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## IN THE FULLNESS OF TIME

Galatians 4:1-7

*"But when the fullness of the time was come, God sent forth His Son, made of a woman" (Gal. 4:4. )*

Time is a creation, like matter is a creation. There is no time in the eternity preceding creation, nor will there be time in the eternity after the "end of the age". God works in time in the sense that God limits Himself, being incarnate. It is something that God has done, working out His vast illimitable sovereign purposes in history. God works in time, unhurried and unchanged. You can see that in the geological ages that are written in the rocks. Thousands of millenniums, millions of years, you can see the vast, indescribable, unimaginable length of time in the starlight that falls upon this earth. Some of the stars that you see, that's the way they looked billions of years ago. For it has taken that many years for the light from that star to fall upon our eyes.

I read an article some time ago on the literacy of the people, the citizens of the Roman Empire. They were the most literate of any age in the history of the world. The people were taught. They were learned. They discussed philosophy, and they did it in the Greek language. Can you imagine

the literacy and the intellectual capability of a church to whom Paul wrote in his letter to the Romans, the profoundest theological treatise that has ever been penned? And yet it was written for a man to stand up in the pulpit and read it to the church congregation. A church of slaves, a church of the poor, a church of the menial, of the downtrodden, of the sub-marginal and the periphery, yet written to them in magnificent Greek. The preparation, the plerōma, the fullness of the time; God preparing for the coming of His Son [Galatians 4:4].

Look at an example of God's plerōma: "And in the sixth month," in the sixth month after the conception of John the Baptist [Luke 1:11-24], "And in the sixth month, the angel Gabriel was sent from God unto a city of Galilee, named Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph" [Luke 1:26-27]. Oh, but I don't understand! "In the sixth month, the angel Gabriel was sent from God unto a city of Galilee, named Nazareth" [Luke 1:26]; but Micah the prophet had said by the Spirit of God, that "He should be born in Bethlehem!" [Micah 5:2].

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### FaithWorks Navajo Christmas Mission

December 7, 2019

There are still a few days left to donate wrapped gifts for this occasion. A list with suggestions can be found in the church foyer. This will be the 13th time for FaithWorks to celebrate an afternoon of the Christmas Season with Pastor Dean and Lola Bahe and their Navajo brothers and sisters. FaithWorks will pick up any donated gifts at our church in time for the event. For more information contact the Trip Coordinator Amy Casali at (928) 699-8138 or via email at Tony\_Amy@FaithWorks4us.org



### JOIN US FOR CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP SERVICE

Tuesday, December 24, 2019  
5 & 7 p.m.

### Meet Your Staff

Welcome  
**Joshua Walker**  
who will be  
our Senior  
Pastor!



Liz Skowronski  
**Worship Team  
Leader**  
623-810-7233



Brigitte Bradley  
**Administrative  
Assistant**  
928-699-2715

Thank you  
to our Elders,  
guest pastors  
and volunteers  
who have been  
keeping our  
church  
services running  
smoothly!!

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God said that! The Holy Scriptures recorded that, and Micah was chosen to reveal it. "He shall be born in Bethlehem" [Micah 5:2], but the story begins, "In the sixth month, the angel Gabriel was sent from God unto a city of Galilee, named Nazareth" [Luke 1:26]; they live in Nazareth.

I turn the page and in the next chapter you read: And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be enrolled . . . And all went to be enrolled— census— everyone unto his own city. And Joseph also from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, came to Bethlehem, in Judea, the city of David, to be enrolled with his espoused wife, being plerōma, great, full, with child.

He never dreamed in his wildest, farthest imagination, he never thought that the sovereign purpose of God lay back of the decree that he signed, that the whole world should be enrolled [Luke 2:1]. He never thought of it but the purposes of God working through. So down that Bethlehem road travels Joseph and Mary, being great with child [Luke 2:4-5] "And this shall be the sign unto you, the sēmeion; Ye shall find the Babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger" [Luke 2:12], a sign, a sēmeion! John uses that word alone in presenting the deity of Christ in his Gospel: "And many other sēmeion did Christ do. . .but these are written, that you might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and believing you might have life in His name" [John 20:30-31].

This shall be a sign unto you! [Luke 2:12]. Oh, what a sign, to be wondered at forever and ever! There was womanhood glorified! There was motherhood sanctified! There was childhood magnified! What said the text? "Born of a woman, . . .But when the fullness of the time was come, God sent forth His Son, made of a woman!"

