

**Fear Not, Mary**  
**Luke 1:26-38**  
**December 13, 2020**

**I. The pattern of the marvelous works of God:**

- A. God outlines an impossible plan to a person (V. 28-33).
- B. The person is overwhelmed at the calling of God (V. 29).
- C. The person submits to God's impossible call (V. 38).
- D. The Holy Spirit equips the person to do exactly what they were called to do (V. 35).

**II. Interview with Jim and Susan Oetter**

- A. Tell us about yourselves!
- B. How did God go about revealing to you that he wanted you to make a big move?
- C. What was your initial reaction to God's call to Mozambique?
- D. Tell us about the people of Mozambique.
- E. What about the gospel do they find particularly moving and what do they find challenging?
- F. What was your specific roles as missionaries to Mozambique?
- G. How has the Holy Spirit enabled you to do what you were called to do in Mozambique?
- H. How valuable is the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering?
- I. What would you tell another couple in their 50s or 60s overwhelmed at a call to the mission field at this stage in their life?

## **Group Discussion Questions**

1. Read Luke 1:26-38
2. Have you ever felt God give you an impossible task? How did He go about revealing that to you?
3. How did you react to the impossible God task God gave you?
4. What are some reasons people run away from God's plan for their lives? What are some reasons people run toward God's plan for their lives?
5. How has the Holy Spirit helped you accomplish God's plan for your life?
6. Discuss your Christmas plans with your group. What is God's plan for you this holiday season and how do you plan to live it out?
7. Pray for each other, that you would all submit to God's plan for your life, no matter how impossible it may seem. Review the Prayer Guide about prayer needs throughout the congregation.

## **Church Bible Reading Plan**

Bible Reading Plan: Isaiah 7:10-25, Micah 5:1-6, Jeremiah 31:1-22, Matthew 1-2

December Memory Verses: Matthew 1:20-21

**Join us for Prayer: Tuesday Evenings at 7:00PM — Dial 701-802-5374 and at the prompt enter 5160582#**

**Luke 1:37**  
*For nothing will be impossible with God.*

**Our Vision: To create a culture of discipleship that leads to worship and compels us to be on mission.**

PRAY for us as a church family to grow in our devotion and our discipleship.  
 PRAY that we would be faithful in all our individual areas of ministry.  
 PRAY that God will draw many to Himself in this difficult time.  
 PRAY for YOUR ONE to be saved.  
 PRAY for GriefShare as they move to on-line meetings.  
 PRAY for the ASU West college ministry.  
 PRAY for the Wednesday evening AWANA ministry as they move to on-line meetings  
 PRAY for the need for Awana nursery helpers when in-person AWANA resumes  
 PRAY for the people of Puluk in Indonesia to have the opportunity to hear and respond to the Gospel.  
 PRAY for Dr. Doug and Cheryl D. to be able to return to their field of service soon.

**PRAY about the challenging  
December changes:**

- NO in-person Sunday School
- NO in-person GriefShare
- NO in-person Awana
- NO preschool/nursery during Sunday School time or Worship time

**Our Mission: To Care as Jesus CARES:**

PRAY for God's protection from the COVID virus.  
 PRAY that we will love and encourage each other by reaching out to our membership.  
 PRAY that God will continue to use the FOOD BOX MINISTRY to bring people to Himself and that we will keep the food pantry stocked.  
 PRAY for the hospital workers, first responders and police officers to be drawn to God and to be filled with His strength, love, and ability.  
 PRAY for all our schools/teachers/administrators/workers and parents in this school year with difficulties never before encountered.  
 PRAY for us all to be a source of light in the darkness of racial prejudice.  
 PRAY for our country and for us to be godly citizens.  
 PRAY that we will each be faithful to give financially to Apollo Baptist Church so that we can have the funds to continue ministering.  
 PRAY for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.

**Our Church Family:**

PRAY for Pastor Gary and our other pastors (Pastor Jim, Pastor Reginald, Pastor Brian) as they seek God's way to lead our church.  
 PRAY for our intern, Juliana S., and her ministry to children and college students.  
 PRAY for our deacons to be able to keep up with their families and contacts effectively.

**Pray For Our Church Family Needs:**

- Those struggling with fear and anxiety because of the pandemic
- Church members and/or their friends/families who have COVID
- Families who are grieving the recent loss of loved ones
  - Rebecca R. (brother), Ray and Sue J. (daughter-in-law, Lynette), Dan and Shirley S. (Dan's father), Nancy C. (father, Pete), April H. (husband, Gary), Ken R. (sister, Joan), Darlene R. (aunt, Peggy), Randie A. and Bonnie V. (mother), Tim, Alexa, and Erika P. (grandfather)
  - Grief Share participants
- Those struggling with cancer issues:
  - Mary C. (breast cancer), Brenda R. (blood cancer and possible donors of bone marrow), Leroy D. (his brother), Ketty B's. grandmother (breast cancer), Wanda H. (son, Derek), Chris and Beth L. (3 yr. old daughter with inoperable brain tumor)
- Those struggling with health issues:
  - Rezwana D. (migraines), Mary R. (possibly starting dialysis), Ruthie C. (severe weight loss), Jimmy (grandson of Raul and Cindy O. has autism and migraines), Larry D. (brain bleed not completely healed), Don R. (sciatica pain), Wayne and Twyla D. (Parkinsons), Floyd W. (Pat's dementia), Elaine D. (medication issues), Gretchen E. (father in hospital with shingles and cellulitis), Peggy T. (neurological evaluation related to recent TIA), Jose M. (sister miscarried)
- Those awaiting surgery:
  - Brenda R. (bone marrow transplant), James M. (cleaning out the veins in his legs)
- Those recovering from surgery:
  - Jonathan B. (hand surgery), Laura M. (vertebrae surgery and right arm movement), Dale O. (knee replacement), Susan K.'s son-in-law (recipient of liver transplant)
- Those struggling with family relational issues:
  - Julia B. (family), Ketty B. (friend), Marge D. (a son)
- Those needing employment:
  - Larry S., Billy H.
- Others that you are aware of