



10:00 AM
WORSHIP SERVICE
December 17, 2023

Call to Worship

It's Christmas

Announcements

Baptism Message

Offering

Mary, Did You Know

Special Music by Shari Rogers & Luann Schaefer

Angels from the Realms of Glory

Baptisms

Lighting of Advent Candles

Praise & Petition

Message

What Did Mary Know?

Hark the Herald

Benediction



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Today's Message:
What Did Mary Know?
Luke 1:26-56
Pastor Travis Deans

JOURNEY TO BETHLEHEM: THE SERIES

Week #4: What Did Mary Know?

December 17, 2023 – Travis Deans
Luke 1:26-56

Notes & Comments:



Join us today in celebrating the dedications
of the following Capacity youth members:

Isabella Reina Pulice
Allen Lee Etling
Madalyn Rose Helms
Lorien Ruby Eileen Seaton

We lift up a prayer of Thanksgiving for these young people boldly
proclaiming their commitment to follow Christ in word & deed!

Advent Brunch

If you signed up to attend the Advent Brunch,
please join us **today, December 17th** following
the 10:00 AM worship service in the Fellowship
Hall. We look forward to celebrating the
Christmas season with you!



Fellowship Team Meeting & Christmas Social

The Fellowship Team invites both present & interested
members to join them for a meeting & Christmas
social this Monday, **December 18th** at 6:30 PM.
Ladies will enjoy a gift & cookie exchange as well as
good companionship. *We are seeking new members
to help with upcoming events!* Please speak with
Cathy Thomas if you have any questions,
and join us for a pleasant evening!

Capacity Announcements

Capacity: Wednesdays, 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM / 6th-12th Grade
Please contact Pastor Joshua with any questions
at capacityallianceyouth@gmail.com.



Capacity Christmas Party - The Capacity Christmas Party will be
December 20th from 6:00 - 9:00 PM (please note the time change for
this evening). We will have a \$5 gift exchange & students are
encouraged to wear their best Christmas pajamas for our
annual Capacity Christmas fashion showcase!

Capacity WINTER JAM 2024 Trip - Capacity will be traveling to the
Petersen Events Center the night of **January 19th** for the annual
Winter Jam Concert! If a student 6th -12th grade would like to join,
please reach out to Pastor Joshua as soon as possible as we are
already making travel plans! Winter Jam cost is a \$15 donation
at the door.



Christmas Services

Christmas Eve Morning Service
Sunday, **December 24th** at 10:00 AM

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
Sunday, **December 24th** at 6:30 PM

Please join us for a time of worship
to celebrate our Savior's birth!

Christmas Card Exchange

Are you planning to send Christmas cards to your friends who attend our church? If so, please feel free to save a few stamps by dropping off your cards for your church friends in the plastic boxes on the table in the foyer. Please sort your cards by the first letter of the recipients' last names and place them in the appropriate folders in the boxes.



Christmas Offering

Please note that all monies collected in this year's Christmas offering will be split evenly between Genesis House and the Good Works Life Recovery House.

You can donate through the offering using your Christmas envelopes or regular envelopes clearly labeled "Christmas offering," and by giving online and indicating "Christmas" in the memo/notes field. Additionally, all donations given at our Christmas Eve candlelight service will go to support these organizations.



C&MA Christmas Offering

We recently introduced the Alliance Great Commission Fund Christmas offering. Please prayerfully consider making a contribution to enable new ministries to launch and established ministries to continue to do God's work in every nation. If you feel led to make a donation, please designate your offering envelopes or online contributions to the Great Commission Fund and return to the church by **December 31st**.

New Offering Envelopes

Offering envelopes for 2024 are now available in the foyer. If you do not see a set prepared for you and you would like one, please contact Andrea in the church office.



Mark your calendars for the Alliance 40 Days of Prayer initiative, starting January 1st! The theme this year is **NOW**. If you would like to receive the weekly emails, please register at: 40days.cmalliance.org. Each week, those subscribed to the list will receive an email containing a video summarizing the week's prayer focus, an attachment with the daily devotionals for adults, daily devotionals for youth (via Instagram), and weekly devotionals for children. In addition to devotional content, you are invited to join us for various livestream events, including virtual prayer gatherings led by local Columbus Alliance churches each Tuesday at 7:30 PM EST, as well as a livestream event on the final evening of the 40 days on Friday, February 9th.