[Galatians 4:4]. As the Protevangelium (first good news) avows in Genesis 3:15, "The Seed of the woman shall crush Satan's head." Oh, what glorious season to magnify God!  
- Ruling Elder Eli Reyes

## PREACHING SCHEDULE FOR DECEMBER 2019

December 1 - Joshua Walker  
December 8 - (TBD)  
December 15 - (TBD)  
December 22 - (TBD)  
December 24, Christmas Eve - Elias Reyes  
December 29 - (TBD)

## JOSHUA WALKER BIO

Joshua Walker was converted to Christ during his time in high school. Through the ministry of the local church, he heard about his sin and his need for a Savior and was converted to Christ. After high school, he married his high school sweet-heart, Krystle, in 2003. Both Joshua and Krystle are native to the Phoenix area.

Joshua received his Bachelors in Philosophy from Grand Canyon University (2006), and then he received a Masters of Divinity from Reformed Theological Seminary in Jackson, MS (2010). He has completed all degree requirements for a PhD in New Testament (2013) from McMaster Divinity College, except the dissertation (ABD), which is in Greek Linguistics. He also currently teaches at Grand Canyon University in the College of Theology.

Joshua and his wife live in the Valley of the Sun (Gilbert) with their son Calvin. Joshua has a passion for the gospel and proclaiming the good news of Jesus Christ to a lost and dying world. His conviction is that God will bless the church through the ordinary means of grace God has given to build up his body, which include, the preaching of the word, the administration of the sacraments (baptism and the Lord's supper), fellowship, and prayer.

## THE PANTRY

### A Worthwhile Cause

#### To Help Your Neighbors in Flagstaff

By Amy Kent & Sandy Berry

Seniors on fixed incomes trying to house, feed and clothe their grandchildren, nieces and nephews are facing an ongoing struggle and account for many of our shoppers. For the 2700 households who signed up with us (which include 1800 children), there is not enough money to pay rent, utilities, transportation and food. Many become homeless, living in trucks, tents or vans. No heat, no way to cook, no lavatory. It is almost impossible to hold a job without adequate housing and food.

The best way to alleviate homelessness is to help families stay in their homes. From its inception, the Pantry has seen 335,000 pounds of food taken home by our shoppers, aiding in health and stability. We are open for 'shopping' for produce, meat and packaged food Wednesday through Sunday from 3 to 7 PM - without cost to our shoppers.

With your help we can continue to serve this community and make it stronger! THE PANTRY is a 501(c)(3) entity and qualifies for AZ tax credit. Checks may be made out to *Golden Rule Charities* and mailed to 2573 7th Ave., Flagstaff, AZ, 86004. Please write THE PANTRY in the memo section on your check. Thank you in advance for your contribution!

## TIPS FOR PRAYING THE WORD

By Mike Bradley, Ruling Elder

There are so many different ways to pray scripture. Here are some guidelines that have helped me.

1. Realize that there is a direct connection between the degree to which our minds are shaped by Scripture and the degree to which our prayers are answered. Jesus said, "If you abide in me and my words abide in you, ask whatever you will, and it

shall be done for you" (John 15:7).

2. Note that the early church prayed Scripture. For example, the prayer of Acts 4:24-30 quotes Psalm 2. Also Old Testament prayers like Ezra's prayer in Nehemiah 9:6-37 are rehearsals of biblical history and biblical texts.
3. Praying the Word means reading (or reciting) Scripture in a spirit of prayer and letting the meaning of the verses become our prayer and inspire our thoughts.
4. It can be done alone or in groups. You can pause after each phrase, or each sentence, or each paragraph, or each chapter.
5. Here is one way:

Find a quiet time and place.

Begin with a brief prayer like, "O Lord, I need you, I come seeking you and needing help. Open my eyes that I may behold wondrous things out of the word" (Psalm 119:18).

Read a chapter of an epistle quickly to get the gist of it. The reason for this is that the meaning of the individual sentences is controlled by their context. We must not make a verse mean anything we like.

If anything has "jumped out" as especially relevant to you, dwell on it and let it inspire and shape your prayer even before you go back to read a sentence at a time.

If you bump into difficulties you can't understand, make a mental note of it for later thought and research. Be honest. But then move on to what does seem clear.

Now go back to the first sentence and read it with the question: If this sentence were to become a prayer about my life, what would it sound like? It may convict you and lead you to a prayer of confession and repentance. It may inspire you to pursue a new act of obedience and lead to a prayer for power and enablement. It may lead you to give thanks or pray for others or our church.

Give it a try!