

On Worry and Worship

Today we gather to worship. Despite that, despite being surrounded by a church family that loves you so much, you may still find yourself in a season of worry. Perhaps you find yourself concerned with the loss of a loved one and asking how your life can continue without them. Maybe you are struggling through a time of parenting or grand-parenting woes. Patience is running thin, but you want your children or grandchildren to know that you love them so much. It may be that you or someone in your family is dealing with great illness or injury. Worry can consume each of us so easily.

As you know, we have been studying the Gospel of Luke on Sunday mornings. Not too long ago, we read in Luke 1 the song of Mary in response to Elizabeth's joyous reaction to the news of her cousin's pregnancy. Mary begins this song by saying, *"My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked on the humble estate of his servant. For behold, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for he who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is his name."*

Here is this young girl (some scholars say as young as 13) and she has just been told that she is going to give birth to a child who would be called "the Christ." She isn't married. So many worries could be going through her head. What would her parents think? What about the community? What if she becomes a social outcast? What if Joseph leaves her? What if she loses everything?

What we see in her response is this: **She was willing to replace worry with worship.** Let me encourage each of us, regardless of whatever may worry us today, to replace our worry with worship.

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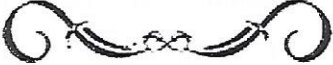
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Sunday, February 19, 2017

<p>Prayer List Updates</p> <p>Joy Brooks – surgery on one side of neck Wednesday, Feb. 22; other side six weeks after that</p> <p>Jude Stewart – grandson of Nancy and Raymond Lasley; appointment with AR Children’s Hospital because of problem with spleen</p> <p>Carroll Towell – medicine change causing pain</p>	<p>Upcoming Events</p> <p>Tuesdays Ladies’ Bible study; 10 am kids welcome</p> <p>Weds. Fwednesday for teens 6-8 grades 6-12</p> 	<p>Correspondence Course Ministry</p> <p>week of February 13-18: 14 lessons graded</p>
<p>Irma Shipley – home now</p> <p>Nancy Lasley – been sick for a week or two</p> <p>Birthdays</p> <p>Jena Whitaker February 21 Frankie Towell February 25</p>	<p>Memory Verse</p> <p>For I am persuaded that not even death or life, angels or rulers, things present or things to come, hostile powers, height or depth, or any other created thing will have the power to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord! Romans 8:38-39</p>	<p>February Haiti Needs</p> <p>oatmeal vitamins allergy medicine</p> <p>Attendance Last Week</p> <p>Sunday morning: 59 Sunday evening: 35 Wednesday evening: 34 After School Special: 41 kids</p>

Weekly Service Assignments

<p>Sunday Morning</p> <p>Bible class: 9:45 am worship: 10:45 am</p>	<p>Sunday Evening 6:00 pm</p>
<p>First Prayer Larry Brooks Announcements Larry Towell Scripture Reading Ed Young</p>	<p>First Prayer Joel Ingram Closing Prayer Josh Vires Lord’s Supper Raymond Lasley Rudi Cagle</p>
<p>Lord’s Supper 1. Braden Drury 3. Rudi Cagle 2. Raymond Lasley 4. Justin Beach</p> <p>Second Prayer Ken Beach Closing Prayer Matthew Sills</p>	<p>Wednesday Evening 7:00 pm</p> <p>First Prayer Josh Vires Closing Prayer Matthew Sills</p>