

Friday / Dec. 23

Christmas Meeting

Scripture: Ephesians 1: 3-12

How are they to believe in (a Savior) of whom they have not heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? Romans 10: 14

Reflections:

What word, phrase or image caught my attention?

What does this passage teach me about God?

What difference will this make in my life?

Prayer: Dear Lord, thank you for coming to us at Christmas and always, wherever we are. Amen.

Prayer Focus: Those who have guided me toward God.

Saturday / Dec. 24

Christmas Eve

Scripture: Genesis 18: 9-15

Sara laughed to herself. Genesis 18: 12

Reflections:

What word, phrase or image caught my attention?

What does this passage teach me about God?

What difference will this make in my life?

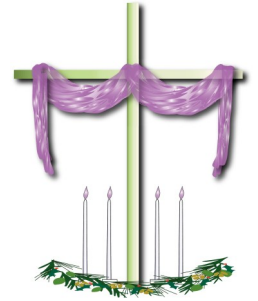
Prayer: God, what a joy it is to receive your gift of Jesus Christ! We welcome him in our hearts as a reminder of your love and share your gift with others as a token of our love for you. Amen.

Prayer Focus: Those people sad at Christmastime.

Fuquay –Varina

United Methodist Church

Sunday, December 18, 2011



Advent Daily Discipleship Journal

Sermon: *In God's Season*

Rev. Albert Shuler

Scripture: Luke 1: 39-46

Sermon Notes:

Each of us is called to live in the truth that we see in Jesus Christ.

Prayer: O God, as we have welcomed your grace and truth in Christ, help us to show our weary world that following him is the way to peace. Amen.

Prayer Focus: Those who work for peace

Devotional Focus: It is our prayer that as you journey through this season of advent, you will uncover opportunities in your life to apply our vision that Fuquay-Varina United Methodist Church is a community of believers that

Loves God, Learns God, Serves God and Shares God.

Monday / Dec. 19

Immanuel

Scripture: Philippians 2: 1-11

"The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel" which means, "God with us." Matthew 1: 23

Reflections:

What word, phrase or image caught my attention? _____

What does this passage teach me about God? _____

What difference will this make in my life? _____

Prayer: Thank you, Lord, for being with us. Help us to open our hearts to you. Amen.

Prayer Focus: People who feel broken beyond repair.

Wednesday / Dec. 21

The Hope of Glory

Scripture: Luke 2: 1-20

To (his saints) God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.

Colossians 1: 27

Reflections:

What word, phrase or image caught my attention? _____

What does this passage teach me about God? _____

What difference will this make in my life? _____

Prayer: Loving God, continue to make yourself known among people who don't know you. Prepare us to receive them as family. Amen.

Prayer Focus: - Those planning Christmas worship

Tuesday / Dec. 20

The First Thing

Scripture: Psalm 23

Jesus said, "Consider how the lilies grow. They do not labor or spin....if that is how God clothes the grass of the field,...how much more will he clothe you?"

Luke 12: 27-28

Reflections:

What word, phrase or image caught my attention? _____

What does this passage teach me about God? _____

What difference will this make in my life? _____

Prayer: O God, help us to accept your grace instead of trying to earn your love. Amen.

Prayer Focus: People in health-care centers.

Thursday / Dec. 22

Responding With Grace

Scripture: 1 Samuel 1: 1-18

Eli said to (Hannah), "How long will you make a drunken spectacle of yourself? Put away your wine." But Hannah answered, "No, my lord, I am a woman deeply troubled; I have drunk neither wine nor strong drink, but I have been pouring out my soul before the Lord."

1 Samuel 1: 14-15

Reflections:

What word, phrase or image caught my attention? _____

What does this passage teach me about God? _____

What difference will this make in my life? _____

Prayer: Thank you, God, for the examples you give us in your word. Help us be as gracious as Hannah was to Eli. Amen.

Prayer Focus: People who wrongfully accuse us.