

A View from Above

Advent Sermon Series

Today's Coordinates:

Our Advent sermon series will consider the Christmas story from the perspective of the angels who first proclaimed the good news of Jesus' coming. In the Gospels, the four accounts of angelic visitations that precede the birth of Jesus include encounters with Zacharias, Mary, Joseph, and the shepherds. Each character responded differently to news that would radically transform their view from below into *A View from Above*.

This morning, we continue with the second message in this series: *When Mary Heard About Christmas* (Luke 1:26-38).

December 4, 2011

Chapel

Sing Gloria!

A highlight of the Chapel family's Christmas season is the Christmas concert that we offer as a gift to our community. All of the tickets have been distributed, and final preparations for this year's concert, *Sing Gloria*, are underway. Many within the Chapel family are also making final preparations of their own: cleaning the house, making grocery runs, and finalizing plans with guests we have invited to the concert and into our homes for festivities before or after. And all of us can contribute our prayers for the five concert occasions: Thursday, Dec. 8, 7 p.m.; Friday, Dec. 9, 7 p.m.; Saturday, Dec. 10, 2:30 p.m.; Saturday, Dec. 10, 7 p.m.; and Sunday, Dec. 11, 4 p.m.

Pray for our guests—that they will encounter Jesus for the first time or in a new way. Pray for the members of our Chapel family who are presenting the concert: Minister of Worship, Ted Cornell, the choir (more than 100 strong!) and orchestra, our pastors, and the technical staff. And pray for the small army of volunteers (more than 50 per concert!) who will serve as traffic directors, shuttle drivers, Will Call attendants, childcare staff, greeters, ushers, Café servers, and more.

Ticket Reminders

The Wait List is still full of potential concert guests! If you have tickets that you will not be able to use, please return them this morning to the Information Desk in the Central Foyer or as soon as possible this week to the church office. For more information, visit: www.wcchapel.org/christmasconcert.

Café and Concert, Anyone?

The Community Café is offering a light menu before the Thursday and Friday concerts. Choose from Brunswick Stew with a Ham Biscuit, Chicken Salad Club Wrap, or Harvest Salad with your choice of beverage and dessert or chips (\$6.95). Kids can enjoy our Kids' Chicken Nuggets meal (\$2.25). Reservations aren't required, but please let the Café know if you plan to come: cafe@wcchapel.org. Food service will begin at 5:30 p.m. each evening.



Advent: Celebration & Anticipation



WHAT IS ADVENT?

Advent is the beginning of the Church year for most churches and a season that followers of Christ have celebrated since the seventh century. Advent begins the fourth Sunday before Christmas Day and ends on Christmas Eve. The word "*Advent*" comes from the Latin *adventus*, meaning "coming" or "arrival." Our Chapel family's Advent celebration connects us with followers of Christ who—everywhere and throughout the ages—have celebrated Jesus' *first* Advent as Savior and eagerly await His *second* as King.

WHY A WREATH AND CANDLES?

The Advent wreath first appeared in the early 1500s in German Lutheran homes, and its value as a symbol and aid in worship has stood the test of time. The meaning—not the symbol—is most important. As a circle with no beginning or end, the wreath reminds us of our hope of eternal life in the Kingdom of Heaven. Its greenery reminds us that Christ came to give us new life through His suffering, death, and resurrection. The candlelight represents Christ, the "light of the World," who promised: "Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life" (John 8:12). Each of the five candles represents a particular theme to guide our celebration as we approach Christmas.

Today we light the second candle in the Advent wreath, the candle of Love. It reminds us of God's love: He sent His Son to provide eternal life for all who believe in Him.

LOVE & RESPECT CONFERENCE

Friday evening, Feb. 24 - Saturday

afternoon, Feb. 25, 2012 at 12:45 p.m.

For more information visit:

www.loveandrespect.com

Register online:

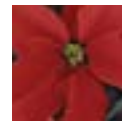
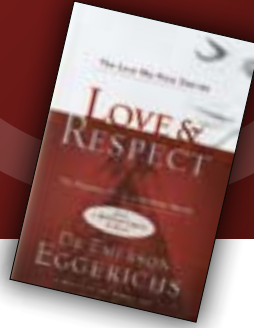
www.wcchapel.org/loveandrespect or

stop by the Information Center in the Central

Foyer to sign up via computer.

Visit our Resource Center located in the East Foyer to purchase Dr. Eggerich's book, *Love & Respect*.

LOVE & RESPECT



MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT EAST 1

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

To order poinsettias for the Worship Room for this Christmas season in memory of or in honor of a loved one, visit our ministry spotlight in the East Foyer **TODAY** or go online to: www.wcchapel.org/registration. Cost of each poinsettia is \$14. The poinsettias will be part of the Worship Room's decorations for the Christmas season, and a printed list of poinsettia dedications will be included in the Dec. 18 *Weekly*.



ANGEL TREE to benefit Grove Christian Outreach Center

Our gifts will help families in the nearby Grove community this Christmas season. If you picked up an angel, you can drop off your purchased gifts at the Grove Christian Outreach Center on Rt. 60. For more information, contact Deena Walls at 887-1100 or groveoutreach@cox.net

End-of-the-Year-Giving

Please make checks payable to Williamsburg Community Chapel. All undesignated checks are credited to the General Fund. Please use the lower left memo area of your check to note any specific designations.

IMPORTANT: Gifts to the Chapel must be physically received or postmarked by Dec. 31 to be credited in 2011. Forms and instructions for making non-cash gifts, securities or gifts-in-kind are available on the Chapel website (www.wcchapel.org/giving). Contact Tina Harrell, Manager of Finance (229-7152), with questions or for more information.

Resource Center

(Located in the East Foyer)
Sundays, 9:45 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.
Wednesdays, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Come look at our wonderful selection of Bibles and devotionals for all ages.



Angels by Billy Graham
Mentioned in Bill's sermon last Sunday

The Kingdom of God • Pick up our latest sermon series on CD. All messages are available online 24/7 (www.wcchapel.org/listen). Individual sermon CDs and series CD sets (like those of our recent series, *Listen Up*) are also available.



For Sunday audio, the *Weekly*, online registration, detailed calendar, ministry info, upcoming events, and much more, visit: www.wcchapel.org.

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Upcoming Events

CAREER WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Everything You Ever Wanted to Know About Chocolate
Wednesday, Dec. 7, 6:30 p.m.

Cost: \$7 for dinner

At the home of Pam Rambo (3101 Parkside Lane, Williamsburg)

Join chapel women in fellowship at a holiday dinner and presentation by chocolate expert, Mary Griffith. Fellowship, dinner (without having to cook) and chocolate. It does not get any better than this! Register online: www.wcchapel.org/registration

SAINTS ALIVE (60+)

Christmas Luncheon

Wednesday, Dec. 14, noon - 1:30 p.m.

At the home of Glenn and June Horner.

Register online: www.wcchapel.org/registration

MOM'S MORNING OUT OPPORTUNITY:



BIRTHDAY PARTY FOR JESUS AND VEGGIE TALES THE LITTLE DRUMMER BOY

When it seems you have nothing to bring... what gift can you give the King?

Thursday, Dec. 15, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Cost: \$15 per child and a small gift for a local missions project

We are having a birthday party for Jesus, so bring a friend and come party with us! We are going to play birthday games, eat cake, make crafts and watch a Christmas movie. For ages 2-5. Call Susie Calapodas to reserve your child's spot at 941-1218.