

The Story p22
The Birth of the King Mark Pickerill

John 3:19 - And the judgment is based on this fact: God's light came into the world, but people loved the darkness more than the light, for their actions were evil.²

Psalms 53: 2-3 - ²God looks down from heaven on the entire human race; he looks to see if anyone is truly wise, if anyone seeks God. ³But no, all have turned away; all have become corrupt. No one does good, not a single one!

Luke 1:7-20, 26-38, 57-66, 76-79 - ⁷They had no children because Elizabeth was unable to conceive, and they were both very old. ⁸One day Zechariah was serving God in the Temple, for his order was on duty that week. ⁹As was the custom of the priests, he was chosen by lot to enter the sanctuary of the Lord and burn incense. ¹⁰While the incense was being burned, a great crowd stood outside, praying.

¹¹While Zechariah was in the sanctuary, an angel of the Lord appeared to him, standing to the right of the incense altar. ¹²Zechariah was shaken and overwhelmed with fear when he saw him. ¹³But the angel said, "Don't be afraid, Zechariah! God has heard your prayer. Your wife, Elizabeth, will give you a son, and you are to name him John. ¹⁴You will have great joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth, ¹⁵for he will be great in the eyes of the Lord. He must never touch wine or other alcoholic drinks. He will be filled with the Holy Spirit, even before his birth. ¹⁶And he will turn many Israelites to the Lord their God. ¹⁷He will be a man with the spirit and power of Elijah. He will prepare the people for the coming of the Lord. He will turn the hearts of the fathers to their children, and he will cause those who are rebellious to accept the wisdom of the godly." ¹⁸Zechariah said to the angel, "How can I be sure this will happen? I'm an old man now, and my wife is also well along in years."

¹⁹Then the angel said, "I am Gabriel! I stand in the very presence of God. It was he who sent me to bring you this good news! ²⁰But now, since you didn't believe what I said, you will be silent and unable to speak until the child is born. For my words will certainly be fulfilled at the proper time." ...

²⁶In the sixth month of Elizabeth's pregnancy, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a village in Galilee, ²⁷to a virgin named Mary. She was engaged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of King David.

²⁸Gabriel appeared to her and said, "Greetings, favored woman! The Lord is with you!" ²⁹Confused and disturbed, Mary tried to think what the angel could mean. ³⁰"Don't be afraid, Mary," the angel told her, "for you have found favor with God! ³¹You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you will name him Jesus. ³²He will be very great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will

give him the throne of his ancestor David. ³³And he will reign over Israel forever; his Kingdom will never end!" ³⁴Mary asked the angel, "But how can this happen? I am a virgin." ³⁵The angel replied, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the baby to be born will be holy, and he will be called the Son of God. ³⁶What's more, your relative Elizabeth has become pregnant in her old age! People used to say she was barren, but she's now in her sixth month. ³⁷For nothing is impossible with God." ³⁸Mary responded, "I am the Lord's servant. May everything you have said about me come true." And then the angel left her...

⁵⁷When it was time for Elizabeth's baby to be born, she gave birth to a son. ⁵⁸And when her neighbors and relatives heard that the Lord had been very merciful to her, everyone rejoiced with her. ⁵⁹When the baby was eight days old, they all came for the circumcision ceremony. They wanted to name him Zechariah, after his father. ⁶⁰But Elizabeth said, "No! His name is John!" ⁶¹"What?" they exclaimed. "There is no one in all your family by that name." ⁶²So they used gestures to ask the baby's father what he wanted to name him. ⁶³He motioned for a writing tablet, and to everyone's surprise he wrote, "His name is John." ⁶⁴Instantly Zechariah could speak again, and he began praising God. ⁶⁵Awe fell upon the whole neighborhood, and the news of what had happened spread throughout the Judean hills. ⁶⁶Everyone who heard about it reflected on these events and asked, "What will this child turn out to be?" For the hand of the Lord was surely upon him in a special way...

⁷⁶"And you, my little son, will be called the prophet of the Most High, because you will prepare the way for the Lord. ⁷⁷You will tell his people how to find salvation through forgiveness of their sins. ⁷⁸Because of God's tender mercy, the morning light from heaven is about to break upon us, ⁷⁹to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, and to guide us to the path of peace."

John 1:4 - The Word gave life to everything that was created, and his life brought light to everyone.

This coming week please read chapter 23 from The Story: Jesus' Ministry Begins. Want to go deeper into The Story? After you finish the chapter, read Matthew 3-4, 11; Mark 1-3; Luke 8; John 1-4

To help get God's word in your heart, consider memorizing this verse this week:

And a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased."

Mark 1:11



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Financial Update

2015 General Budget	\$5,250,000
YTD as of 01/31/15 Requirement	\$403,846
YTD as of 01/31/15 Tithes & Offering	\$334,212
January Kingdom (Blue Bucket) Offering	\$14,461
YTD Kingdom Offering	\$31,092

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Saturday 6:00pm South

Sunday 9:00am and 11:15am (both North & South)

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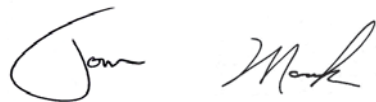
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Whether you are simply curious about Jesus or have been a long-time follower of Christ, we welcome you and are excited you are with us today.

Enjoy the service!



Tom Hughes & Mark Pickerill
Co-Lead Pastors

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Information and Opportunities



Current Teaching Series

The Story is a book that takes selected passages of the Bible organized as one continuing story of God and His people. Find a Story-based life group online or pick up a list in the lobby.

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Partnership

Whether you are new to Christian Assembly (CA) or you have made it your church family, we want you to join us for a class called Partnership. You'll meet some of our staff, learn what we value and believe as a church, and how you can get involved!

Next class begins: April 19
A six-week class
Sundays, 11:15am - 12:45pm
2435 Colorado Blvd, Rm 30
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Upcoming Events

Daylight Saving Time Change

Next Sunday, March 8 at 2:00am **Daylight Saving Time begins!** Turn your clocks **FORWARD.**

Hiring Associate Pastor to Women

The Women's Ministry is adding a pastor to our team. We are looking for a person with experience in small group discipleship, leadership development and event planning. Find the job description at cachurch.com/jobs

Neighborhood Day Camp

Forest Home's **Neighborhood Day Camp is coming back to CA on July 13-17** for kids in Kinder-5th grade. **Registration opens Mar. 1.** There is an **early bird rate of \$175 for the first 80 campers who sign up.** To find out ways to get involved or to sign up a camper check out cakidschurch.com

The Relationship Center

The **Relationship Center offers individual, couples and family counseling at affordable rates right here on the CA campus.** If you would like to set up a consultation, call 323.315.0963 Monday-Thursday, 9am-6pm, or email trc@cachurch.com

Kingdom Prayer Gathering

Join us **next Sunday at 4:30pm** as we gather to pray for our Kingdom ministries. We will meet at 2435 Colorado Blvd in Rm 30. **All are welcome!**

Kingdom Opportunities

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Every **Sunday at 8am.**
Meet in front of 2401 Colorado Blvd.
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