

Hope Has a Name Week of December 13

*“Emmanuel”* Dr. Hays McKay

* **A remarkable gift can arrive in an unremarkable package**

(Matthew 1:18-25) This is how the birth of Jesus the Messiah came about: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be pregnant through the Holy Spirit. **19**Because Joseph her husband was faithful to the law, and yet did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly.

**20**But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. **21**She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.” **22**All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: **23**“The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel.”**24**When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took Mary home as his wife. **25**But he did not consummate their marriage until she gave birth to a son. And he gave him the name Jesus.

* **Love is unpredictable**

* **Love leans to the other**

* **Love redeems all things**

(Philippians 2:5-11) In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus: **6**Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; **7**rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very natureof a servant, being made in human likeness. **8**And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death— even death on a cross! **9**Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, **10**that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth. **11**and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

* **Humble yourself before the One who humbled himself for you**