

December 6 – Ruth Levins

Read: Luke 1:5-16 (An angel promises the birth of John)

This Scriptural passage prepares us for the Messiahs coming, his life, death and resurrection. We learn that God answers prayer in his own timing and his own way. Luke, the writer of this gospel of Luke was a medical doctor and know the importance of being thorough. He used his skills in observation and analysis to thoroughly investigate the stories he had heard about Jesus. His diagnosis? The gospel of Jesus Christ is true!

The story of the Jewish Priest Zechariah who worked in the temple managing its upkeep, teaching the people the scriptures and directing the worship services, took his turn and entered the holy place in the temple to pray, not knowing his prayer for a son would be granted though he and his wife were barren. An angel appeared to him and delivered the good news to him. Thus, the prophecy was fulfilled because Zechariah and Elizabeth faithfully observed the Lords commands. Their son was John the Baptist.

Likewise, we have the opportunity to be in a close relationship with our Creator, God, in prayer, and as we faithfully give of ourselves in sharing our time through our God – given skills for teaching, sharing and helping at our church. In doing this alongside our church family, we are abundantly blessed.

Prayer: Our Father, we thank thee for the gift of each day and the opportunities that you bring into our lives to serve others lovingly with our heart and hands. Amen