

SERMON NOTES

THE ANGEL WHO PROTECTED CHRISTMAS

Matthew 2

The Back Story Matthew 2:1-12
The Protective Guardian Angel 2:13-20
A Few Facts about Guardian Angels

- They S_____ (Hebrews 2:14)
- They G_____ (Psalm 91:11)
- They D_____ (Daniel 6:20)
- They E_____ (Luke 22:43)
- They T_____ (Luke 16:22)

To activate the BETHANY PRAYER CHAIN call:

The Church Office at 248-681-2130

Being a family of faith means you don't have to go it alone. Call us.

Get a FIX on... 2026

A New Year Sermon Series

De-Decorate the Church

After the Worship Service
January 4, 2026



You are encouraged to take this list home and offer your personal prayers for the following individuals and families.

From December 21

- Thanks for being here for me. Pray the shot I get in my back on Monday will give relief and help me walk without pain.—M. Stidham
- Prayers for healing from illness.—Louise Aebersold
- Prayers of healing for my back surgery, and for my sister's leg, which is bothering her terribly. Thank you for being there for us.—P. Heard
- For my health to get better, I am still coughing, and it has been four months. Also, for my niece to get well.—Matt Vickers
- For my Uncle Matt and his health.—Tracy Wilczynski
- For my cousin Dawn, whose cancer has returned.—Pam Griffin
- Prayers of thanks for Jesus Christ. Pray for the children in this world and for our country.
- Isa 54:13 and all the children shall be taught of the LORD/New State Superintendent. 1Tim 2:2 may lead quiet, peaceful, godliness and honesty/state plan delete policy conversation 30 days. Ezek 22:27 officials...to make unjust gain/withhold med info in ICE, Medicaid—Pat Leitch

From December 14

- Prayers for a friend fighting addiction. – Gene and Sandy Lewis
- Pray for Matt and Ken to soften their hearts and open them to Christ. Pray for this lost and violent world.
- Praise the Lord! Don is feeling better every day. I am at the very end of a nasty winter cold. Thank you for your prayers. – Jennifer Hinkson
- Nehemiah 4:6 People had a mind to work building wall~Kingdom/ believers need keep God's plan in mind and practice~Kingdom building – Pat Leitch
- Prayers and healing for my brother, Paul. – Louise Aebersold

From December 7

- Prayers for restored health for Don and Jen, for all law enforcement, for our country, that we will lessen the divide.
- Prayers for Mike Evans, who had another setback and is dealing with congestion. He has had two transfusions this week. M. Davis
- Prayers for the Wooster family and Nona Bos. My nephew, Tom Wooster, passed away last night after a long illness.—M. Davis
- Our grandson, Joshua, is undergoing tests at the Mayo Clinic and U of M for almost 2 years. Praise, for a possible open heart at Mayo within the next two weeks, they feel they have found the issue! - Gerards

Those Serving in the Military

Brian Faulkner Ashley Mink Max Rollison Henry Wiswall
Jared Linson Aaron Parma Austin Temperly

To add or update a current prayer request, please call the church office at (248) 681-2130

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Christmas Angels



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December 28, 2025
Worship Time :: Sunday 10 am

Welcome and Prayer

Praise Songs *Angels*
We Three Kings

Pastoral Prayer

Offering & Special Music *King Of Kings*

Sermon The Angel Who Protected Christmas

Closing Song *Holy Forever*

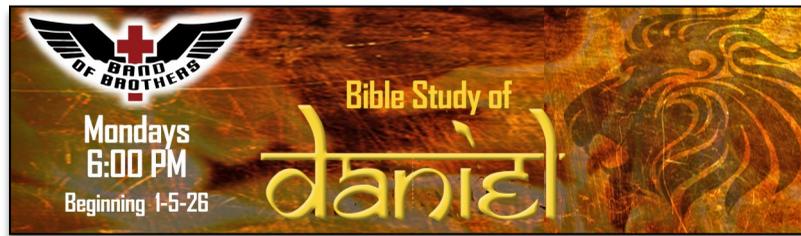
Final Thoughts

Announcements

 **SCRIPTURE READING FOR SUNDAY, JANUARY 4**
Matthew 12:1-22:34

COMING EVENTS

- Dec 28 Coffee and Fellowship 9:30 am
Worship Service 10 am
Medical Emergency and Safety Team meeting after worship
- Dec 29 Band of Brothers 7:15 pm
- Dec 31 Praise Team rehearsal; Tech 6 pm, Praise Team 6:30 pm
- Jan 4 Coffee and Fellowship 9:30 am
Worship Service 10 am
De-decorate the church after worship service



Band of Brothers
Bible Study of *daniel*
Mondays 6:00 PM
Beginning 1-5-26

Mission Team—Help Us Plan Our Mission Focus for 2026!

