

The Story Behind the Song of Zachariah



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HOPEFUL WAITING is the dynamic that set up the very first Christmas... and is still the thrill of our hope today.

THE STORY BEHIND THE SONG... LUKE 1:5-7

The promise of God: Genesis 12

Now the Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. ²And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ³I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

THE STORY CONTINUES... LUKE 1:8-25

THIS IS OUR STORY, TOO!

And we sing the song of Zachariah!

"Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he has visited and redeemed his people and has raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David, as he spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets from of old, that we should be saved from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us; to show the mercy promised to our fathers and to remember his holy covenant, the oath that he swore to our father Abraham, to grant us that we, being delivered from the hand of our enemies, might serve him without fear, in holiness and righteousness before him all our days. And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High; for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways, to give knowledge of salvation to his people in the forgiveness of their sins, because of the tender mercy of our God, whereby the sunrise shall visit us from on high to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace." Luke 1:68-79

[Next Week, the Song of Mary, Luke 1:46-55]

CONTRIBUTION REPORT ~ CHURCH BUDGET ~ 11/22/15

	Weekly Worship Attendance	Weekly Offering Received	Weekly Offering Budget	Offering Variance
11/22	368	\$ 14,687	\$ 26,094	\$ - 11,407
	Budgeted YTD \$ 547,974	Offerings YTD \$ 542,744		\$ - 5,230

4 Those 2 Come Phase 2 Capital Campaign

11/22 Pledged **\$3,789,526** Received To Date **\$1,392,634** Balance **\$2,396,892**

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