

LOOKING AHEAD

Date	Scripture	Message
Nov. 29-30	Genesis 3:14-15	The Promised Child
Dec. 6-7	Genesis 4-6	The Promised Child
Dec. 13-14	Genesis 22:1-18	The Promised Child
Dec. 20-21	2 Samuel 7:1-17	The Promised Child
Dec. 23-24	Matthew 1:18-25	The Promised Child
Dec. 27-28	Ephesians 5:8-16	Annual Examen
Jan. 3-4	Galatians 3:1-9	The Promise Fulfilled
Jan. 10-11	Galatians 3:10-14	The Promise Fulfilled
Jan. 17-18	Galatians 3:15-22	The Promise Fulfilled
Jan. 24-25	Galatians 3:23-29	The Promise Fulfilled

CHRISTMAS AT EMMANUEL

Candlelight, worship, and a message of hope as we remember the birth of Jesus.

Christmas Eve Eve - Dec 23 at 6 PM
Christmas Eve - Dec 24 at 2, 4 and 6 PM

The weekend of Dec 27-28 will be online only- an intentional pause to worship at home, reflect with loved ones, and prepare your heart for the year ahead.



November 29 & 30, 2025 | The Promised Child 1 | Genesis 3:14-15 | Joshua Wilhite, pastor

A promise is an invitation to HOPE.

GOD'S PROMISE

*Genesis 3:14 The Lord God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, cursed are you above all livestock and above all beasts of the field; on your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. 15 I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your **offspring** and her **offspring**; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel."*

1. God promised that Eve's "OFFSPRING" (זרע // ze-ra) would prevail over the serpent's.
2. God's solution to our devastation would come in the form of a BABY.

ASK YOURSELF:

- How am I doing with hope in God's promise?

ADAM'S ANTICIPATION

*Genesis 3:20 The man called his wife's name **Eve**, because she was the mother of all living.*

1. In Hebrew, the name "Eve" (חוה // he-vah) is a play on the word "LIVING" (חיה // ha-yah).

Genesis 2:23 Then the man said, “This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; **she shall be called Woman**, because she was taken out of Man.”

2. By giving his wife this new NAME, Adam was demonstrating hope in God’s promise.

ASK YOURSELF:

- What can I reframe in light of God’s promise?

GOD’S PRESENCE

Genesis 3:21 And the LORD God made for Adam and for his wife **garments of skins** and clothed them.

1. God was PRESENT in the waiting.

Genesis 3:7 Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they **sewed fig leaves together** and made themselves loincloths.
8 And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden.

2. By covering the shame of His people, God was illustrating the FULFILLMENT of His promise.

ASK YOURSELF:

- In my waiting, where has God demonstrated His presence or provision?

EVE’S ANTICIPATION

Genesis 4:1 Now Adam knew Eve his wife, and she conceived and bore Cain, saying, “**I have gotten a man with the help of the LORD.**”

1. The Hebrew name “Cain” (קַיִן // ca-yin) is a play on the word “GOTTEN” (קָנָה // ca-nah).

2. The Hebrew word “man” (אָדָם // a-dam) is a play on the word “GROUND” (אֲדָמָה // a-da-mah)

Genesis 2:5 When no bush of the field was yet in the land and no small plant of the field had yet sprung up—for the LORD God had not caused it to rain on the land, and there was no **man** to work the **ground**, 6 and a mist was going up from the land and was watering the whole face of the **ground**— 7 then the

LORD God formed the **man** of dust from the **ground** and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the **man** became a living creature.

3. Eve BELIEVED that God was working out His promise.

4. By acknowledging the bigger story around her BABY, Eve was demonstrating her hope in God’s promise.

ASK YOURSELF:

- How will I cultivate hope in God’s promise?

Some ideas...

- Ask GOD for help.
- Meditate on a PSALM (42, 103, 145*).
- Adjust your worship music INTAKE.
- Record or review your God SIGHTINGS.
- Get next to HOPEFUL people.
- Share your God STORIES.

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