



## The Whole Christmas Story:

Zechariah, Elizabeth, Mary, and Joseph  
John the Baptist and Jesus Christ

<sup>1</sup> There was in the days of Herod, the king of Judaea, a certain priest named Zacharias, of the course of Abia: and his wife was of the daughters of Aaron, and her name was Elisabeth.

### Verses 5 & 6: The Plight of Zechariah and Elizabeth (Desperate and Hurting but Still Serving God)

<sup>6</sup> And they were both righteous before God, walking in all the commandments and ordinances of the Lord blameless.<sup>7</sup> And they had no child, because that Elisabeth was barren, and they both were now well stricken in years. Zechariah was a priest and served God faithfully. His wife Elizabeth was a descendant of Aaron. The Bible speaks of both of them being righteous and blameless before God, yet they had an unfulfilled need in their life! Their desire for having children had not yet been met. We do not know how the couple handled what was going on with them, but many of us can identify with them. We know the feeling of putting in everything you have, giving it your all, being faithful to God, giving your time, giving your tithes and offerings, praising and loving God, and still having an empty spot of an unanswered prayer in your life.

### How did Zechariah and Elizabeth cope with their situation?

Did they, at times, question God? God, where are You? Why are we not having our prayer for a child answered? Did they find comfort in each other? Did the couple, sometimes, say, God why are You so far from us? God, are You not feeling our pain? Perhaps they might have said, "God, we are not sure, we can continue serving You". God, what do we get for serving You? The Scripture does not give us a direct answer to how Zechariah and Elizabeth felt. But we know how Abraham and Sarah felt; Genesis 15:1-6; 16:1-3; 17:1-10; 18:9-15 (V11; Is anything too hard for the Lord?); 21:1-2 And the Lord visited Sarah as he has said...). We also know how Hannah felt; 1 Samuel 1 & 2.

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#### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

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<sup>5</sup> Thus were they divided by lot, one sort with another; for the governors of the sanctuary, and governors of the house of God, were of the sons of Eleazar, and of the sons of Ithamar.

**The priest, by lot, took care of sanctuary and burning of incense morning and evening. Matthew Henry the Commentator says each serves a week. This was to ensure the sanctuary was not unattended.**

## GIVING

Faith Revival Temple appreciates your giving and love.

You can support the church by making a one-time contribution or establishing recurring contributions.

To designate your giving to a specific purpose, please specify the purpose—namely, tithe, offering, missions, education, benevolence or any other.

Thank you for your generosity!

## *Greetings from Bishop & Mother Harmon D. Yalartai*



Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

It is our great pleasure to serve God as Bishop and Mother of the Faith Revival Temple Church, West Haven, Connecticut.

We believe in the coming of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and encourage you to give your life to him so that

we can all dance in Glory on the last day. To that end, our doors are open; we extend an open invitation to all. Guests, come and worship with us.

We are grateful to the Almighty God for taking us through the 12th month of the year 22. He is putting the pandemic and our own difficulty behind us! God is ever faithful as He sits upon His throne. Let us continue to remain focused on our faith in Him. As the scripture says in Isaiah 54:10, "Though the mountains be shaken and the hills be removed, yet my unfailing love for you will not be shaken nor my covenant of peace be removed," says the Lord, who has compassion on you."

We encourage you to renew your hearts and minds with the knowledge and love of Jesus Christ.

May God Bless You!

Available: HE IS A CHOSEN VESSEL (The Story of Naomi & Ruth)

Merry Christmas!



"I now send you to open their eyes, in order to turn them from darkness to light" (Acts 26:17-18)

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<sup>6</sup>And Shemaiah the son of Nethaneel the scribe, one of the Levites, wrote them before the king, and the princes, and Zadok the priest, and Ahimelech the son of Abiathar, and before the chief of the fathers of the priests and Levites: one principal household being taken for Eleazar, and one taken for Ithamar.<sup>7</sup>Now the first lot came forth to Jehoiarib, the second to Jedaiah, <sup>8</sup>The third to Harim, the fourth to Seorim,<sup>9</sup>The fifth to Malchijah, the sixth to Mijamin,<sup>10</sup>The seventh to Hakkoz, the eighth to Abijah,

The course of Abijah was the **Eight Order**

Zechariah, in the midst of his long standing need, went into the house of God to perform his priestly duties. He went in to do what was required of him: burning incense goes along with a time of prayer. No matter what your situation is, no matter, what you are going through right now, Do Not Stay away from God; do not stay away from the house of God: Hannah found her answer in the house of God. Zechariah got answer to his prayer in the house of God.

<sup>10</sup> And the whole multitude of the people were praying without at the time of incense. God help us to be like the multitude of Zechariah's time. While he was in the temple burning incense, the multitudes were outside praying. Let us support our brothers and sisters and even the priests in prayer.

