

CARE This Week...

November 30, 2025



Birth of John the Baptist

This week's lesson is about Luke 1:5-25

In the time of Herod, king of Judah, there was a priest named Zechariah, who belonged to the priestly division of Abijah; his wife Elizabeth was also a descendant of Aaron. Both of them were upright in the sight of God, observing all the Lord's commandments and regulations blamelessly. But they had no children, because Elizabeth was barren; and they were both old. Once when Zechariah's division was on duty and he was serving as priest before God, he was chosen by lot, according to the custom of the priesthood, to go into the temple of the Lord and burn incense. And when the time for the burning of the incense came, all the assembled worshippers were praying outside. A crowd gathered outside to pray because the incense symbolized the prayers of the entire Jewish nation. It was a very special moment in Zechariah's life. Then an angel of the Lord appeared to him, standing at the right side of the altar of incense. When Zechariah saw him, he was startled and gripped with fear. But the angel said to him, "Do not be afraid, Zechariah; your prayer has been heard. Your wife Elizabeth will bear a son, and you are to give him the name John." He will be a joy and delight to you, and many will rejoice because of his birth, for he will be great in the sight of the Lord. He is never to take wine or other fermented drink, and he will be filled with the Holy Spirit even from birth. Many of the people of Israel will he bring back to the Lord their God. And he will go on before the Lord, in the *spirit and power* of Elijah, to turn the hearts of the fathers to their children and the disobedient to the wisdom of the righteous - to make ready a people prepared for the Lord. Zechariah asked the angel, "How can I be sure of this? I am an old man and my wife is well along in years." The angel answered, "I am Gabriel. I stand in the presence of God, and I have been sent to speak to you and to tell you this good news." "And now you will be silent and be unable to speak until the day this happens, because you did not believe my words, which will come true at their proper time." Meanwhile, the people were waiting for Zechariah and wondering why he stayed so long in the temple. When he came out, he could not speak to them. They realized he had seen a vision in the temple, for he kept making signs to them but remained unable to speak. When his time of service was completed, he returned home. After this his wife Elizabeth became pregnant and for five months remained in seclusion. "The Lord has done this for me," she said. "In these days he has shown his favor and taken away my disgrace among the people."

"John the Baptist's birth was divinely orchestrated, used by God to reignite remembrance and longing in the hearts of God's people for the day of the Messiah's coming."

We now await Jesus' 2nd return. May our hearts long for Jesus and be ready when He returns.

Bible Verse: Therefore...set your hope on the grace to be brought to you when Jesus Christ is revealed at his coming. *1 Peter 1:13*

Life Application: May our hearts and minds 'awaken' and long for Jesus.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION...

We celebrated November & December Birthdays in class today (see picture above). **Happiest of birthdays to Donovan, Susan and Steve!**

We were thrilled that Steve & Jen could join us and BIG thanks to Steve for leading worship songs for our class!!

SATURDAY ZOOM BIBLE STUDY

We didn't have Saturday ZOOM Bible Study this past weekend in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday! We'll be back this coming Saturday, December 6th.



UPCOMING EVENTS:

THIS FRIDAY, Dec. 5

CARE Christmas Party

6:00 – 8:00 PM



SUNDAY, Dec. 14

**CARE Greeting Before
Services**

9:00-9:30

& 10:30-11:00 AM



SATURDAY, Jan. 10

CARE Game Night

6:00 – 8:30 PM