

## **The Relational Presence of God in the Prophets (Daniel 3:8-30)**

### **God's Relational Presence Prophesied**

- Birth – [Isaiah 7:14](#), fulfilled in [Matthew 1:23](#)
- Birth Location – [Micah 5:2](#), fulfilled in [Matthew 2:6](#)
- Life – [Zechariah 9:9](#), fulfilled in [Matthew 21:5](#)
- Suffering – [Isaiah 53](#), fulfilled in [Luke 23:26-49](#)

*The prophecies of the presence demonstrate the Christian faith is reasonable and can be lived confidently.*

### **God's Relational Presence Experienced (Daniel 3:8-30)**

- Hananiah – God is gracious.
- Mishael – There is no one like God.
- Azariah – Yahweh helps.

*The experience of the presence demands the Christian life be lived courageously.*

### **God's Relational Presence in a Person (John 1:1-18)**

- Tabernacled

*The arrival of the presence deems the Christian life be celebratory.*

God's relational presence in the prophets demonstrates how we are to live faithfully as we anticipate the Advent of the presence of God in a person.

## Next Steps

- I will recognize God's relational presence through the flames of trials I am currently facing.
- I will spend this week reading Scripture about the fulfillment of God's relational presence in a person.

## This Week's Growth Guide

God's Word is both central and critical to your spiritual growth. We invite you to utilize the Growth Guide during the week to further your application of the Truth from the message.

- **Monday** - [Matthew 1:1-17](#)
- **Tuesday** - [Matthew 1:18-25](#)
- **Wednesday** - [Luke 2:1-20](#)
- **Thursday** - [Luke 2:21-40](#)
- **Friday** - [John 1:1-18](#)

## Finances

Weekly Budget	32,692
Giving For 12/03	59,555
Giving For 12/10	33,392
YTD Budget	784,615
Giving	743,909
(Under)	(40,706)

## Christmas at Fellowship

Join us for a Candlelight Christmas Eve Service on Sunday, December 24, at 10:45 am and 4 pm. Both services are the same, including a time for the children to come to the stage to enjoy a reading of the Christmas story. *Invite your family and friends to join you as we worship Emmanuel, God with us.*

## New to Fellowship?

We are so glad that you joined the Fellowship Family to worship this morning. If you are joining us for the first time or have been checking us out for a few weeks, we are excited you are here and would love to meet you. Please fill out the "Connect Card" and bring it to the Connection Center in the Atrium; we would love to say "hi" and give you a gift.

## Christmas Offering

In December, we are taking up a special offering for the Operation Christmas Child Special Pack (held in October 2024). The gifts received will determine the number of boxes we are able to send. To send each gospel opportunity (box) it costs \$20 for items, transportation, and the tools needed to share the hope found in Christ with a child. Please consider giving above and beyond your regular giving to the worthy cause of getting the gospel to sensitive areas that are difficult to reach. You can use the envelope in a seat near you or give online by selecting "Christmas Offering" from the options. For an idea of what we are trying to raise, last year we packed 2,600 boxes, which is equal to \$52,000.

### **Fellowship 101**

We invite you to join us on Sunday, January 14, at 9:00 a.m. to learn more about Fellowship. This is a great opportunity to hear about our mission, values, and our ministries. If you're new to Fellowship, join us in the conference room (first floor) to hear what God is doing and where He is taking us. During this time, you will meet some of our ministry leaders and get to ask questions. Register at **[fellowshipconway.org/register](https://fellowshipconway.org/register)**.

### **End of the year Giving**

For contributions to be counted on your 2023 taxes, checks must be received in the Fellowship ministry office no later than Friday, December 29 by 1:30 PM or be postmarked by December 31. In addition, you can give online at **[fellowshipconway.org/give](https://fellowshipconway.org/give)** before January 1.

### **Perspectives**

Perspectives is a fifteen-lesson discipleship course exploring different aspects of God's global purpose in a multi-faceted learning experience. You will journey with believers from across our community, clarifying each believer's remarkable opportunity to co-labor with God in His global purpose. You have an integral role to play in God's story! Class starts January 16. Register and pay by December 31 to save \$25. Partial scholarships and childcare available. For more information, contact **[Brianjamesdarnell81@gmail.com](mailto:Brianjamesdarnell81@gmail.com)**.