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MOSAIC BIBLE FELLOWSHIP
Response Card

NAME:

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PLEASE SELECT ONE OF THE
FOLLOWING:

- ☐ I am a first-time guest.
- ☐ I am a returning guest.
- ☐ I am a regular attendee/member.

MY DECISION TODAY:

- ☐ I want to know more about the Gospel.
- ☐ I am committing my life to Christ.
- ☐ I am renewing my commitment to Christ.
- ☐ I want to join a small group.
- ☐ I would like to serve on a team.

COMMENTS/PRAYER NEEDS:

- ☐ For Prayer Team
- ☐ For Pastor

Day by Day by Grace
(December 14th)

Jesus Given for Us to be Given to Us

For if when we were enemies we were **reconciled** to God through the **death** of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be **saved by His life**. ([Romans 5:10](#))

As the ultimate free gift of God's grace, Jesus was given for us (dying for our sins): *"He who did **not spare His own Son**, but **delivered Him up for us all**"* ([Romans 8:32](#)). Moreover, He was **given for us to be given to us** (that He might express His life in and through us).

We began as enemies of God. Certainly, we were lost and condemned. Yet, our situation was even worse than that. Our lives worked against the purposes and plans of God: *"And **you**, who once were **alienated** and **enemies** in your **mind** by **wicked works**"* ([Colossians 1:21](#)). Our evil thoughts and activities set us **against** the Lord in both mind and deed. The only way that we could become the friends of God was for Jesus to be given as a sacrifice for us. *"When we were **enemies** we were **reconciled** to God through the **death** of His Son."* The Lord had to deal with our dual problem of sin and unrighteousness. *"For **He made Him** who knew no sin to be **sin for us**, that **we might become the righteousness of God in Him**"* ([2 Corinthians 5:21](#)). The Father graciously placed our sins on His Son that we might have His righteousness. This precious gift of reconciliation, the turning of enemies into friends, was for all who would believe in Christ.

Even after this rich grace of reconciliation, the Lord had *"**much more**"* yet to give us. *"For if when we were **enemies** we were **reconciled** to God through the **death** of His Son, **much more**, having been reconciled, we shall be **saved by His life**."* What remained after Jesus was given **for us** (for our reconciliation) was that He would be given **to us**. Jesus came to dwell within us so that we could be *"**saved by His life**."* Why do the friends of Jesus still need to be saved? Well, His followers would be persistently threatened by the world, the flesh, and the devil. They would still be vulnerable to temptation, doubt, fear, fruitlessness, distraction, inadequacy, and more. How then would they be saved from such threats? This ongoing rescuing work of the Lord would be *"**by His life**"*-by Jesus living in and through His people. *"It is no longer I who live, but **Christ lives in me**"* ([Galatians 2:20](#)). Jesus was not, and is not, susceptible to any of these threatening issues. When He is allowed to express His life in and through us, each of us finds all that we need all of the time. This astounding statement is true, because *"**Christ is all and in all**"* ([Colossians 3:11](#)).

Dear Father, my reconciler, I thank You for giving Your Son for me, that I might be changed from Your enemy to Your friend by His death. Yet, much more, I praise You for giving Your Son to me, that I might be saved from spiritual futility day by day by His life. Lord Jesus, live in and through me, I humbly pray, Amen.

Lunch offering can be placed in the offering box in the multi-purpose room.
For church members, offering can be dropped in the offering box in the EM room or sent to **NVCCC C/O Chen, P. O. Box 2758, Merrifield, VA 22116**.
(Offering is mainly for our church members and regular attendees. If you are visiting us today, just fill in the response card and place it in the offering box.)



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NVCCC English Ministry December 14, 2025

SUNDAY SERVICE

Praise*
Prayer*
Scripture reading

Luke 1:5-25

Message
The Zechariah & Elizabeth Story
Speaker

Pastor Erik Evenson

Response Card and Offerings
Response song*
Announcements
Doxology*
Benediction/Closing prayer

Pastor Erik Evenson

(* Stand if you are able, please.)

UPCOMING

December 24 — Christmas Eve Service @Church

Thank you for being with us today. For sermon notes every week, go to Listen, and Message Note on our website.

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JOIN US THIS WEEK

Sunday 10AM - Worship service

After Sunday worship service, we have a time of fellowship with refreshments. You are welcome to join!

Friday 8PM - Small group
(In-person and online)

The online link for small group meetings will be found in our weekly email announcement. Any questions? Send an email to: nvcccem@gmail.com

TODAY’S SCRIPTURE

Luke 1:5-17

⁵ In the time of Herod king of Judea there was a priest named Zechariah, who belonged to the priestly division of Abijah; his wife Elizabeth was also a descendant of Aaron. ⁶ Both of them were righteous in the sight of God, observing all the Lord’s commands and decrees blamelessly. ⁷ But they were childless because Eliza- beth was not able to conceive, and they were both very old.

⁸ Once when Zechariah’s division was on duty and he was serving as priest before God, ⁹ he was chosen by lot, according to the custom of the priesthood, to go into the temple of the Lord and burn incense. ¹⁰ And when the time for the burning of incense came, all the assembled worshipers were praying outside.

¹¹ Then an angel of the Lord appeared to him, standing at the right side of the altar of incense. ¹² When Zechariah saw him, he was startled and was gripped with fear. ¹³ But the angel said to him: “Do not be afraid, Zechariah; your prayer has been heard. Your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you are to call him John. ¹⁴ He will be a joy and delight to you, and many will rejoice because of his birth, ¹⁵ for he will be great in the sight of the Lord. He is never to take wine or other fermented drink, and he will be filled with the Holy Spirit even before he is born. ¹⁶ He will bring back many of the people of Israel to the Lord their God. ¹⁷ And he will go on before the Lord, in the spirit and power of Elijah, to turn the hearts of the parents to their children and the disobedient to the wisdom of the righteous—to make ready a people prepared for the Lord.”

God’s love for you is forever and ever in Christ!

THE ZECHARIAH & ELIZABETH STORY

Luke 1:18-25

¹⁸ Zechariah asked the angel, “How can I be sure of this? I am an old man and my wife is well along in years.”

¹⁹ The angel said to him, “I am Gabriel. I stand in the presence of God, and I have been sent to speak to you and to tell you this good news. ²⁰ And now you will be silent and not able to speak until the day this happens, because you did not believe my words, which will come true at their appointed time.”

²¹ Meanwhile, the people were waiting for Zechariah and wonder- ing why he stayed so long in the temple. ²² When he came out, he could not speak to them. They realized he had seen a vision in the temple, for he kept making signs to them but remained unable to speak.

²³ When his time of service was completed, he returned home. ²⁴ After this his wife Elizabeth became pregnant and for five months remained in seclusion. ²⁵ “The Lord has done this for me,” she said. “In these days he has shown his favor and taken away my disgrace among the people.”

Notes

I AM INTERESTED IN TAKING A CLASS FOR MY SPIRITUAL GROWTH.

- () Membership 101
- () Maturity 201
- () Ministry 301
- () Mission/Evangelism 401

OTHER CLASSES

- () Foundations for basic Christian doctrines
- () Fresh Start for starting my faith in Christ
- () How to do daily Quiet Time with God

NEED TO TALK TO A PASTOR?

- () I would like to talk with a pastor to understand the biblical view on a subject.
- () I would like to know what it means to be a member of MBF (NVCCC)

ANY OTHER QUESTIONS? LET US KNOW, PLEASE.

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