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Announcements

- **Lottie Moon Christmas Offering:** Help support international mission efforts by supporting the International Mission Board.
- Bible Study canceled for tonight.
- **Thanksmas Dinner, Sunday December 10th, 12:00 PM.** A potluck celebration for all – bring friends and family. Sign up today!
- **Children's Christmas Worship Service, Sunday December 17th, 6:00 PM.** Join us as our children lead us in worship!
- **Christmas Candlelight Service, Christmas Eve December 24th, 6:00 PM.** Invite friends to this quiet and enlightening celebration.
- **Family Dinner, every Sunday 12:00-?.** Everyone is invited.
- **Prayer Meeting, Wednesday 7:00 PM:** Come pray with us for our church, and our community.

My Spirit Rejoices, Luke 1:39-56.

Today's Point: Joy characterizes Christmas because it is a milestone in God's plan to redeem humanity

The Lexham Bible Dictionary: Magnificat
MAGNIFICAT The name given to the song of Mary found in Luke 1:46–55. The name comes from the first word of the

Latin translation, which begins, “Magnificat anima mea Dominum” (“My soul magnifies the Lord”).

John's Joy

- Luke 1:15, 41, 44; John 3:29-30. Gabriel said that John would be filled with the Spirit, “even from his mother's womb.”
- John would have the great privilege about 30 years later of introducing Jesus to the world.

Elizabeth's Joy

- Luke 1:39-45. Elizabeth was “filled with the Spirit,” and rejoiced in the blessings of Mary and her visit.
- She acknowledges blessings:
 - Blessing of John's Joy, Luke 1:44.
 - Blessing of Mary's visit, Luke 1:43.
 - Blessings of Mary, Luke 1:42, 45.
 - Her privilege, Luke 1:42.
 - Her child, Luke 1:42.
 - Her faith, Luke 1:45.

Mary's Joy

- National - Luke 1:54-55.
- Eternal - Luke Luke 1:48, 50, 55.
- Personal - Luke 1:46-48, 1:37-38.

Encouragements

- Rejoice in the working of God in your life. Romans 8:28.
- His mercy is for those who fear Him. Luke 1:50, 1:38.

Other miraculous births in scripture:

- Sarah, the mother of Isaac (Gen 18);
- Minoah's wife, the mother of Samson (Judg 13);
- Hannah, the mother of Samuel (1 Sam 1); and
- Elizabeth, the mother of John the Baptist (Luke 1:36).

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