

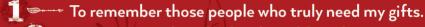
SUNDAY 12/06/15

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THE CHRISTMAS AND PLEDGE WERE





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- To rededicate myself to the spiritual growth of my family.
 - A. 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

PROIFC



There are about 500 homeless children in School District U-46 that are in need of clothing. If you are interested in being a blessing to one of these children, please let Pastor Bob know so that we can contact Dr. Terri Dallas by Monday. He will get back with ages/sizes for the children.







AN/AKENING

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.

INECTION 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. EXPECT to Unexpected \$ | CONNECTION CARD

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



Nov 29 / The Unexpected Gift Dec O6 / The Unexpected Way Dec 13 / The Unexpected Place Dec 20 / The Unexpected Time

CO	Breanna V.	► Health Issues
	Lily M.	▶ Dementia
CO	Anabelle G.	▶ Lung Cancer
	Andrew H.	▶ Health Issues
	Noe F.	▶ Health Issues
	Elizabeth S.	▶ Health Issues
	Kenny D.	▶ Skull Fracture
CC I	Trevor W.	▶ Deployed to Afghanistan
	Danny L.	Peace Corps Assignment
	Sean L.	▶ Loss of His Brother
	Ralph H.	▶ Fluid in the brain
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	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

QUOTE OF THE WEEK P

"No change of job, no increased income, no new home, no new electronic device, or no new spouse is going to make things better inside of you." —Matt Chandler



31) ATTENDANCE



3 GUESTS



VOLUNTEERS



DECISIONS FOR CHRIST

EXPECT the Unexpected

The Unexpected W_{av}

²⁶ In the sixth month of Elizabeth's pregnancy, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, ²⁷ to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin's name was Mary. 28 The angel went to her and said, "Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you." ²⁹ Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be. 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." 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 1:26-37



The Mary Miracle SETS A PATTERN



- · Gabriel tells her not to be afraid of God's miracle.
- · Gabriel proclaims God's favor on Mary's life.
- · God's favor ushers Mary into the greatest storm of her life.
- · Gabriel assures Mary that: "Nothing is impossible with God."

GABRIEI'S VISIT Reveals God's Way





THE PURPOSE OF HIS ENTRY IS NOT ONLY TO ABIDE WITH US, BUT ALSO TO EXTEND HIS KINGDOM THROUGH US.

Surprise BABLES...



The good news of the gospel doesn't end with our new birth. It continues by announcing the possibilities of periodic, additional "surprise babies".

- Release from life's most besetting sin, as habits are broken and forgiveness drives out guilt.
- Brightness shining in life's darkest corners, as love beams in and drives out fear;
- Provision unfolds for life's deepest need as God's abundance drives out want.
- Strength flows to focus on life's weakest point, as divine enablement drives out failure;
- Health springs forth at life's sorest place, as the Healer Himself begins to drive out pain.

MARY'S Committed Response

Gabriel has laid bare the mystery of God coming in the flesh. He has assured Mary "that nothing is impossible with God." Mary had a "how" question—the Lord replied that the Holy Spirit would overshadow her and she would conceive. To this Mary gives an incredible reply:

"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

