

## ●INSPIRE●

### Bible Studies

Sunday Adult Bible Study

Monday Women's Bible Study

Wednesday Noon

### Women's Monday Bible Study

(will resume January 6)  
Mondays 6:30pm  
here at church in the Narthex.  
Study will be based on Ephesians, a letter from Paul. Please see Kellee Skaggs for additional information.

### Wednesday Noon Bible Study

The book of James, half-brother of Jesus, a letter to the church is written to Jewish believers in his day, but the content of the letter is timeless and timely. James writes that we should turn to God in our trials and live our faith in God's Word. He casts an unfavorable eye on the ways of the world, and calls on believers favoritism in the

church and an unhealthy view of money. Finally, he calls all believers to pursue Jesus's Grace and Mercy with passion.

### Sunday Morning Bible Study

Join Pastor Mike  
Sunday morning for a bible study on the book of Genesis - "The Beginning".

### Altar Flowers 2020

Have a specific date(s) you would like to dedicate flowers? Please fill out the bulletin insert and place it in the office mail box. *FYI-If the date is already filled, Carol will move you to the next closest date.*  
**have a date in mind? Look at the chart on the bulletin board to see what is available.**

## ●Grow●

### Youth Confirmation Class

Parents & Students

Class has begun!  
Wednesdays, at 6:30pm. Questions? contact Pastor Mike  
pastor\_mike@redeemerwarsaw.org  
cell:574-527-9483

**Class will resume on January 8th**

## ●Change●

### Property Purchase

At the Special Voter's Assembly held on August 22, the Voter's approved to purchase the property next door via a mortgage from the current owner. We now look to put this purchase to work for Him. Next will be the conversation as to how this will be accomplished.  
**Debt Reduction Envelopes are available at the welcome center**

## Redeemer Volunteering & Events

### Sign up sheet

(Please place sign-ups in the Office mailbox)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ I'd like to donate to the Altar Flowers (\$25)

in honor of: \_\_\_\_\_ on this date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please use this insert and place in the church mail box

✳ *Reminder - please take home your poinsettias.* Thank you

I'd like to join an awesome Bible Study! attend as many as you like!

☐ Sunday Morning Bible Study      Monday Evening Women's Bible Study

☐ Wednesday Noon Bible Study

☐ I would like assistance from the Youth Group  
(yard work, cleaning, a visit ...)

☐ I would like to help with Sunday School, IMPACT, nursery

☐ Volunteering at Lincoln School & Little Steps Daycare.  
I am interested in learning about the many opportunities on how to implement our Vision Statement.



## Waiting on God's Timing

God's timing is often not the same as our timing.

- There was no room in the inn for Mary and Joseph in Bethlehem.
- So, they stayed in a barn!

**A) When \_\_\_\_\_ takes Jesus in his arms, he says, "Now, Lord, you are allowing your servant to leave in peace as you promised. My eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared for all people to see. He is a light that will reveal salvation to the nations and bring glory to your people Israel." (Luke 2:29-32 GW)**

- 1) Simeon waited patiently and praised God when \_\_\_\_\_ finally arrived.
- 2) The journey doesn't take a few days and end at the stable – it takes \_\_\_\_\_.
- 3) The \_\_\_\_\_ isn't realized the day after it's given, it's realized in the last hour.
  - The Wise Men waited two years to see the king...
  - Simeon waited his whole life...
  - Israel waited 100s of years...

**B) What are you waiting for... \_\_\_\_\_?**

- a loved one to find Christ?
  - a loved one to find you?
  - for healing?...for peace?...for direction? \_\_\_\_\_?
- 1) The greatest temptation waiting for God, is taking things in \_\_\_\_\_.
    - The first king of Israel (Saul) fell for that temptation (1 Kings 13).
  - 2) That story is a warning for us to wait on God's promises... Wait! \_\_\_\_\_!
  - 3) God is in control, we need to wait on his timing – it's always \_\_\_\_\_.

**C) God sees the big \_\_\_\_\_, & He knows what he's doing.**

- 1) Simeon had been waiting his whole life for the messiah... Paul said; "... *when the right time came, God sent his Son into the world. A woman gave birth to him, and he came under the control of the laws given to Moses. God sent him to pay for the freedom of those who were controlled by these laws so that we would be adopted as his children.*" (Galatians 4:4-5 GW)
- 2) Peter writing to Christians, \_\_\_\_\_ to see Jesus return, "...*The Lord isn't slow to do what he promised, as some people think. Rather, he is patient for your sake. He doesn't want to destroy anyone but wants all people to have an opportunity to turn to him and change the way they think and act.*" (2 Peter 3:8-9 GW)
- 3) Wait within the bounds that God has set.
- 4) Still, waiting does not mean \_\_\_\_\_...Jonathan, tired of waiting, says to his armor bearer, "*Come, let's go over to the outpost of those Philistines. Perhaps the Lord will act in our behalf. Nothing can hinder the Lord from saving, whether by many or by few.*"
- 5) They go, God fights for them and they begin the rout of the Philistine army.

**Close:** How do we know we're following God, like Jonathan. Or force things like Saul?

- Pray, for God's guidance. Read His Word. Try doors with the right attitude.
- Let God's will be the guide for your life, It will be the best in the end!

"Real Problems, Real Savior"

TEXT: *Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. (Matthew 1:18)*

I wonder sometimes what those few words are hiding: "she was found to be with child." The word "found" suggests that somebody realized it without Mary telling them. Perhaps it was her mother; perhaps it was Joseph, her fiancé. We don't know the details, but it probably wasn't a pretty scene.

I'm certain this wasn't what Mary dreamed of when she was a little girl, playing house. In those dreams, everything always goes right, doesn't it? First comes a beautiful wedding, then a home and children who are always good and never rebel or argue. And of course nobody ever gets sick or dies.

But the real world is messy, as we all know. And God came into our real world-the one that includes yelling and screaming and tears and unwed mothers, broken engagements and what-will-the-neighbors-say. God came into our world, and that's good for us. Because we desperately need a Savior.

In a way, it's entirely fitting that our Savior was conceived by a young girl in a precarious relationship, in danger of public shaming or worse. It's fitting that He was born in substandard housing and laid in an animal's feed trough. It's fitting that He spent the first few years of His life as a refugee in Egypt, fleeing a dangerous government. It's fitting because all these things are still with us today-broken families, poverty, exile, fear. And they aren't going away soon.

We need a Savior-oh, how we need Him! And so God came to us-came to be one of us, a child raised in the middle of all the human troubles we face. He knows our lives-he has shared them. He has shared our death in all the fullness of suffering. And now He promises to share His own resurrection with us on the day when He makes all things new.

In the meantime, we hold on to Jesus' promise: "*I have said these things to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world*" (John 16:33).

THE PRAYER: Lord, You know what I need. Overcome my problems in Your mercy, and keep me close to You. Amen.

Answers: A) Simeon, 1) Jesus, 2) years, 3) promise, B) impatiently, 1) our own hands, 2) Trust God, 3) perfect, C) picture, 2) impatient, 3) passivity.