

Jesus said to his followers:

“. . . if you have faith in me, you will do the same things that I am doing. You will do even greater things, now that I am going back to the Father.”

(John 14:12)

Greater *things*

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Longing For His Glory

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During the season of Advent we revisit the birth of Jesus, our Lord and Savior. Advent is about waiting. Waiting for the birth of Jesus and now waiting for his return. In our “Leader” worship resource there are many questions that the group of contributors thought of regarding Advent. The first question and main focus is “What are you waiting for?” The second question that stood out to me was “What are we and our neighbors longing for?”

I like the second question because it includes everyone and using the word longing seems to mean so much more to our waiting. My hope is that we are not just sitting around waiting for the return of Christ or his direction, blessings, and power in our lives. I hope we are longing for his return and power in our lives. We should desire and anticipate and expect the Lord to show up in our lives, and to see his power at work in and through us each day. Yes, there are times when God calls on us to wait for his perfect timing, but he is not just a God of the future. He is the God of the past and the present as well. I believe God wants to bless you and give you what you are

longing for. Romans, chapter twelve, in the Message Bible starts with these words: “So here’s what I want you to do, God helping you: Take your everyday, ordinary life—your sleeping, eating, going-to-work, and walking-around life—and place it before God as an offering. Embracing what God does for you is the best thing you can do for him.” We should not just wait for his glory but, we should long for his glory to be visible in us.

The second part of the question asks what our neighbors are longing for. Our neighbors are longing for the same thing all of us humans created by God long for. That is, a relationship with Jesus Christ that brings forgiveness and wholeness. Fulfilling that sense of belonging that all of us have. It is sad that this time of year many people feel isolated and lonesome and seemingly without hope. There are “neighbors” all around us longing for a cure; a healing, their next meal, a better marriage, a dependable car, a job, a warm coat and the list could go on and on. This Advent season I am longing to have the glory of the Lord evident in me and longing to make his glory known to my neighbors in need.

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Save The Date:

Christmas Program December 15th at 6pm

The program this year will include the Biblical story of Christmas with children and other music specials.

We will end with a candlelight ending followed by a fingerfood fellowship.



Save The Date: Congregational Meeting December 8th at 6pm

We'll discuss the Budget and affirm the GDCC Commission appointments, as well as hear updates from all the commissions.



What Are You Waiting For?

ADVENT 2019

Advent 2019: What Are You Waiting For?

The Scriptures are full of questions, cries, and longings. The themes for each Sunday will be:

Dec 1: Our wait begins

Dec 8: Getting Ready while we wait

Dec 15: Kept waiting by fear

Dec 22: Worth the wait

Dec 29: Time to get a move on!

Jan 5: Unable to go back the way we came!

First Fruit Giving Giving God Our Best

	Stewardship	Attendance
10/27/19	\$2,697	113
11/3/19	\$14,523	148
11/10/19	\$3590	113
11/17/19	\$7,086	117

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How old are you? 13 years old

What is your favorite bible verse and/or book of the Bible? Psalm 46:5

Is there a time in your life you have felt God's presence stronger than at any other time? Whenever my grandma passed away, I felt him by my side through everything.

What school do you go to? Arthur Junior High School and I'm in 8th grade. My favorite subject is math.

What would you say is your favorite meal? My favorite meal is a cheeseburger and mac & cheese.

What hobbies do you enjoy? I enjoy cheering for the basketball team, playing softball and volleyball. I also enjoy playing with my dogs, Sadie and Willow.

What is your favorite historical landmark? Mt. Rushmore because I visited there in 2018 and it was beautiful!

What is your favorite inspirational quote? "The noblest art is that of making others happy." from The Greatest Showman