

## Things Mary Pondered

The Gospel of Luke tells us that after being told she was to become the mother of the Savior of the world, Mary “*kept all these things and pondered them in her heart*” (Lk. 2:19). Mary played a role in His life until His death on the cross and His subsequent resurrection and ascension. She is mentioned by all four of the gospel writers and the writer of Acts.

There were many things Mary pondered after the angel spoke to her, due to the dramatic changes in her life within the next year. Luke tells the story of Mary’s inward and personal experiences as she learned of her pregnancy, how she felt about it, her fears, and her ultimate submission and joy in understanding what was happening to her body and that she was to deliver the Savior into the world. Matthew tells us of the outward and more public display of humiliation she at first experienced. The shame and suspicion which engulfed her thoughts and life were followed by her ultimate vindication. Her plight was certainly a proverbial roller coaster.

Mary would have additional things to ponder over the next 30 years or so as well. She found Jesus in the temple answering questions from the religious leaders following a Jerusalem festival (Lk. 2:42-52). She had an important role in the first public miracle of Jesus at a wedding feast in Cana (Jn. 2:1-11). She was seen with Jesus’ brothers during His three-year ministry (Mt. 12:46; Mk. 3:31-35) as he disputed with the scribes and Pharisees. Mary was seen at the foot of the cross on which her Son hung, even as it seems all of His disciples, with the exception of John and His other friends, had deserted Him. The last inspired reported incident of Mary is after Jesus had ascended, praying with the apostles, Jesus’ brothers, and some women.

It is apparent that Mary played an active role in His life from before Jesus’ birth to the establishment of His church. Her pondering led her to recognize the importance of her role in the life of the Savior and to fulfill that role in a way pleasing to God. As we ponder the things of God, where does it lead us?

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## Sunday, December 15, 2019

<p><b>Prayer List Updates</b></p> <p><b>Renell Beach</b> – heart cath last week; no blockage</p> <p><b>Carroll Towell</b> – came home from hospital Tuesday</p> <p><b>Bill Elliott</b> – weekly chemo began last week, will run six weeks</p> <p><b>Pat McKay</b> – Deanna Cagle’s aunt; atrial fibrillation, in hospital last week</p> <p><b>Frankie Towell</b> – awaiting biopsy results</p> <p><b>Steve Cockrum</b> – Stephanie Bolar’s father; pancreatic cancer, possibly spread to liver</p> <p><b>Adrienne Penix</b> – upcoming shunt surgery to relieve intracranial pressure</p>	<p><b>Upcoming Events</b></p> <p>Tuesdays 10 am ladies’ Bible study in activity building; children welcome</p> <p>Dec. 24 van leaves for Mission Outreach at 3:30, serving dinner at 5. Thanks to all for helping with the dinner!</p> <p>Dec. 25 no evening services</p> <p><b>Announcements</b></p> <p>There is a sign-up sheet on the back table for food for Christmas Eve dinner at Mission Outreach. We are also collecting hats and gloves for the mission. Please place them in the box at the back.</p> <p>There are new sign-up lists on the back table for communion preparation and building cleaning.</p>	<p><b>December Haiti Needs</b></p> <p>sanitary napkins deodorant</p> <hr/> <p><b>Birthday</b></p> <p>Ty Beach                      December 21</p> <hr/> <p><b>Last Week’s Attendance</b></p> <p>Sunday morning: 49 Sunday evening: 41 Wednesday evening: 35</p>
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## Weekly Service Assignments

Sunday Morning	Bible class: 9:45 am worship: 10:45 am	Sunday Evening	6:00 pm
First Prayer	Ken Beach	First Prayer	Matthew Sills
Announcements	Rudi Cagle	Closing Prayer	Dakota Crossno
Second Prayer	Rudi Cagle	Lord’s Supper	Matthew Sills Ken Beach
Scripture Reading	Matthew Sills	Wednesday Evening	7:00 pm
Lord’s Supper	1. Ed Young                      3. Dakota Crossno 2. Matthew Sills                      4. Jerry Bolar	First Prayer	Ken Beach
Closing Prayer	Larry Towell	Closing Prayer	Matthew Sills