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SUNDAY, DEC. 15

Community Prayer Fireside Room every Sun. 8am

ACTIVATE – Jr High Student Ministry in The Loft 9:30-10:30am

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS SERVICE

Sanctuary 4-5pm Reception in Gym 5-6pm

TUESDAY, DEC. 17

Narcotics Anonymous (NA) Fireside Room 7-8:30pm

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 18

Men's Prayer Time Fireside Room 12:30-1:30pm

Narcotics Anonymous (NA) Fireside Room 6:30-7:30pm

WELCOME TO THE VAIL CHURCH! If you have a prayer request or you are new to our church, please fill out a Connecting Card in your bulletin or the seat pocket in front of you. If you are new, please take it to the "Get Connected" table to receive a welcome gift. Otherwise, drop it in the offering basket. Thank you for choosing to spend part of your Sunday with us!

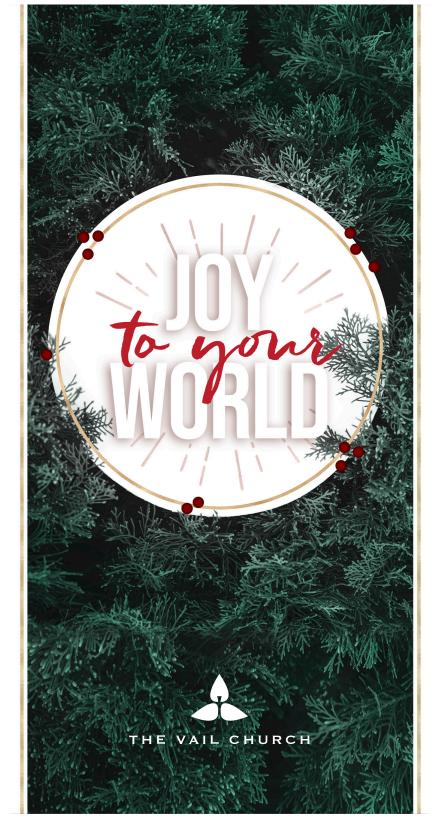
CHRISTMAS EVE VOLUNTEERS Christmas Eve is just a little over a week away! We still have 120 openings for all sorts of volunteers. Make sure to log on to the Christmas Eve Volunteer page on our website to see how you and your family might serve. We have needs for anything from baking cookies to greeting to parking and more! Please join our team!

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES are scheduled for 1pm, 3pm, 5pm, 7pm and 9pm. If you regularly attend TVC, we encourage you to come to any of our five Christmas Eve services other than the 5pm service which is the most highly attended service by out of town quests.



Group Ministry

here at TVC, we are interested in launching a couple of new groups around the specific needs of *divorce care* and *single parenting*. If you have any interest in exploring the possibility of facilitating or co-facilitating one of these groups, please let us know by email: Tracey@TheVailChurch.com.



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JOY to your WORLD

— Joy in God's Promise to You — Pastor Craig Smith • 12/15/19

In the time of Herod king of Judea there was a priest named Zechariah, who belonged to the priestly division of Abijah; his wife Elizabeth was also a descendant of Aaron. Both of them were upright in the sight of God, observing all the Lord's commandments and regulations blamelessly. But they had no children, because Elizabeth was barren; and they were both well along in years. (Luke 1:5-7)

Three spiritual elements that impact our joy...

for God to answer your prayer – "Then an angel of the Lord			
appeared to him	appeared to him, standing at the right side of the altar of		
incense. When Zechariah saw him, he was startled and was			
gripped with fea	r. But the angel said to him: 'Do not be afraid,		
Zechariah; your	orayer has been heard. Your wife Elizabeth		
will bear you a son, and you are to give him the name John.			
, ,	He will be a joy and delight to you, and many will rejoice		
because of his b	irth, for he will be great in the sight of the		
Lord.'" (Luke 1: 1	l1-15a)		
<u> </u>	is a command because life		
equires	– "Be patient, then, brothers,		
until the Lord's comi	ng. See how the farmer waits for the land to		
vield its valuable cro	p and how patient he is for the autumn and		
spring rains. You too	o, be patient and stand firm, because the		

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	motivated by fear - "Zechariah	asked the angel, 'How can
	be sure of this? I am an old man	and my wife is well along in
	years.'" (Luke 1:18)	-
$^{\circ}$	γ To doubt thing is t	o trust
	thing more - "What he trusts in is fr	
sp	spider's web. He leans on his web,	but it gives way; he clings to
it,	it, but it does not hold." (Job 8:14-1:	5)
•	•: hur	nan doubt doesn't
	His promise	 "The angel answered,
	'I am Gabriel. I stand in the pres	ence of God, and I have
	been sent to speak to you and to	o tell you this good news.
	And now you will be silent and n	ot able to speak until the
	day this happens, because you	did not believe my words,

For no matter how many promises God has made, they are "Yes" in Christ. (2 Cor. 1:20a)

which will come true at their proper time." (Luke 1:19-20)

When God delivers, we rejoice...

When it was time for Elizabeth to have her baby, she gave birth to a son. Her neighbors and relatives heard that the Lord had shown her great mercy, and they shared her joy...He asked for a writing tablet, and to everyone's astonishment he wrote, "His name is John." Immediately his mouth was opened and his tongue was loosed, and he began to speak, praising God.

(Luke 1:57-58, 63-64)