



LEROY COMMUNITY CHAPEL

December 6, 2009

Preparation

Call to Worship

Celebration and Adoration

Congregational Singing:

Halleluiah

Young Women's Choir

Advent Wreath

Congregational Singing:

Hope Has Come

God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen

What Child is This?

Offertory and Offering

How Great Our Joy

Young Women's Choir

Exhortation and Application

"Rejoice with Relational Joy"

Pastor Tom Chapman

Application and Dedication

Benediction

Welcome to Leroy Community Chapel

We're glad you decided to worship with us this morning, and pray that seeking God with us might be a breath of fresh air in your life! Our goal at LCC is to see God at work transforming our family, community, and world into devoted followers of Jesus Christ through the Word of God, and we hope to invite you to become part of that transformation.

Leroy Community Chapel Staff:

Mark Spansel, Lead Pastor; Jeff Pierce, Pastor; Tom Chapman, Pastor

Today at Leroy Community Chapel

8:30 - 9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer Meeting	<i>(Lower Level of the Chapel)</i>
9:15 a.m.	Worship Adult Sunday School Kingdom Kids Pre-K Kingdom Kids K-5 Student 90@9	<i>(Chapel Sanctuary)</i> <i>(Lower Level of the Chapel)</i> <i>(Lower Level of the Chapel)</i> <i>(Cornerstone)</i> <i>(Center)</i>
11:00 a.m.	Worship Kingdom Kids Pre-K Kingdom Kids: Children's Church	<i>(Chapel Sanctuary)</i> <i>(Lower Level of the Chapel)</i> <i>(Lower Level of the Chapel)</i>
6:00 p.m.	Concert of Prayer	<i>(Chapel Sanctuary)</i>

This Week at Leroy Community Chapel

Tuesday	Adult Choir Practice, 6:00 p.m. <i>(Chapel Sanctuary)</i> Worship Team Practice, 7:30 p.m. <i>(Chapel Sanctuary)</i> Brass Choir Practice, 7:30 p.m. <i>(Lower Level of the Chapel)</i>
Wednesday	Golden Girls, 1:00 p.m. <i>(Cornerstone)</i> Bible Clubs, 6:30 p.m. <i>(STIR-Center; PG- Cornerstone; Tree Climbers, Stockade—Leroy Elementary; Battalion—Meet in Chapel Parking)</i> Women's Bible Study, 6:30 p.m. <i>(Chapel)</i> Prayer Meeting/Bible Study, 6:45 p.m. <i>(Cornerstone)</i>
Thursday	Mastering Motherhood, 9:15 a.m. <i>(Chapel)</i> 90@9 Worship Practice, 6:30 p.m. <i>(Center)</i> Bridal Shower for Sara Perko, 6:30 p.m. <i>(Cornerstone)</i> Worship Team Practice, 7:00 p.m. <i>(Chapel)</i> Life Brand Bible Study, <i>(Lower Level of the Chapel)</i>
Friday	Men's Bible Study, 6:00 a.m. <i>(Bellasano's)</i>
Saturday	Men's Bible Study, 6:00 a.m. <i>(Chapel Lower Level)</i> Children's Choir Dress Rehearsal, 10:30 <i>(Morley Concert Hall)</i> <i>The Music of Christmas, 6:00 p.m. (Morley Concert Hall)</i>
Sunday	Pastor Tom Chapman to speak <i>(Chapel Sanctuary)</i>

Leroy Community Chapel Elders:

Tom Chapman, Pastor; Bill Detling, Head Elder; Richard Fisher; Joseph Lausin; Jeff Pierce, Pastor; Harry Remington, Don Schoenwald, Mark Spansel, Lead Pastor

For additional information or service opportunities, contact the church office at 440/254-4747.

