

God Word to Us

Let God disrupt your plans. Let God order your way. Let God lead your footsteps. "Take heed, be quiet, do not fear, and do not let your heart be faint (7.4)." The child's name is Immanuel. God is with us. This is good news if not always comfortable news.

Sermon notes

*Prayer
Corner*

Nancy and Frank Myers

Advent Conspiracy Meet the BAKER family



With the diagnoses of cancer, the Baker family faces a significant crisis this Advent season; therefore, we will conspire to be a means of grace to their family. Each Sunday of Advent we will receive an offering on their behalf.

Let's Go Caroling

Wednesday December 21st

- 6:00 PM: Come and eat soup
- 6:45 PM: Group formation with instructions
- 7:00 PM: Start Caroling and Door hanging
- 7:45 PM Come back to the Church
- 7: 50 PM Hot Chocolate and Donuts
- 8:00-8:30 PM Leave to go home

This week → Advent 2016 Schedule
Advent 4 (18 December):
Christmas Dinner Boxes Distribution
21 December: All Church Christmas Caroling at 6:00pm
Christmas Eve Service of Carols,
Candlelight, and Communion at 5:30pm
Christmas Day Worship
at 11:00am

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Fourth Sunday of Advent



Imagine a Baby

New Cumberland Church of the Nazarene

Order of Worship
Fourth Sunday of Advent
18 December 2016

We Gather to Worship God

Prelude Music
Welcome
Call to Worship
Worship Reading

We Listen to the Scriptures

Pastoral Prayer
Offering
Scripture Readings: Isaiah 7.10-16
Sermon Series: Imagine
Sermon Four: "Imagine a Baby "

We Come to the Table

Passing the Peace of Christ
Prayer of Consecration
The Lord's Prayer
We Eat and Drink Together
Prayer of Thanksgiving

We Go to Live in the Reign of God

Community Life
Gossiping the Good Stuff
Doxology
Blessing and Sending

*If you are a guest with us today,
Please take time to fill out a Connection Card.
The ushers will be picking them up
later in the service.
Thank You*

Please visit us on our website, www.ncnazarene.org
for details of events.

Also you will find, photos, monthly newsletters,
bulletins, online giving and you can also
send prayer request to the prayer chain.

DECEMBER CALENDAR

Dec 18 Christmas Dinner Boxes Distribution	11:30AM
Dec 21 All Church Caroling	6:00PM
Dec 24 Christmas Eve Service	5:30PM
Dec 25 Christmas Day Service	11:00AM
Jan 1 New Years Day Service	11:00AM

Sermon Reflection Guide Fourth Sunday of Advent 2016

Isaiah 7.10-16

Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz, saying, Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test. Then Isaiah said: "Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted.

Matthew 1.18-25

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

"Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel," which means, "God is with us."

When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

Question for Everyone:

When threatened, when you feel your back is against the wall do you (1) flee or (10) fight?

Emmanuel

This time of year we sing about Emmanuel as a source of comfort in hard times. We do so rightly. But we mustn't forget that God's presence isn't always a source of comfort, sometimes Emmanuel's presence is source of discomfort, or at least inconvenience especially when God starts medaling in our lives or disrupting our plans. (When is the last time you let God disrupt your plans?)

When Stressed or Threatened, Be Still

In a scenario in which reliance upon ill gotten gain, or unhealthy relationships seems the only means of survival, then the word of the Lord is: "Be still and stand firm in your faith." Do the right thing even when the wrong thing seems like the only viable option. Let God disrupt your plans, especially if your plans include a lack of godly wisdom. (Have you ever regretted a time when you acted unwisely and would have been well served by a course correction?)

The B I B L E

The lesson in these stories is that that knowing your bible doesn't always produce a heart that pleases God. Having chapter and verse memorized is no guarantee that the life one lives is pleasing to God. Folk have done a lot of crazy things while quoting Scripture, like burning crosses and not divorcing an abusive spouse or not letting women preach in church. . . . I think our problem is superficially accessing the Bible, a helpful verse here a comforting verse there. But we don't know the story well enough to live in the story. (Do you consider your life narrated by the bible?)