**Advent: PEACE IS AVAILABLE WHEN…**

**-Pastor Dan**

***Advent***: “arrival” or “an appearing or coming into place.”

**#1) I Am Faithful During UNEXPECTED Circumstances.**

***5****Joseph went to Bethlehem to register with Mary, who was* ***pledged*** *to be married to him and was* ***expecting a child****.* Luke 2:5

***6****While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born,****7****and she* ***gave birth*** *to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in* ***cloths*** *and placed him in a* ***manger****, because there was* ***no guest room*** *available for them.* Luke 2:6-7

***8****And there were* ***shepherds*** *living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night.****9****An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and* ***they were terrified****.*  Luke 2:8-9

**#2) I Trust God’s Word Above My FEAR.**

***10****But the angel said to them, “****Do not be afraid****. I bring you good news that will cause* ***great joy*** *for all the people.****11****Today in the town of David a* ***Savior has been born to you****; he is the Messiah, the Lord.****12****This will be* ***a sign to you****: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.”*

 Luke 2:10-12

[See John 3:16 / John 10:10 / John 14:6]

 *“****There is no peace****,” says the Lord, “for the wicked.”* Isaiah 48:22

**KEY: Peace Is Not The Absence of Trouble –**

**Peace Is The Person And Presence of Jesus.**

**Know Jesus – No Fear**

**No Jesus – Know Fear**

**Paul:** *and the* ***peace of God****, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.* Philippians 4:7

**#3) I SEEK Jesus.**

***13****Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying,* ***14****“Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth* ***peace to those on whom his favor rests****.”* Luke 2:13-14

***15****When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “****Let’s go*** *to Bethlehem* ***and see*** *this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about.”* ***16****So they hurried off and* ***found*** *Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger.*

 Luke 2:15-16

***KEY: GO and SEEK and FIND JESUS.***

***17****When they had seen him,* ***they spread the word*** *concerning what had been told them about this child,* ***18****and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them.****19****But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart.****20****The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.* Luke 2:17-20