<sup>11</sup> And there appeared unto him an angel of the Lord standing on the right side of the altar of incense. **As prayer was going up, something happened in the temple.** Yes, they have prayed and burnt incense in the past, but this day as they were praying and Zechariah was ministering to the Lord by burning incense, as required by his priestly office, an angel appeared to Zechariah. God is on the throne; He hears prayers and does answer in His own time.

Let's read:

<sup>18</sup> Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: When as his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost. <sup>19</sup> Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not willing to make her a public example, was minded to put her away privily. <sup>20</sup> But while he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the LORD appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost.

<sup>21</sup> **And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins.** <sup>22</sup> Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying,

<sup>23</sup> Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us (Matthew 1:18-23)

*Help educate students in*

*Liberia, West Africa*

The pressing needs of the children/young people compel the church for further involvement. Hence, Faith Revival Temple Church started three new schools: the Chris Wickey Academy at Morris's Farm, Esther Yalartai Academy in Browerville, and the third school in Congo Town, Liberia. Please help with educational and building material, monetary donations to operate the schools.

Mother Esther Yalartai, wife of Bishop Harmon D. Yalartai, visited the two schools in October 2008, they did not only present their needs, she herself saw them first hand. Like any person with a true loving heart would do, Esther was moved with compassion; she promised to help and extend their appeal to caring and God-fearing people in the United States.

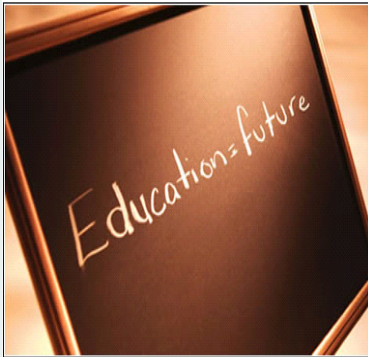
Since her return, she has been making and selling dinners and was able to send \$3500 to Esther Yalartai school and Chris Wickey Academy. By the latter part of 2016, Esther would like to raise more support for all the schools; please join Esther in this endeavor. Any amount, as low as \$10 will be highly appreciated.

Two other schools are not mentioned above. The school in Buchanan and the one in Baye's Town which is the oldest of the Faith Revival Temple Church Schools; their needs are even greater: (difficult to get teacher from the city to the country), material and money.



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We have the Harmon D.  
Yalartai Academy in Congo  
Town that needs help also.



Please help us to educate  
these precious children and  
young people. In the name  
of Jesus and love invest in  
them: textbooks, note-  
books, pencils, uniforms,  
stipends for teachers.



### **Highlights of the Faith Revival Temple School System**

Despite the difficult times people are experiencing in Liberia due to economic situation, the Faith Revival Temple schools continue to press forward with imparting knowledge into our young people.

It is so hard to operate when parents are not in the position to financially cater to the need of their children.

The schools are managing what they have; we are assisting as God blesses us. Congo Town and

Brewerville schools did some repairs and renovation on their buildings. All of the schools ended their calendar year fulfilling their commitment to educate the young people no matter what!

Let us remember them in our prayers, and may our hearts and the heart of others be touched to help financially by sponsoring a child, providing materials, and teachers' compensation.

### **Highlights of the Faith Revival Temple Church**

The world is going through some strange times! We are recovering from the Coronavirus pandemic; the world wide plague is almost behind us. Life is coming back in a new way for everyone. We all need to wake up, put our lives together and focus on the Lord.

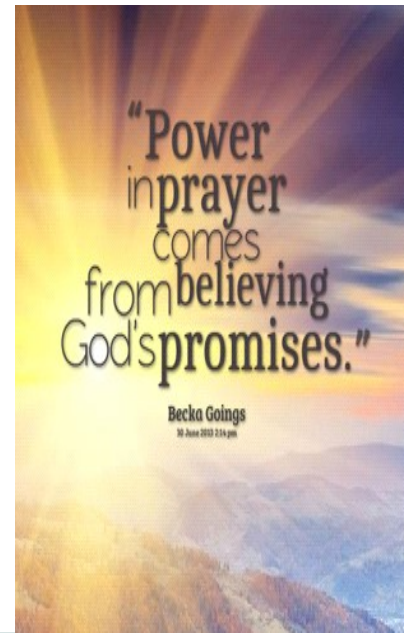
The Faith Revival Temple Church in Connecticut, USA conducted Prayer Camp 2022 (November 19-29) with Prophet Elijah Yalartai and Kingdom Advancers holding. Many lives, especially the young people were touched. Please contact Prophet Elijah at (203)903-6175 for on-going Prayer details.

Faith Revival Temple Church USA is facing some challenging times, but God will see us through! Thanks to all our church members, friends, and family for their unwavering support.

Prayer is always needed especially for these strange times we are in. Let us not grow weary in seeking our God. No matter what happens, we the church, the people of God must continue to press onward. The best for us is yet to come ! We may be pressed down a little, but we are not defeated . For, we are marching under the command of Jesus Christ our soon coming King, and victory is certain for Him and all who believe in Him. Amen!

