONG— PERSONAL

(LK. 1:46-47 & 49)

3. THE FAITH IN HER SONG

(LK. 1:48; PS. 43:5)

4. THE EMOTION OF HER SONG

(LK. 1:48)

5. THE CONFIDENCE IN HER SONG

(LK. 1:46-47; PS. 95:1-2; EPH. 5:19; PS. 147:1; JM. 5:13)

LIFE GROUP NOTES

FOR STARTERS:

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE CHRISTMAS SONG? WHAT IS YOUR LEAST FAVORITE CHRISTMAS SONG?

QUICK REVIEW:

THIS WEEK WE ARE FOCUSING ON MARY'S SONG, SOMETIMES CALLED MARY'S MAGNIFICAT. AFTER MARY FINDS OUT THAT SHE WILL GIVE BIRTH TO THE CHILD WHO WILL REDEEM ISRAEL AND SAVE THE SOULS OF MEN, MARY SAYS THE WORDS FOUND IN LUKE 1:46-55. MARY'S SONG IS PERSONAL, FAITHFUL, EMOTIONAL, AND DISPLAYS HER CONFIDENCE.

DIGGING DEEPER:

1. TAKE A MINUTE TO READ MARY'S SONG FOUND IN LUKE 1:46-55.

A. IF YOU HAD THE SKILL AND OPPORTUNITY, HOW WOULD YOU TELL THE WORLD ABOUT A LIFE CHANGING EXPERIENCE? WRITE A POEM, SING A SONG, PUBLISH A NOVEL, OR MAKE A MOVIE? WHY?

B. WHY IS IT SIGNIFICANT THAT MARY WRITES A SONG? WHAT DOES THIS ILLUMINATE TO YOU ABOUT THE POWER OF MUSIC?

2. MARY'S SONG CELEBRATES GOD'S MERCY, GOD'S POWER, AND HIS JUSTICE?

A. WHICH OF THESE ATTRIBUTES DO YOU APPRECIATE THE MOST?

B. WHICH OF THEM CHALLENGES YOU THE MOST, WHICH DO YOU APPRECIATE THE MOST?

C. MARY WAS A POOR, UNMARRIED, AND MISJUDGED YOUNG WOMAN; AND YET GOD USED HER TO FULFILL HIS GREAT PURPOSE. DOES THAT ENCOURAGE YOU? WHY OR WHY NOT?

3. WE LEARNED FROM MARY'S SONG THAT THE REAL MEANING OF CHRISTMAS IS JESUS, OUR SAVIOR. HOW MUCH TIME DO YOU OR YOUR FAMILY SPEND ON CHRIST AND THE GOSPEL DURING CHRISTMAS TIME?

A. IS THIS SOMETHING YOU CAN IMPROVE ON DURING THIS CHRISTMAS SEASON?

B. HOW CAN YOU MAKE CHRIST THE FOCAL POINT OF THIS CHRISTMAS SEASON?

FOR PRAYER:

WHICH OF THE WORDS FOUND IN MARY'S SONG BEST DESCRIBE HOW YOU ARE FEELING ABOUT YOUR SPIRITUAL LIFE? JOYFUL, HUMBLE, PROUD, LIFTED UP, HUNGRY, EMPTY? HOW CAN YOUR GROUP PRAY FOR YOU WHERE YOU FEEL SPIRITUALLY EMPTY?

ARE YOU HAVING A MAJOR LIFE EVENT?

- **HAVING A BABY**
- **ILLNESS**
- **INJURY**
- **JOB LOSS**
- **DEATH**
- **GETTING MARRIED**

We want to encourage you, pray for you, care for you, and reach out in support.

**CONTACT OUR CARE PASTOR TODAY:
(559) 931-1963**

FOR COUNSELING

- **MARRIAGE PROBLEMS**
- **FAMILY ISSUES**

Marriage & Family Therapists, Pastoral Counselors, Clinical Social Workers.

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