

# Thus Saith God

by Pastor Ted Brooks, West Saddle Creek Baptist Church

## The Magnificent Luke 1:40-49

"Mary visited Elisabeth and entered into the house of Zacharias and saluted Elisabeth. And it came to pass that when Elisabeth heard the salutation of Mary, the babe leaped in her womb, and Elisabeth was filled with the Holy Ghost and she spoke out with a loud voice and said blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb." Verse 40-42

"And Mary said, 'My soul doth magnify the Lord and my spirit hath rejoiced in God, my savior, for he hath regarded the low estate of his handmaiden for, behold from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed for he that is mighty hath done great things and holy is his name.'" Verses 46-49.

What in your opinion is the most significant discovery of all ages?

Some think unearthing of ancient tombs and cities, their matchless specimens of bygone civilizations.

The finding of the earliest man on earth, claimed to be 1,750,000 years old by Louis and Mary Leakey after 30 years of digging in east Africa. Could it be radio? Airplanes? Atomic energy? The Hydrogen Bomb? No, not any of these. The really significant things about them is that from all this vast research, from the study of bygone ages, men are for the first time beginning to get an understanding of what is called "Vital Force."

Read with me what the angel said to Mary: "Fear not, Mary for thou shalt conceive in thy womb and bring forth a son and shall call his name Jesus."

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Read verses 30-45, especially verse 38 "Be it unto be according to thy word. And the angel departed from her." St. Luke's Gospel, Chapter 1.

Oh, my friend, vital force! That's how He arrived here on planet earth. God spoke and another said let it be done. God's son was born of a virgin all because two wonderful ladies agreed with God.

Here are two great sermons preached by two ladies of God. What they had to say was the word of God has vitality and potency. It is creative and quickening. The words which Mary and Elisabeth preached were instrumental as well as regulatory through their sermon. The Lord broke down and He built up. "Is not my word like fire, says the Lord, and like a hammer which breaks the rocks to pieces." Jeremiah 1:10-23, 29.

The word of Mary and Elisabeth were filled with divine energy of the words were spoken with Vital Force and it accomplishes the purpose for which it is sent. Micah 3:8. When He declares but as for me, I am filled with power, with the spirit of the Lord.

Mary and Elisabeth received the regulation, they had an ear and a mouth for God. Force those of you who feel like there is no place in God's ministry for the Sister of God, you need to read this carefully. Oh, you say women are to be quiet in church. I know some men who ought to be quiet. Had Mary not have said, let it be Lord according to thy word. Two powerful sermons by two powerful women of God. Can you imagine a world without Christmas. Peace and good will upon earth through these Christmas holidays.

# PEDIATRIC POINTERS

by Dr. Joseph T. Bail  
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Allergic contact dermatitis (ACD) is an inflammation of the skin caused by the skin coming in contact with a substance it is sensitive to. ACD affects young and old and can be seen in kids as young as one week old! It is estimated that up to 20% of all rashes in kids are ACD. The most common source of ACD in this country by far is poison ivy, oak and sumac. Other common sources include jewelry (with nickel), certain tanned shoes, topical creams, soaps, perfumes, cosmetics and lotions (with lanolin). Rashes to these agents usually appear within hours to days, depending on how potent the substance is.

The rash of ACD is usually itchy and located at the site of contact to the skin. Potent substances like poison ivy and nickel cause intense inflammation rashes with redness, swelling and blisters. Less potent substances cause mild inflammation with slight redness, scaling and scratch-induced thickening of the skin. ACD's are

usually localized to certain areas of the body. For example, non-clothed exposed areas of skin (arms, legs and face) are common sites for poison ivy. The neck, earlobes and waist are common sites for nickel jewelry and belt buckles. Of course the foot is the site of shoe dermatitis.

Treatment of ACD involves removing whatever is causing the rash. Most simple ACD also responds well to topical steroid creams such as hydrocortisone (Cortaid). For more severe cases, a doctor may want to give a shot or prescribe several days of oral steroids to reduce the inflammation. Even without treatment, most ACD's will resolve in 2 weeks. So that's allergic contact dermatitis in a nutshell. One recommendation—a good way to avoid the most common cause of ACD, poison ivy, is to teach your kids how to recognize the plant. Remember, avoidance is the best prevention.

Take Care!



Salem Missionary Baptist Church on the Red Hill Road, Maxton, honored their oldest member, Sis. Sarah Lowery, with a dinner in the fellowship hall Sunday following the worship service. Also recognized for their faithfulness was Rev. Henry Kelly, Director of the Youth Program, and his wife, Sis. Lorna Kelly. They are shown above with Sis. Lowery. The Kellys provide transportation for Sis. Lowery every Sunday from a home at the North Carolina Cancer Institute.

## Learn To Tutor Adults To Read

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Shown with the pastor, Rev. Donald Bullard at the fellowship dinner on Sunday, December 14, are: Mariella Carter (left), Jedidiah Lowery (right); and (second row, left to right): Tyanna McGirt, Sis. Rosie McGirt and her son, Lee Tom McGirt. (Photos by Connie Brayboy)



Shown above is the pastor of Salem, Rev. Donald Bullard, presenting a Certificate of Appreciation for their Faithfulness to Rev. and Mrs. Henry Kelly.

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