

The Messenger



NOT BY RANDOM CHANCE

By Lakan Mariano

It is amazing how seemingly random circumstances in the birth story of the Lord Jesus Christ all fall under the sovereign plan of God's plan of redemption.

Joseph and Mary betrothed, the decision of the magi from the east to follow the star of the Messiah, King Herod's decision to kill the boys in Bethlehem and its surrounding towns who were two years old and younger, the first family's flight to Egypt and their return to Israel then settling down in Nazareth.

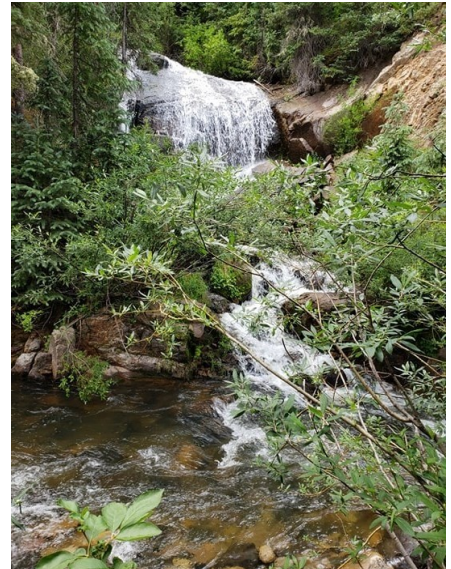
Over and over, Matthew's gospel says,

"All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet" (1:22);

"And so was fulfilled what the Lord had said through the prophet" (2:15);

"Then what was said through the prophet Jeremiah was fulfilled" (2:17);

"So was fulfilled what was said through the prophets" (2:23). (Also 8:17; 12:17; 13:35; etc.).



Individual decisions, like small streams of water trickling down, carving their own gullies on the face of a mountain, and eventually joining a rushing river that carries them to the river's eventual destination.

Jesus' life story was not the product of random chance. God planned it. God spoke through his prophets about it. Then God fulfilled it.

Believers in Jesus Christ can have the confidence that the God we worship will accomplish for us what he has always planned to accomplish for us.

"And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose" (Romans 8).

"According to HIS PURPOSE." This is not a promise of healing your marriage or healing your cancer. This is a promise of something much better. This is the promise that we will be perfectly well and whole.

"For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son" (Romans 8:29).

Like Jesus' life story, believers looking like Jesus at the end is not by random chance but by the sovereign work of God.

"And those he predestined, he also called; those he called, he also justified; those he justified, he also glorified (Romans 8:30).

~Lakan

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HOLY LAND TOUR 2020

June 10-21, 2020

Cost: \$3,500.00 per person

See Lakan for more information



Weekly Meetings:

Sunday School:

Sunday - 9:30am

Preschool-5th Grade

Extended Session:

Sunday - 10:45am Birth-Preschool



Awana for Kids

Wednesdays - 6:00pm

FMI: Philip Cross 277-7980

Or @ the Church 949-5788

WEEKLY SCHEDULE 2019

Sunday:

9:30am Sunday School

10:45am Worship

6:00pm BodyLife Home Groups

Monday:

6:00pm Bible Training Center for Pastors

Wednesday:

6:00pm Awana for Kids K-5th

6:00pm Ladies Bible Study, Personal Spiritual Life, Prayer Room behind the office

6:30pm College Bible Study at the Hub

Friday:

6:00pm English International Students Bible Study, Fellowship Hall

*Nursery for Birth-PreK available
for Sunday AM, PM and
Wednesday Evening*



Keep updated!
Find us on facebook !

We appreciate all our extended session workers. Please be in your place by 10:20am so you can be there before the children arrive. Please call Philip

Cross @ 277-7980 if you are unable to work your extended session or if you have any questions.

Extended Session Schedule:

12/29

Kayla Parsons

Susan Johnston



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24 Christmas Eve Service, 5:00 p.m.

24-25 Christmas Holiday (Office Closed)



JANUARY



1 New Year's Day - office closed

6 BTCP Classes Resume

8 Regular Wednesday Evening Activities Resume

21 Precept Upon Precept Begins

22 CHBC will provide the meal at the BSM

24-25 Impact Weekend

31-2/1 Men's Retreat, 1st Presbyterian Lake House, Guest Speaker-Ken Sheppard

Multiplying Disciples Through Community Men's Retreat

Speaker: Ken Sheppard

January 31 & February 1

First Presbyterian Church Lake House
2014 Willow Drive



More details coming soon!

Annual Ladies Retreat 2020

"Do You Love Me?"

John 14:15-31

February 28 –March 1, 2020

Guest Speaker: Davette Bishop

Session Titles Include:

Obedience Expresses Our Love for God

Obedient Love Brings Intimacy with God

Obedient Love is Christlike

\$150.00 \$50 deposit due by 1/31/20

Texas Tech Retreat Center*Junction, Texas

FMI: Contact the church office or Patsy Steele



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Youth Ministry

Sundays:

Bible Study - 9:30am
Upstairs Youth Room

Wednesdays:

Outbreak - 6:00pm



Wednesdays:

"Release" Bible Study & Fellowship
(at the Hub6:30pm)

Fridays:

English International Bible Study 6:00 pm
(College Hills Fellowship Hall)

Sundays:

Bible Study 9:30am
Worship.....10:45am
BodyLife College Home Group...6:00pm
(Hanson's)



Please Note:

The Church Office
Will be closed

Tuesday 12/24
& Wednesday 12/25

Merry Christmas!

From Lakan, Philip,

Trevor, Maggie & Gary

Thank you For the Blessings!



Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

Goal \$10,000

Received to Date \$7,741.08

Co-Ed Bible Study class
taught by
Candy Blackwood. Open
to anyone in
our community.
Tuesdays from 9-11AM
Fellowship Hall
Begins 1/21/20

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YOUR CHURCH STAFF:

Lakan Mariano:

Senior Pastor

Philip Cross:

Family & Education Pastor

Trevor Hanson:

Student Pastor

Maggie Gonzales:

Ministry Assistant

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:

Monday—Friday:

9:00AM—4:00PM

Lunch Break: Noon—1:00PM



BodyLife Home Groups meet each Sunday evening at 6pm in host homes throughout the city to share a meal, join in fellowship, study the Word of God and pray for one another.

All groups are open to anyone, so choose one and join us!

Host Homes:

3229 CANYON CREEK DR (Rex A& Stacy Stephenson) at 6pm

Led by: Jimmy Allen & Rex Stephenson

201 CHURCHILL BLVD (Sam Tracy Torbett) at 6pm

Led by: Philip Cross & James Reid

2639 PARKVIEW (JT & Chel Smith) at 6PM

LED BY: JT SMITH

1632 Linda Lee Dr (College) at 6pm

Led by: Trevor Hanson

Childcare for Birth-PreK available at church nursery

ELDERS AND DEACONS:

*These men are responsible for hospital visitation
and are available to anyone who has needs.*

Elder Fred Rike..... 227-4208 Deacon Charles Harrison...653-4386

Elder Andrew Siefker.....212-4410 Deacon Jerry Walls.....944-1876

Elder Rex Stephenson.....942-9537

Elder Scott Steele (562) 665-1349

Elder JT Smith..... 656-6205