



Countryside
Community Church

Unto Us: Good News!

Luke 1:5-25 NIV

Isaiah 9:6–7 NKJV *For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given; And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.*

1. ELIZABETH WAS BLAMELESS, BUT BARREN.

This Christmas, chances are everything isn't perfect.

Luke 1:6-7 *Both of them were righteous in the sight of God, observing all the Lord's commands and decrees blamelessly. But they were childless because Elizabeth was not able to conceive, and they were both very old.*

2. THE "LUCKIEST" DAY OF ZECHARIAH'S LIFE.

God is more involved in your life than you know.

Luke 1:8-9 *Once when Zechariah's division was on duty and he was serving as priest before God, he was chosen by lot, according to the custom of the priesthood, to go into the temple of the Lord and burn incense.*

3. GOD ANSWERS PRAYERS IN GLORIOUS WAYS.

Pray, "Please use my greatest problem for Your glory."

Luke 1:13-14 *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 call him John. He will be a joy and delight to you, and many will rejoice because of his birth..."*

Luke 1:16-17 *"He will bring back many of the people of Israel to the Lord their God. And he will go on before the Lord, in the spirit and power of Elijah, to turn the hearts of the parents to their children and the disobedient to the wisdom of the righteous—to make ready a people prepared for the Lord."*

4. ZECHARIAH WAS DUMBFOUNDED BY DOUBT.

By faith, celebrate this Good News at full volume.

Luke 1:18-20 Zechariah asked the angel, “How can I be sure of this? I am an old man and my wife is well along in years.” The angel said to him, “I am Gabriel. I stand in the presence of God, and I have been sent to speak to you and to tell you this good news. And now you will be silent and not able to speak until the day this happens, because you did not believe my words, which will come true at their appointed time.”

5. THE GOOD NEWS IS ALWAYS GOOD.

The Lord always always always keeps His promises!

Luke 1:25 “The Lord has done this for me,” she said. “In these days he has shown his favor and taken away my disgrace among the people.”

6. THE BEST NEWS: UNTO US A CHILD IS BORN!

Jesus wants to bless you this Christmas. Receive it!

Isaiah 61:1–3 The Spirit of the Sovereign LORD is on me, because the LORD has anointed me to proclaim **good news** to the poor. He has sent me to **bind up** the brokenhearted, to proclaim **freedom** for the captives and **release** from darkness for the prisoners, to proclaim the year of the LORD’s **favor** and the day of vengeance of our God, to **comfort** all who mourn, and **provide for** those who grieve in Zion— to **bestow** on them a crown of **beauty** instead of ashes, the oil of **joy** instead of mourning, and a garment of **praise** instead of a spirit of despair. They will be called oaks of **righteousness**, a planting of the LORD for the display of his **splendor**.