

# You Have Found Favor

The Shadow of Bethlehem

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**Luke 1:26-38 • December 2, 2018**

The Christmas Story Hinges on the \_\_\_\_\_  
of Jesus.

## A Message about Mary

<sup>26</sup> In the sixth month of Elizabeth's pregnancy, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, <sup>27</sup> to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David.

The virgin's name was Mary. <sup>28</sup> The angel went to her and said, "Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you."

<sup>29</sup> Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be.

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## A Message about the Child

<sup>30</sup> But the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary; you have found favor with God. <sup>31</sup> You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus. <sup>32</sup> He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, <sup>33</sup> and he will reign over Jacob's descendants forever; his kingdom will never end."

<sup>34</sup> "How will this be," Mary asked the angel, "since I am a virgin?"

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## A Message about God

<sup>35</sup> The angel answered, "The Holy Spirit will come on you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God. <sup>36</sup> Even Elizabeth your relative is going to have a child in her old age, and she who was said to be unable to conceive is in her sixth month.

<sup>37</sup> For no word from God will ever fail." <sup>38</sup> "I am the Lord's servant," Mary answered. "May your word to me be fulfilled." Then the angel left her.

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## This Week

### Sunday, December 2, 2018

8 a.m.	Worship Service	Worship Center
9:25 a.m.	Worship Service	Worship Center
	LIFEkids Ministries	Rooms 101-111
	4 <sup>th</sup> , 5 <sup>th</sup> & 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Group	Lower Garage
	Exit83 Jr. High & High School Youth Group	Coffee House Patio
	Focus Group	Belleview House
	Faith Still Matters	Belleview House
10:55 a.m.	Worship Service	Worship Center
	LIFEkids Ministries	Rooms 101-111
	4 <sup>th</sup> , 5 <sup>th</sup> & 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Group	Lower Garage
	On Mission	The Garage
3 p.m.	Ontario Reign Game	Off Campus

### Monday, December 3

10 a.m.	Monday Mornings with Marnie	Belleview House
11:15 a.m.	Widow's Lunch	El Perico Ranchero
7 p.m.	Heart to Heart	Mont Vista 1
	Prayer for Prodigals	Mont Vista 2

### Tuesday, December 4

9 a.m.	Flourish Women's Group	Belleview House
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### Wednesday, December 5

6:30 a.m.	Wednesday Morning Men's Group	Molly's Souper
6:30 p.m.	Beloved	Belleview House
7 p.m.	Exit83 Jr. High & High School Youth Group	The Garage
	Women at the Well	Room 104
	Wednesday Night Men's Study	Room 102

### Thursday, December 6

6:30 a.m.	Thursday Morning Men's Group	Chick-fil-A
9 a.m.	God's Design for Women	Room 103
7 p.m.	College/Post College Group	Garcia's Home
	A Quilter's Prayer	Room 104
	Griefshare	Room 103
	Thursday Night Men's Group	Belleview House

### Friday, December 7

7 p.m.	Celebrate Recovery	The Garage
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Interested in joining one of these groups? Sign up online at [lbfnextsteps.church](http://lbfnextsteps.church) and a group leader will contact you.

## Pray

1. Pray for God to bring peace, care, and hope in the midst of the chaos of the immigrants at the U.S. border.
2. Pray for God's leading in how you use the Advent season to celebrate the birth of Jesus and to shine the light of Jesus to those around you.

### Giving Update

Fiscal Year July 2018-June 2019 **Total Budget: \$2,459,200**

	Budget Goal	Giving Received	Over/Under
October	\$189,659	\$189,398	(\$261)
November	\$185,185	\$173,702	(\$11,483)
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Fiscal YTD	\$935,113	\$972,210	\$37,097

### Debt Reduction Fund

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- [www.lbf.church/give](http://www.lbf.church/give)
- LBF App (tap "give")
- Text "GIVE" to (909) 891-0115
- Offering boxes located at each exit

	Giving Received
October	\$5,469
November	\$4,432
Fiscal YTD	\$26,974