

**November 27, 2016**  
**First Sunday of Advent: Hope!**

**During this Advent Season**, our theme will be "Good News." Today's Advent emphasis is "Hope," the message from Luke 1:5-38.

**Missionaries of the Week:** Stephen & Bailey Kuert, Madagascar.

**MINISTRIES**

**Young Adults Ministry at The Barn**

- ❖ Today in The Barn, Pastor Dan will begin the Advent Series "Wait," with the sermon "Consider That You're Wrong."

**ET Youth Ministry**

- ❖ Parents wanting to be on the ETY monthly newsletter distribution list may email [youth@etchurch.org](mailto:youth@etchurch.org) and put **NEWSLETTER** in the subject line.

**ET Kids Ministry**

- ❖ Today in the Kids Church Room, all kids K through 5<sup>th</sup> grade will be working on a giant Advent coloring page at 9:00am, and then all kids will join their families in the 10:30am service for Family Sunday.

**Developmental Learning Center**

- ❖ This week, DLC students will be focusing on the types of Early American entertainment that Laura Ingalls Wilder would have experienced during her childhood.

**All-Church Thanksgiving Dinner** Many thanks to all of those who worked so hard to make our All-Church Thanksgiving dinner a success last Sunday at Evangel University. God's Blessings to those who worked and those who attended. Thank you for your generosity in providing gifts to over 90 children. What a kick-off to the Christmas season!

**2017 Giving Envelopes** In an effort to reduce waste and cost, we are updating our numbered giving envelope procedure. If you would like to receive numbered envelopes, please call the church office at 417-883-0676 or email the office at [office@etchurch.org](mailto:office@etchurch.org) and give us your name and current envelope number. We would like to hear from you by Friday, December 16<sup>th</sup> to prepare the 2017 giving envelopes. We will print whatever you need for the giving year, so please let us know when you contact us how many envelopes you would like. Thanks!

**Proposed Budgeted Weekly Income:** \$22,438    **Last Week's Giving:** \$12,971  
**Proposed Budgeted YTD:** \$1,054,586    **Giving Received YTD:** \$1,079,122  
**Capital Campaign Total:** \$930,524

**Wednesday Evening Fellowship Meal**  
Serving Time: 5:15-6:15 pm Place: ET Fellowship Hall  
Cost: \$4 (Adults); \$2 (Children); \$12 (Family)  
**Dinner and Dessert**

**Condolences** Please be in prayer for Steve and Sally Guilliams and their family at the passing of Steve's father, Ronald Max Guilliams. Ron passed on Monday, November 14<sup>th</sup> and services were held on Tuesday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> at Hope Community Church.

**Silver Dollar City** The ET Music Ministry will once again be serving as the pre-tree lighting music guests at Silver Dollar City on Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup>, from 4:55-5:25pm at the SDC gazebo.

**Upcoming Sunday Holiday Events at ET**

- ❖ Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Concert 9:00 am, 10:30 am and 6:00 pm
- ❖ Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup> – Handbell Concert 4:30 pm
- ❖ Saturday, December 24<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Eve Service 5:00pm
- ❖ Sunday, December 25<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Service 10:30 am
- ❖ Sunday, January 1<sup>st</sup> – New Year's Day Service 10:30 am

**The "PG" - Parental Guidance - Class** meets every Sunday at 9:00 am in Room 202. Join Jerry and Kate Angelo as they continue *The Art of Marriage* series. This series provides great information and tools for those who are married, engaged, single and single again, so join the discussion!

**A New Wednesday Night Class** for all adults meets at 6:30pm in Room 202. Have you ever asked the Lord to do something in your life so you can pour into the lives of others? Did you know that Everybody can minister to somebody? Join the *"Horizontal Jesus"* discussion for adults of all ages every Wednesday night. Moderators are Jeff and Brandy Birdsell and Andrew and Molly Barclay.

**Men's Ministry Monthly Meetings** will begin on **Tuesday**, December 13<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30pm in the Corner House. Jim LaVallee leads this ministry to strengthen relationships among the men of Evangel Temple. Tuesday is the perfect day to meet, especially for those men involved in other areas of ministry at ET. All men are welcome!

**Micah 5:2** *But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, who are too little to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel, whose coming forth is from of old, from ancient days.* (ESV)



## Sermon Notes

**Advent theme: Hope    Luke 1:26-38    “God Meets Us in Our Doubt.”**

Picture this: It’s Christmas morning. You throw off the blankets and race to the Christmas tree to see all of your gifts. You run into the living room and stop with mouth open and eyes huge. You can’t believe it. There’s piles and piles of cash everywhere; you could swim in it! There’s giant sacks of candy that weigh more than you do! There’s a shiny new bicycle, a giant trampoline outside, and a big box of fluffy puppies. Your parents walk over to you and say, “Merry Christmas!” as they hand you tickets to live in Disney World for a year. You had hoped to get a few of the things on your Christmas list, but THIS?! How could this happen? You’re doubting the reality of your situation. Mary doubted the reality of her situation, too. An Angel is talking to me? I’m going to give birth to a son when I’m not even married? And He’s going to be called Jesus, the “Son of the Most High?” How could this happen? The world had been hoping for a Savior, a king that would come and be the greatest king they had ever known. Little did they know, what they hoped for couldn’t even compare to what God had in store. He chose an ordinary woman, full of doubt, to bring about His magnificent plan of salvation for the world. If you’re struggling to believe in the goodness of God this holiday season, don’t worry. You’re not alone. God will meet you in your doubt, and when He does, may your response be that of Mary’s, “Oh, how my soul praises the Lord. How my spirit rejoices in God my Savior!”

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