## FRTC WISH LIST AND PRAYER REQUESTS

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Computers and printers for the church</li> <li>2. A medium to large copier/printer is urgently needed</li> <li>3. Volunteer custodial services for the church (1 hr. weekly)</li> <li>4. Volunteer clerical service for the church (4 hr. weekly)</li> <li>5. Financial donations to help with Ebola victims and schools in Liberia, West Africa</li> <li>6. Volunteers for community outreach</li> </ol> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7. Commercial power chain saws and copiers to empower church in rural Liberia, W. Africa</li> <li>8. Pray for God's mercy on the countries ravaged by Hurricanes. Earthquake and Floods</li> <li>9. Pray that God's abundance, righteousness, mercy, grace, and love will be over this body</li> <li>10. Pray for donations and contributions towards the production of the Church Newsletter.</li> <li>11. Pray that God will bless and multiply our outreach.</li> <li>12. Pray that God will create a culture of encouragement in our church</li> </ol> |
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*Thank you for helping us help others. If you are not already a part, please join us in touching the lives of many here and abroad*

## COMMUNITY RELIEF EFFORTS

Our outreach continues to serve the community. The following agencies we served over a decade, Columbus House, the Emergency Family Shelter (CAA), Emergency Shelter management Services, Inc., Aids Interfaith (recently closed); Forest Hills Guest house plus other families we are still serving. Each organization and many of the recipients have expressed their thanks to the Faith Revival Temple Church. Many people have been the recipients of food items provided by Shoprite Super Market of West Haven. The owner of Shoprite has been sent a gracious thank you note on behalf of the Faith Revival Temple Church and the people we serve

For the last 12 years Shoprite of West Haven has been the provider of baked goods as well as canned goods that the Faith Revival Temple Church has distributed to the Greater new Haven Community and beyond. Faith Revival Temple salutes the former owner and now the new owner of Shoprite of West Haven for the exceptional kindness they have

shown to others in the community who are less fortunate (the West Haven store closed in 2017). **We are still praying for that gap to be filled!**

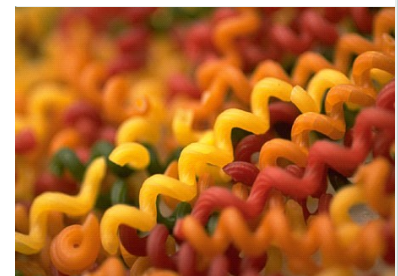
Thanks to the Latino For empowering us to minister to HIV/AIDS victims 2007-2012. Thanks to the Foundation for Greater new Haven for providing mini grant to help with food and bus passes

### SPECIAL THANKS AND APPRECIATIONS TO: CHURCH FAMILY AND FRIENDS

A special thanks goes to attorney Timothy Yolen, Robert Ross, Mark Healey, Architect John Cruet, Pastor Todd Foster and Church on the Rock, Chris & Anna Wickey, Pastor Dave Mitchell CPA Frederick Rosen, families, friends, and members whose services, contributions, efforts and hard work continue to build the Faith Revival Temple Church. Our mission is not an easy one but with your help and the help of God, we can succeed. May God continue to bless you..



Bread of heaven feed me till I want no more



We are one in Christ and need each other.

## HE IS A CHOSEN VESSEL (The Story of Naomi & Ruth)!

This book by Bishop Harmon D. Yalartai,

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Is available (Amazon, book stores, others)!

**Prayer Camp 2022 with Prophet Elijah Yalartai and Kingdom Advancers was held at Faith Revival Temple Church, 2 Elizabeth Street, WestHaven, CT 06516. Dates: November 19-29, 2022. It was wonderful!**

### MISSION STATEMENT

We have been touched, we have been helped, and we too want to share with others that all of us may be caring and productive. In the Master's word, "I came not to call the righteous, but the sinners to repentance" (Luke 5:32).

Mercy, grace favor, kindness, love, and forgiveness, not deserved, have been extended to us from above, and in gratitude there is an eager expectancy to do the same to those that cross our path or those we can reach.

**Luke 21:28**

## WEEKLY SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

### SUNDAY

**Sunday School .....9:30 AM**

**Worship Services ..... 10:35 AM**

### MONDAY

**Home Prayer Visits .....(By Appointment)**

### TUESDAY

**Bible Study & Training.....7:00 PM**

### FRIDAY

**Community Food donation pick-up and Distribution in the community...7:30 AM**

**Community Food Distribution at the Church.....7:00 PM**

**Look UP and Rejoice!**

<sup>28</sup>” And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh” (KJV).

<sup>28</sup> Now when these things begin to happen, stand up straight and raise your heads, because your redemption is near” (CEB).

**Christmas is here! Father, we thank You for sending Jesus.**



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**JESUS CHRIST IS LORD!!!**

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