

Enjoying Peace

1. Micah 5:1-5 (Paraphrased) Israel, get ready you are about to be defeated. Bethlehem you are small but big things will come from you. This child will be great with strength and majesty. He will be our Peace.
2. Two types of peace
 - a. At peace with God
 - b. The peace of God
3. Action required: John 14:1 — “Do not let your hearts be troubled believe in God, believe also in me.”
4. **Circumstantial** Mark 4:39 “Peace! Be still”
And it happened instantly
5. **And, sometimes it is right through the middle of the pain.**
Luke 22:42-43 “Father if you are willing take this cup...and there appeared to him an angel...”
6. John 14:27 — “. . . my peace I give you not as the world gives . . .”
7. Isaiah 26:3—“Perfect Peace” comes to the mind that is “stayed on him” because he trusts in him.
8. Psalm 34:14 — “Seek peace and pursue it.”
9. Key Point: “**Not how possible is it, but how am I enjoying him?”**

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Discussion Questions

- 1) Describe some occasions when you feel very much at peace.
- 2) What two or three situations tend to keep you from or take away your peace?
- 3) How can someone pursue and nurture their peace and enjoyment of God?



ANGEL TREE-TODAY

Our Angel Tree opportunity is still available. You can bless a child with a gift from their incarcerated parent. This is a chance to represent an incarcerated parent by giving a Christmas gift. Your participation is especially appreciated as we have 34 angels yet to be chosen. Pick up an angel today in the Lobby and return the gift by next Sunday, December 5th.

GINGERBREAD BASH

Mark your calendars for our family Christmas event on Tuesday, December 14th from 6-7:30pm.

ADVENT CONSPIRACY

We are partnering with other churches around the U.S. to emphasize the true meaning of Christmas again this year through A.C. The country of Haiti has a desperate need for something as basic as clean water. We will partner with Living Water International by digging a water well for a village in Haiti. You can participate by sharing a financial gift in the offering slot (please write Advent on the memo line) or online through our website using the giving tab at the bottom.

BLOOD DRIVE - THURSDAY, DECEMBER 9 IN THE GYM, 10AM-3PM

What better way to celebrate Christmas than giving the gift of life? We are hosting the Red Cross Blood Drive on Thursday, December 9. Sign up early so you can get into the timeslot you want. Just visit redcrossblood.org & enter sponsor code: NewHarvest.

ALL IS BRIGHT

A NEW HARVEST WOMEN'S CHRISTMAS BRUNCH

Next Saturday, December 11, 10—11:30am in the Auditorium

Join us for this free event for women. Our speaker will be our own Debi Stangeland. Sign up in the Lobby if you intend to attend this event.



Welcome

GUESTS & VISITORS

We are delighted you chose to attend our gathering today. Use the Connection Card in the back of the chairs or our online Connection Card (newharvestch.org/connect) to share your prayer requests and to let us know that you joined us today.