THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Today	
Christmas Night of Worship & Cookie Fellowship	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday	
Mid-Week Adult Bible Study	10:00 a.m.
Monthly Food Distribution	6:00 p.m.
Friday	
Sigmon 25th Anniversary Celebration	7:00 p.m.
Next Sunday	
Prayer w/Elders	8:45 a.m.
Bible Drill – Children & Youth	8:45 a.m.
Sunday Morning "Welcome Home" Groups, Childcare, Kids and Student Classes	9:15 a.m.
Worship Service	10:30 a.m.

NEXT SUNDAY'S PRESCHOOL WORKERS

Volunteers in Preschool:

Crib, Crawlers & Walkers: Jim & Sandy K.
Young Preschool (2-3 Yr.): Nancy D.
Preschool (4-6 Yr.): Violet & Laurant I.

Snack Coordinator: KarenJo B.
On Patrol: John, Jim, Don & Gregg

2018 Financial Information

Weekly Budget Amount: $7,978.65
Last Week's Offering: $6,959.83

At PVC you can give in 3 ways: ***Online*** *at www.joinusatpvc.org/give, in the* ***Offering plate*** *as it goes by, or you can* ***Text GIVE*** *to 440-827-2386.*
We're grateful for your generosity to this church!

Pleasant Valley Church Leadership

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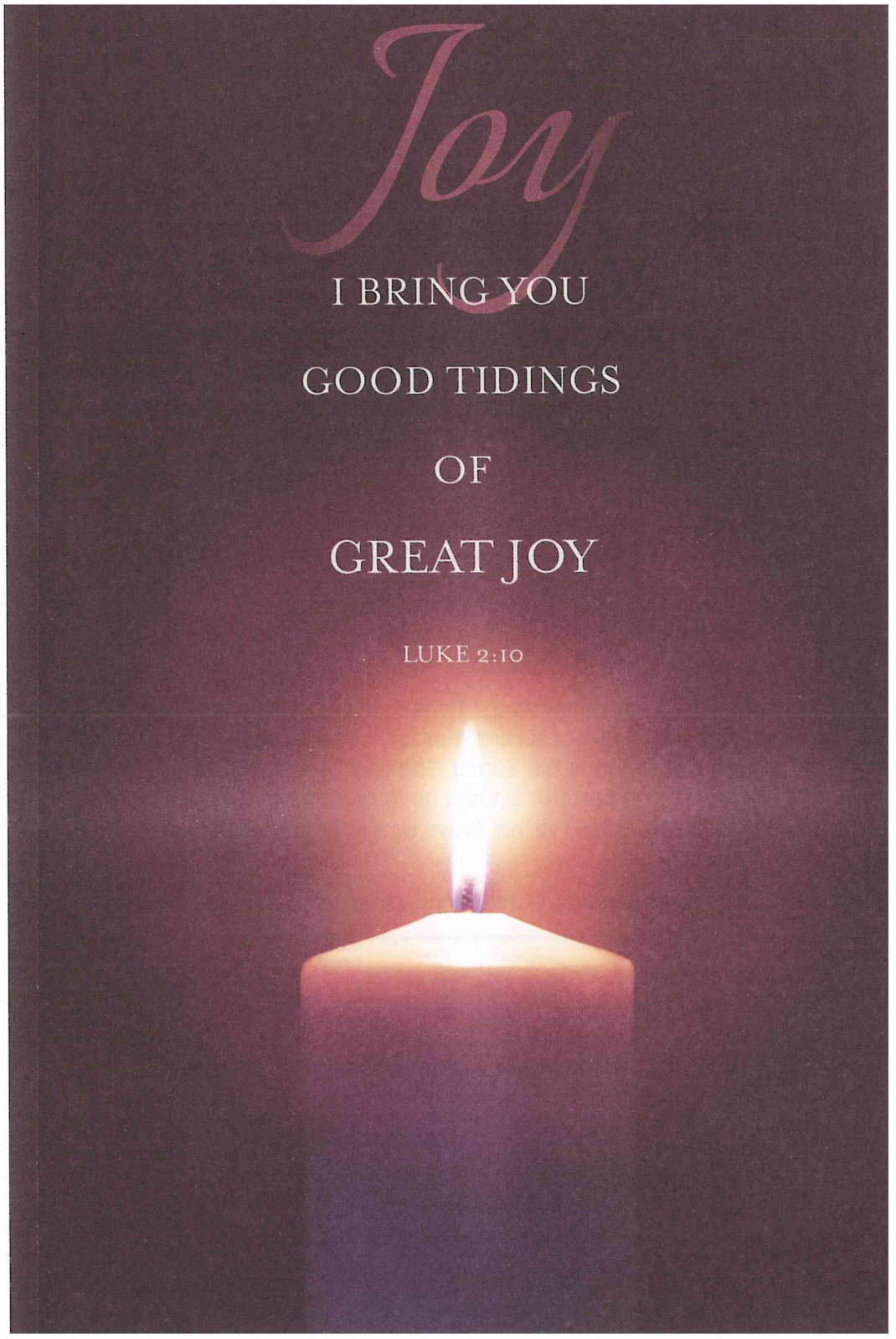

PLEASANT VALLEY CHURCH

Loving God. Loving One Another. Reaching the World.