[Week #2] The Bethlehem Candle: Second Sunday of Advent

This 2nd Advent Candle reminds us of the humble birth of Jesus, and declares that humility is an essential pre-requisite for usefulness in the Kingdom of God. Certainly, you and I would never have planned to have the King of all Creation be born in a small, insignificant village. Much less would we have had the birth take place in a cave used to house animals. And who would ever think to lay the Child-King in a cold, feeding trough chiseled from stone known as a manger? Yet, in the birth of Jesus in Bethlehem we see the power of humility, and the way of the Servant. On this Sunday, we pledge to walk humbly before our God, looking always to declare His glory and not ours.

Suggested Readings: Micah 5:1-5a; Matthew 2:1-12; Philippians 2:3-8

For Family Discussion:

Go around the table and share what things bring you incredible joy? Talk about where real joy comes from and why? How do you express something that is inexpressible, or speak that which is unspeakable?

Advent Conspiracy:

Can we give a village in Ethiopia the gift of clean water? See the Insert in Today's Bulletin for more details



SERMON NOTES
December 6, 2009

REJOICE!

“Rejoice with Relational Joy”

1 John 1: 1-10

Joy has an object. The first object of joy is toward God for His gracious gift. The second object of joy is the human relationships we've been given which are intended to heighten our joy in Christ on a human dimension. All nations rejoice at the birth of Christ because it makes our humanness hopeful for something greater.

1. The Advent of Christ: *“The Word Became Flesh and Dwelt Among Us”*. Joy that comes from a “Relationship” with God through Christ.

2. The Joy of Fellowship with Christ makes us part of the Body of Christ.

3. The Joy of Relationship is complete.

4. Joy is bringing others into the Kingdom of God.

Apologetics: A Reasonable Belief in... Jesus the Obedient Son

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Jesus as an historical figure: Does Jesus exist in history outside of the Bible?

1. Jesus in Jewish literature
2. Jesus in Classical Greek literature
3. Jesus in Early Christian and pseudo-Christian literature

Jesus as fulfillment of prophecy: How is Jesus promised in prophecy?

Πληρώω –“to fulfill, complete, finish, fill”

What does it mean that a prophecy is “fulfilled”?

Prediction → Validation vs. Prophecy → Fulfillment (Πληρώω)

- What is the difference between these two?
- Examples from Christmas story:
 - Matthew 1:22 (Isaiah 7:13-17)
 - Matthew 2:15 (Hosea 11:1)
 - Matthew 2:17 (Jeremiah 31:15)

Isaiah 53: Fulfilled promise of an Obedient Servant-Son

- David as God’s “servant” –Isaiah 37:35
 - Note: a special title for David
 - what does God mean (Is. 37:35) when He says, “...for my sake and for the sake of David my servant”?
- God’s covenant with David his “servant” -1 Samuel 7:5-16
 - Note: David represents all of Israel as God’s servant
 - Note: God promises that through David’s descendents (Jesus?) his rule would last forever
- Who is God’s “servant” in Isaiah 41:8; 42:1, 19; 43:10; 44:1, 21; 45:4; 48:20? What shift occurs in 49:3? Who is God’s servant in 49:6; 50:10? Who does the servant become in 52:13? How does Jesus “fulfill” this prophecy? Is it simply a prediction?

Conclusion:

- What Israel failed to do in bringing God’s justice and salvation to all the earth, Jesus *fulfills*. He is the wholly *Obedient Son* of David. He completes the role of **God’s Servant**.
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Every week, children in each age range learn from the same passage of Scripture in a way that is appropriate for their respective age levels. This enables families to discuss one passage together each week, reinforcing the lesson that children have learned in Sunday School. We hope to encourage you to engage your child in discussion on the things they learned about today.

THIS WEEK'S KEY VERSE:

"He will also go before Him in the spirit and power of Elijah, 'to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children,' and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, to make ready a people prepared for the Lord."

SUMMARY OF TODAY'S LESSON:

Our students were introduced to Zacharias, Elizabeth and John the Baptist. The story of John the Baptist was fulfillment of the prophecy of one who would prepare the way for the Messiah. God gave the ministry of preparing for the Messiah to John the Baptist. He was a miracle baby to a father who was a temple priest and a mother who was old. John the Baptist was born about six months before Jesus and at his birth Zacharias knew that John was going to announce to the world the coming of the Savior. The miraculous circumstances surrounding the birth of John was just another confirmation that God was going to fulfill His promise. All the pieces were being put into place for the King of the universe to come to the earth.

