Week of 12/18/2023

Words of Encouragement

"Now we come to his first Advent and the first Christmas, when God made God in the image of God. Without ceasing to be God, God the Son took on humanity. He added humanity to his divine person.

Humanity, as a created nature, is 'compatible' with the uncreated divine nature. Deity and humanity are not a zero-sum game. The divine Son did not have to jettison any eternal deity (as if that's even possible) to take on humanity. Uncreated deity and created humanity operate at different levels of reality, so to speak. Without ceasing, in any way, to be fully God, the Son took on our full created nature and became fully human."

- David Mathis

Pray for the Unreached

Li, Qi People in China

Population: 320,000 | Primary religion: Ethnic Religions | Percent Evangelical

Christian: 0.14%

Pray for the Lord to intervene in Qi Li families, calling people to his side. Pray for loving workers. Pray for their hearts to be drawn to the Lord of lords. Pray for a church planting movement to thrive in their communities.

Scripture Reading

Consider reading Luke 1-2 in preparation for this week's sermon.

Prayer Requests

- Liz Flemming Please pray for the Rittenhouse family. Their 12 year old son, Justin, has cancer that has spread to his hip, thigh and lungs. He is facing possible amputation.
- Please pray for the family of Charles Salter. Charles passed away last week and went to his heavenly home. Please pray for peace and comfort for his family.
- Debbie Phillips Lisa Turner Sorrells has a brain tumor that she just finished treatment for. She is to return to Duke next month to see how effective the treatment was. There are no other options available for her so please pray for a complete healing. She is the caregiver for her disabled adult daughter.
- Please pray for Brad as he figures out his internship next semester. Please pray that God would provide a great place to complete this final part of his degree program.
- Russell Lee Please pray for David Johnson, a friend of ours. He has pancreatic cancer.
- Please pray for Jeff Mason as he continues radiation in the coming weeks. Pray for strength and healing.

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Calendar

- Friday: 9:00 AM Prayer Time at the
- Sunday: 10:30 AM Worship Service