

December 2023 List of Events:

Friday December 1st

5:00 PM – 9:00 PM

Tree Lighting @ 6:30 PM

Elvis Performance @ 7:00 PM

Christmas in Rocky Ridge

@ Rocky Ridge Firehall & Activities Building
Food Available for Purchase, Face Painting,
Campfires, Crafts, Games & More

Saturday December 2nd

10:00 AM – 3:00 PM

T&T Treasures, Pipe Creek Creations, Ray's Creations LLC, Weller's Methodist Church
Cheeseballs, ELM Designs, All Baked by Alicia, My Favorite Baker, Scentsy & More!

Christmas Bazaar

@ Rocky Ridge Firehall Activities Building

Sunday December 3rd

1st Sunday of Advent: HOPE

Christmas Social

Dinner @ 5:00 PM

Bring Meat, Side or Dessert to Share
Drinks will be Provided

Program @ 6:30 PM

Sunday December 10th

2nd Sunday of Advent: PEACE

Sunday December 17th

3rd Sunday of Advent: JOY

Candle Light Service @ 6:30 PM

Sunday December 24th

4th Sunday of Advent: LOVE
CHRISTMAS EVE

Sunday December 31st

NEW YEAR'S EVE

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Adult Sunday School Lessons:

Sunday December 3rd – Is He the Teacher of Truth
or the Truth to be Taught?

Sunday December 10th – Is He Seeking Us or
Are We Seeking HIM?

Sunday December 17th – Is He Praying for Us or
Are We Praying to HIM?

Sunday December 24th – Is He Doing Greater Works,
or Are We?

Sunday December 31st – Is He Living or Did He Die?

Youth Sunday School Schedule:

Sunday December 3rd

Sunday December 17th

Sunday December 31st



Fundraisers:

Calendars for VBS
\$9.00 – See Deb Eyler



We will be collecting
Canned Foods the
month of January for
the SOUPer Bowl!



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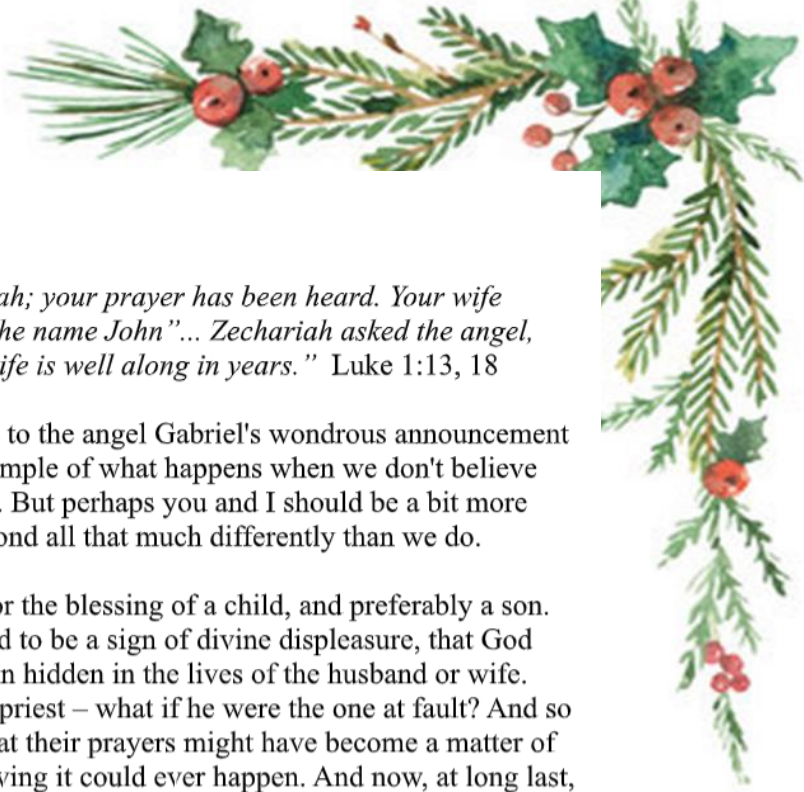


Happy Birthday!

Dawn Free 1st	Wilma Stover 19th
Donna Ritchie 2nd	Wilma Stover 19th
Michael Kilcoyne 4th	Tatum Belanger 20th
Kathy Peters 6th	Jean Knipple 23rd
Conner Orndorff 7th	Jesus 25th
Terrene Price 8th	Piper Eyler 26th
Lynette Free 8th	Jacob Boone 27th
Colton Eyler 10th	Summer Belanger 27th
Artica Eyler 10th	Brayden Andrew 27th
Landen Andrew 11th	Debbie Robbins 31st
Frank Free 13th	



Tracy and Pat Wiser 1st
Allen and Joyce Seiss 4th



A Word Fitly Spoken December, 2023

But the angel said to him, “Do not be afraid, Zechariah; your prayer has been heard. Your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you are to give him the name John”... Zechariah asked the angel, “How can I be sure of this? I am an old man, and my wife is well along in years.” Luke 1:13, 18

Poor Zechariah! Every Christmas season his response to the angel Gabriel's wondrous announcement is told and retold, and the old priest is held up as an example of what happens when we don't believe what God tells us how he's going to answer our prayers. But perhaps you and I should be a bit more sympathetic toward Zechariah – after all, he didn't respond all that much differently than we do.

Zechariah and Elizabeth had prayed for a long time for the blessing of a child, and preferably a son. To be childless in Judea at this time was widely believed to be a sign of divine displeasure, that God withheld the blessing of children due to some fault or sin hidden in the lives of the husband or wife. This was compounded by the fact of Zechariah being a priest – what if he were the one at fault? And so it would not be surprising that after years of praying, that their prayers might have become a matter of routine, of asking for something they had stopped believing it could ever happen. And now, at long last, comes the the long-awaited reply from God, and it's all they could have ever hoped for! Is it any wonder that the old priest might have wondered aloud how all this could happen? Is he not like us, in that great news sometimes leaves us flabbergasted and stunned?

Let's take heart from the example of Zechariah this Christmas season, for in the fullness of time he and Elizabeth did have a son, the man we call John the Baptist. Our Heavenly Father can use us for his glory, even if at first we can hardly take in what He promises to do. Better yet, He can do it at any age; we are *never* too old to play our part in God's purposes. So let's stay open to Him in our hearts and minds, and start thinking more about God's *ability* and less about our *inabilities*, and this Christmas just might bring about big surprises for all of us!

Sister Debbie and I want to wish each one a blessed Christmas, from our house to yours. And may 2024 be a season of joy, happiness, and good health for all!

Pastor Ed Robbins



*Praying for our
Military who can't be
home for the
Christmas Season.*

December							A YEAR OF PROMISES OF GOD	
							2023	
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday		
						1	2	
					Ephesians 3:14-15		Psalm 119:73	
	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
Psalm 139:14	Psalm 100:3	Isaiah 40:11	Psalm 27:10	Matthew 5:48	Psalm 121:3		Lamentations 3:22-23	
	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	
1 John 3:1	Jeremiah 32:40	Deuteronomy 1:30	Psalm 32:7	Psalm 62:2	Isaiah 26:3		Psalm 34:18	
	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	
Matthew 6:6	Matthew 6:11	John 4:23	Ephesians 3:16	Psalm 55:22	2 Corinthians 5:18-19		2 Corinthians 6:2	
	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	
Romans 8:32	Romans 8:35-39	Galatians 4:7	Revelation 1:5-6	Isaiah 25:8	Psalm 48:14		Hebrews 10:23	
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James 1:5-8								