Candidating Sunday with Pastor Marc Trujillo

On Sunday, **January 7th** Pastor Marc Trujillo will be joining us for a candidating Sunday. After the morning worship service, we will have a fellowship meal which will be followed by Pastor Marc and his wife Kim sharing their testimonies and his philosophy of ministry, as well as a Q&A time. We hope you will be able to join us for this special time of fellowship! *Sign-ups for the meal will be coming soon.*



Men's Small Group



Our next men's small group meeting will be held here at Cherry Tree Alliance this Saturday, **January 13th**. The meeting is from 8:00 - 10:00 AM and will include breakfast and a time of study based on the book *Beautiful Outlaw* by John Eldredge. Please sign up at the bulletin board in the foyer.

Capital Campaign Launch

We are launching a capital campaign for a needed upcoming purchase of a new church van. We have ordered a van for approximately \$65,000, which will take at least one year to arrive from the manufacturer.



As we wait, we need to begin collecting funds for this expense. The dealership has agreed that if we do not have the needed funds when the van arrives, we do not have to take it; however, we want to avoid this as we would likely then have to go back on the waitlist for ordering a vehicle. **To contribute to this fund, please mark your offering envelopes or online donation "Van."**

We thank you for your support!



2024 Bible Reading Plans

If you'd like to read through the Bible in 2024, please check out these resources. On the welcome table in the foyer, you will find two versions of plans for reading through the Bible in a year...one that is cover-to-cover and one that includes daily readings from both the Old and New Testaments.

We also encourage you to check out *The Bible App* on your smartphone. This app allows you to select a Bible reading plan & will track your progress. The app also allows you to invite friends to join you in following the same reading plan. *If you're an auditory learner*, visit www.faithcomesbyhearing.com for audio recordings of the Bible to listen to at home or while on the road.

If anyone would like to express appreciation for our pastors who have stepped up & helped care so well for our church during this time of transition, there will be a card basket in the foyer until the end of the year.



Immerse Small Groups

College Age Group - Sundays at 5:00 PM

Ladies' Small Group - Wednesdays at 6:30 PM

Bible Quiz Practice

Tuesdays 6:00 - 7:00 PM / 2nd-12th Grade
Please contact Pastor Joshua with any questions at capacityallianceyouth@gmail.com.



AWANA Clubs

Wednesdays from 6:30 - 8:00 PM.
Ages 3 years old - 5th Grade



Register online at: www.cherrytreealliance.org/ministries/childrens-ministry

International Workers of the Week

Please pray for our Alliance workers of the week, Buzz & Myrna Maxey, who serve in Indonesia. Please pray for them in these areas of their ministry: *"For 35 years Buzz and Myrna Maxey have worked in ministry mainly with the indigenous people's of Irian Jaya/Papua, Indonesia. They serve in community development, soccer ministry, HIV and AIDS awareness, Ngalik Bible translation and leadership development. After the Ngalik Bible is dedicated they look forward to beginning more concentrated work in 'cousin' ministry in the highlands... Prayer Ministry, Peace Camps, creation care and training the local church in reaching their 'cousin' neighbors."*

Prayer of the Day

Join us in praising the Lord for the baptisms we witnessed today!
Ask the Lord this Christmas season, what act of faith is He calling you to pursue for His glory?



Kids & Capacity Sunday Ministry

Jr. Kids Church - 10:00 AM on Sunday Mornings
Ages Pre-K / K-2nd Grade / 3rd through 5th Grade
Nursery Care available

Capacity Church - 10:00 AM on Sunday Mornings
6th-8th Grade - Contact Pastor Joshua with any questions at capacityallianceyouth@gmail.com.



Moms in Prayer - Mondays at 6:00 PM
Please ask the church office for Teresa's number for the meeting details.

Offering plates will be passed during the service.
You may also place your offering in the wall lockbox outside the church office door. To give online, visit our website at www.cherrytreealliance.org/giving to check out our electronic donation service using the program Tithe.ly.



Thanks for your faithful giving!

GIVING

Operating Fund Giving for December: \$12,898
(Amount needed monthly: \$27,734)
Last Week's Great Commission Giving: \$491

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE

Worship Service: 107
Livestream Views: 184

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