Sunday, December 16th

Welcome! We are so glad you decided to worship with us this morning. We would love the opportunity to chat with you. Please fill out the connection envelope in your bulletin, so we can get to know *you* as well. You can drop it in the offering plate as it goes by later in the service, or you can take it to the 'Welcome Center'. We also invite you to pick up your free tumbler mug there. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask one of our greeters.

We hope you will help yourself to coffee available in the lobby before and after the service.

Are you a Christian? At Pleasant Valley Church, we want to help you in your relationship with God. First, we want you to understand what the Bible says about being a Christian.

A Christian is someone who: 1) recognizes God as Creator, 2) understands the impact of sin and that sin has separated man from God, 3) believes that Jesus is the Son of God and because of His life, death and resurrection, a person's sin can be forgiven when God's free gift of grace is received, and 4) strives to live according to the teachings of the Bible.

If you have questions about Christianity, please don't hesitate to ask.

Be sure to check us out at *www.joinusatpvc.org where* you can give online, view our calendar, read the bulletin & more.

Like us on *Facebook* and stay up to date on our events!

Our Christmas Schedule:

12/19 **December Food Distribution** // 6 p.m.
12/24 **Christmas Eve Service** // 7 p.m.
12/25 **Christmas Day** // *office closed*
12/30 **No Sunday Morning Classes** // 9:15 a.m.

LOVE GOD

Christmas Night of Worship: Tonight at 6:00 p.m.
We're excited to celebrate Jesus' birth with a night devoted to worshiping Him. We hope you'll join us for our annual Christmas Night of Worship on December 16th at 6:00 p.m. If you would like to share your talents and perform that night, check out the sign-up sheet in the lobby or see Jon Oliveras. **We will have a Christmas Cookie Fellowship after the Night of Worship.** Please bring some nut-free cookies to share and plan to join us for this yearly Christmas tradition.

Christmas Eve Service: Monday, December 24th, at 7:00 p.m.
We will gather as a church to recognize the birth of Jesus. We've been lighting advent candles for a few weeks now with great anticipation of celebrating Christ's birth. We invite everyone to come out as we light the final candle of Advent, the Christ candle, and worship our Savior together.

Year-End Giving: We're so thankful for everyone who has contributed to Pleasant Valley Church in 2018, and we look forward to what the Lord has planned for us in 2019. We have been able to do a lot with the $399,000 of our $415,000 budget received to date. We encourage you to pray about what the Lord will lead you to give in 2019. Any year-end contributions need to be turned in and/or postmarked by December 31st. Thank you.

LOVE ONE ANOTHER

Church-Wide Breakfast: Sunday, December 30th, at 9:15 a.m.
We will be having a pot-luck breakfast in lieu of Sunday morning small groups on Sunday, December 30th in our fellowship hall. Please sign up to bring a casserole, muffins, bagels, fruit, etc. Beverages will be provided. We hope you will plan to come eat and fellowship.

REACH THE WORLD

Monthly Food Distribution: Wednesday, December 19th, at 6:00 p.m.
Let's share the love of Christ with our neighbors this season by serving at this month's Food Distribution. There are so many ways to serve whether it is handing out food, carrying bags, or even just talking to guests as they wait in our auditorium. Check out the sign-up sheet in the lobby to find a place that fits your skills and schedule and come share Christ's love with our community.

LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING for International Missions

- **Christmas Offering:** We will be collecting donations for this ministry that supports missionaries who take the message of hope found in Jesus Christ to people around the world. You can also go to IMB.org and give directly. We will be collecting through December.
- **Lottie Moon Post Office:** Bring in your Christmas cards for our current church members and put them in the appropriate slot. We would ask you to consider donating the money you save on postage to our Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. **Our Post Office is getting full! Please stop by and pick up your Christmas Cards!** Merry Christmas!

Praise that Points People to Jesus Luke 1:46-56

Pastor Paul December 16, 2018

Key Idea: Our praise should communicate the greatness of God.

Observations:

Mary communicated her _____ and the _____ of God.

God is _____ and _____ in His divine character.

He is greater than the '_____' persons of the world.

His heart is for those for whom culture has _____ or _____ _____ for.

He is a keeper of His _____ _____.

All of this is observed in light of the _____.

Application:

Our praise should demonstrate _____ and _____.

Our _____ need to reflect _____ _____.

Action:

Beyond Sunday:

Monday: Review yesterday's passage. Why did Luke record Mary's song?

Tuesday: As you reflect on the passage, what does Mary communicate that reveals her own understanding of her need for a savior?

Wednesday: There are similarities between Mary's song and Hannah's song found in 1 Samuel 2. Read both songs and write down the similarities while also noting the differences.

Thursday: Mary's praise includes much about the character of God. Can you identify parts of Scripture that demonstrate the truth of Mary's song (i.e. at the tower of Babel God scattered the proud)?

Friday: If we are striving to act out the character of God, what are some practical things you might want to start doing?

Saturday: In what ways can your own praise of God help others hear and understand the gospel?