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PRAYER

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CHRISTMAS SERVICES

"The Music of Christmas" Concert
Saturday, December 12, at 6:00 p.m.
at Lake Erie College's Morley Concert Hall.
391 W. Washington St., Painesville (Use SR 20 entrance)

Our Christmas Eve Services
Thursday, December 24 at 5:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m.
Due to a limited amount of seating, we are passing out tickets for the 5:00 p.m. service. These tickets will not be collected at the door.

CHRISTMAS COOKIES

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FOOD PANTRY

Donations to LCC's food pantry may be dropped off at the church office M-F, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

CONCERT OF PRAYER

Join us this evening as we gather to pray corporately for our church, our community and world. Prayer meetings start at 6:00 p.m. in the Chapel Sanctuary.

WEDDING and SHOWER INVITATIONS

Sara Perko and Andrew Brown would like to invite you to their wedding taking place at Leroy Community Chapel on Saturday, January 9, 2010 at 3:00 p.m. You are invited back to the Cornerstone following the ceremony for a reception to greet and congratulate the happy couple. Come and celebrate in this special declaration they will make this day!!!

Dinner and refreshments will be available, so please RSVP by December 22 to Sara Perko at 440-479-6366.

Please join us in celebrating with Sara in preparation for her wedding by attending a wedding shower for her on Thursday, December 10 at 6:30 p.m. at the Cornerstone. Please bring a copy of your favorite recipe. Please RSVP ASAP to Sara Baker at 440/339-1733 or the church office at 440/254-4747. Sara is registered at Target.

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Sunday, December 20th, Christmas Sunday is a Family Sunday. There will be no Adult, Student or Children's Ministries on that day. Kingdom Kids N-Pre-K is still in place for the younger ones during the worship services. Please enjoy this time worshipping together as a family.

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Our goal of \$3,000 buys a new well in Ethiopia

How can you help?

- Buy one less gift and give the \$ you would have spent to the project
- Drink water for the month of December and give \$ you would spend on other drinks
- Fill up a water bottle with change and give the \$ to the project
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Place a case of water under the Christmas tree this year. Don't open it till Christmas! Drink it with your Christmas meal and remember to lift up this unnamed community of Ethiopia

[Ethiopia]

Since beginning work in 2004 in Ethiopia, Living Waters International has completed 30 new water projects, touching more than 32,000 lives with improved quality of life, freedom from water-borne disease, and brought 1000's the transforming news of Jesus Christ.

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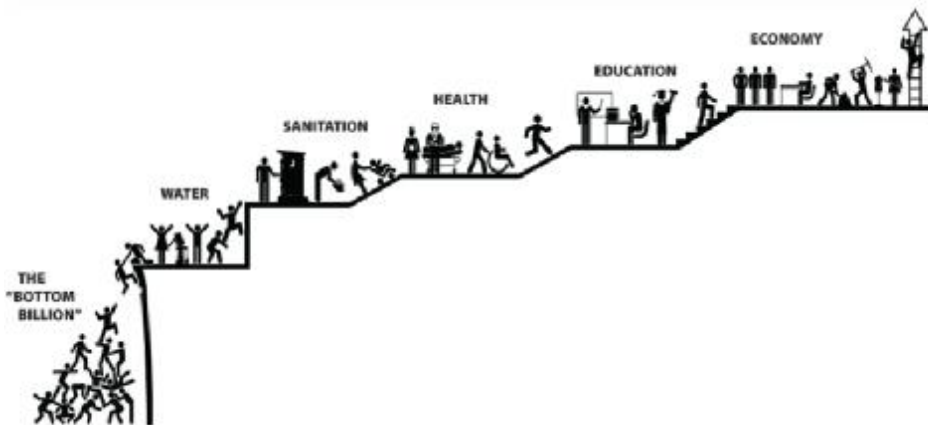
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