

Sermon Notes

Burden-Lifting Day

Luke 1:8-25

Crossroads Community Church

December 20, 2020

In this section of the Christmas story, we read about a couple who had lived a long time with a heavy burden. What happened when God lifted that burden? What burden-lifting lessons can we learn at Christmas? Today we'll consider three truths about how God lifts our burdens.

1. God's burden-lifting days come

2. God's burden-lifting days arrive

3. When God lifts the burden, the blessings will be

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Welcome to Crossroads Community Church!

We're glad you chose to worship with us this morning. If this is your first time visiting us, please take a moment to fill out visitors card and leave it in the offering box. You will find the visitor cards on the back table. You can also find us at nevadacrossroadschurch.org and on Facebook.

Order of Service for December 20, 2020

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From Pastor Tom

Good morning! I'm glad you're here!

As we come to the end of an unusual year, it may be that we'll celebrate an unusual Christmas too. The theme of our messages for the next two Sundays (and for Christmas Eve) will be "When It Doesn't Seem Like Christmas." When life has taken an unusual turn or two, sometimes the holidays don't have that same old feeling about them. We can learn a lot from the Bible characters we meet in the Christmas story – Mary and Joseph, Elizabeth and Zacharias, Simeon and Anna, the shepherds, and the residents in and around Bethlehem. All of them faced unusual challenges – and even hardship – as part of the Christmas story. How did God work in their lives nevertheless?

I praise God for the realization that it's impossible to put Him in a box! We gain strength and perspective through the ordinary, and through the unusual ways He acts in the world and in our lives! I hope you'll be watching and learning with me as His plans unfold for the remainder of this holiday season and into the new year!

-- Tom

Announcements

Christmas Eve Service

You are invited to the Crossroads Christmas Eve service this Thursday night, beginning at 6:30 at the Y. Please consider inviting a friend or family member for a time of celebrating the Lord's birth! We will have refreshments after the service and should be finished no later than 7:30. If you're able to bring a part of the refreshments, please let Michaela Walker know (417-684-3118). Thank you!

New Members

Today we welcome Lee, Stacey, Adi, and Asa Wilson as new members at Crossroads! May God grow them, and all of us, as we walk with Him together!

January Congregational Meeting

January 10 is the date for our next Congregational meeting. We'll meet following the worship service for the purposes of electing someone to the Elder Board, and for approving a 2021 budget. This is an important meeting and is open to anyone who considers Crossroads to be their church home. Please plan to attend.

Crossroads Connection

We're looking forward to some food and fellowship following the worship service on January 24. It will be an opportunity to catch up on ministry at Crossroads too! Mark your calendar!

Thanks

Thanks to everyone who helped with the video gift and cards for Judi and Phill Edwards and for Ebony Conley!

Worship through Offerings & Tithes

As a part of our worship today, an offering box is available on the back table. The ministry at Crossroads depends on the regular giving of the church family. Giving offers us a way to express our faith that God will care for us just as He cares for the lily and the sparrow.

Matthew 6:25-34