Each January, your Mission Team meets to prayerfully plan how Bethany can serve our community and the wider world, who are in need of our love, prayers and help. We will meet at the church on January 7 at 2 pm to create our monthly mission focus plan for 2026.

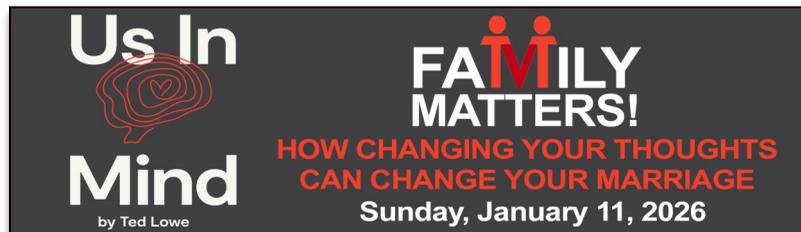
All are welcome to join us or to submit ideas for consideration. See Lottie Jespersion (248-884-9221) for more information.



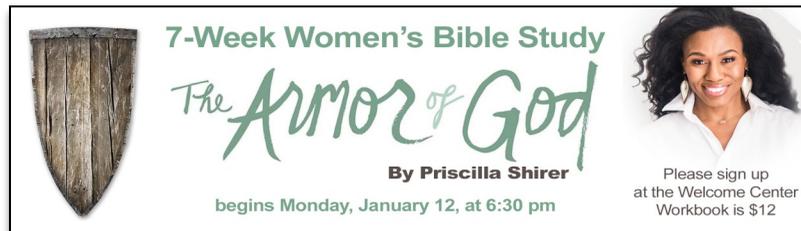
We dare you to trespass into AREA 51!
New Day and Time starting 1-8-26
THURSDAY 6:00 PM
It will alter your life completely!



AFTER CHRISTMAS FLOP
January 10
at 6 PM



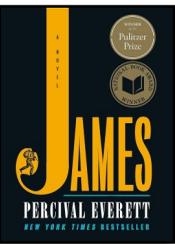
Us In Mind
FAMILY MATTERS!
HOW CHANGING YOUR THOUGHTS CAN CHANGE YOUR MARRIAGE
Sunday, January 11, 2026
by Ted Lowe



7-Week Women's Bible Study
The Armor of God
By Priscilla Shirer
begins Monday, January 12, at 6:30 pm
Please sign up at the Welcome Center
Workbook is \$12

Bethany Book Club

Our first book for 2026 will be *James* by Percival Everett, a reimagining of Mark Twain's *Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*. *James* follows Jim, an enslaved man, on his journey to escape slavery and reunite with his family, highlighting his intelligence and resilience while exploring themes of identity and freedom.



Join us in Fellowship Hall on January 16 at 10 am for a light breakfast and discussion.

Sneak Peek at one of our January Mission projects!

As you're cleaning out closets and making room for new items, know that in January, we will collect gently used adult winter coats.

A coat rack will be in the lobby for donations beginning in January.

Important: We are specifically looking for cold-weather WINTER coats, not lightweight jackets, so we can help keep those in need warm through the harshest winter months.

 **Hint:** The Open Door Thrift Store has many affordably priced coats available if you'd like to purchase one to donate.

Thank you for helping us share warmth and care with our community!



THE GOODS—OUR MISSIONARIES IN ITALY

On this fourth Sunday of Advent, our church will light a candle that symbolizes the love of Christ. While this is a special Sunday celebration, we are privileged to see love in action throughout our community. One example is Sam.

Sam survived nine years of civil war in his Middle Eastern home country. When we first met, our vocabulary was limited, and conversation was difficult. However, love does not need fluent language. Sam kept showing up, wanting to spend time together.

Then Sam joined us for church for the first time in his life. He was met with smiles, coffee, and food. He sat with us, sang along, and during the prayers whispered his own prayers in Arabic. After worship, he stayed for lunch and said, "If I had known church was like this, I would have come a year ago. I feel like I'm with my family."

Sam now makes coming to church a priority! This is the love we celebrate during Advent: God's love made flesh through shared tables, patient presence, and a community that says, "You are not alone." We are deeply thankful for you, our ministry partners, who make this ministry possible.

Yours in Jesus, Jon and Amanda