

# LOGOS

The word from Word of Life

Volume 7 Issue 1

January 2018

## HEARING THE MESSAGE!

The story goes that shortly after Christmas a little boy was talking with his parents about his remembrances from the celebration at church. This year for the first time he had heard that there was an angel named Harold. His parents were surprised and asked him where he had heard that. He replied, when we sang the song – “Hark! The Harold Angel Sings”. We smile and laugh when we hear stories like this but many of these stories are based on true happenings.

This next story came from the newspaper last month and is about a 12 year old asking for advice as he is not excited about Christmas. As he says, the family is not religious so consequently the Bethlehem part “seems kind of random”. The columnist’s reply included: “Aside from gifts and Baby Jesus, people find loads to like about it”; “And you may feel better once you realize how common Christmas ambivalence is”.

Since many families do not participate in church activities, where and how will this young man and others like him hear the true message of the Newborn King?

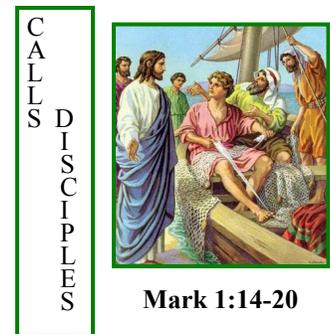
*“Too many people today are perishing without hope. They need Jesus, and we are each fully authorized and empowered by God’s Spirit to engage a lost and dying world with the source of all hope, Jesus”* (Portals of Prayer, Saturday, December 30)

One to one sharing of the Good News is crucial so that the message is heard and understood. With each new day we are being given more time to share the Love of God, manifested in Jesus Christ, with those around us. Maybe there is someone near you who needs to hear and understand the message of God’s plan through Jesus for the first time?

***Proclaim the message of HOPE in the New Year!***



Mark 1:4-11



Mark 1:14-20



Mark 1:21-28

**Sunday, January 7th**  
**Potluck meal at 5:00pm.**  
**Service at 6:00pm. JOIN US!**

### Word of Life Core Values

- *Jesus is Lord.*
- *Jesus is our guide.*
- *Forgiveness of sin leads to healing.*
- *Prayer changes things.*
- *Faith is God’s gracious gift that saves.*

### Worship Texts for January

Date	1st Reading	Psalm	2nd Reading	Gospel	
Jan 7	Baptism of our Lord	Genesis 1:1-5	Psalm 29	Romans 6:1-11	<b>Mark 1:4-11</b>
Jan 14	Second Sunday after the Epiphany	1 Samuel 3:1-20	Psalm 139:1-10	1 Corinthians 6:12-20	John 1:43-51
Jan 21	Third Sunday after the Epiphany	Jonah 3:1-5,10	Psalm 62	1 Corinthians 7:29-35	<b>Mark 1:14-20</b>
Jan 28	Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany	Deut. 18:15-20	Psalm 111	1 Corinthians 8:1-13	<b>Mark 1:21-28</b>