

# MAKING READY FOR THE BIRTH OF THE KING

Luke 1:13 - 18

# WHAT IS “REVIVAL”?

- Wikipedia- an increased spiritual interest or renewal in the life of a church, congregation or society with a local, national, or global effect.
- Free Dict – an instance of returning to life or consciousness; restoration of vigor, vitality.

# WHAT WAS JOHN THE BAPTIST'S REAL MISSION?

- Luke 1:16: turn sons of Israel back to the Lord.
- Luke 1:17:
  - Inside/out real change that impacts behavior.
- Matthew 3:1-6

# WHY BEGIN THE CHRIST EVENT WITH A “ZACHARIAS AND ELIZABETH”?

- Zacharias –
  - disbelieved the Angel Gabriel. 1:18
  - A righteous priest who had lost faith.
- Elizabeth –
  - Carried the shame of barrenness till old woman. 1:7, 1:24-25
- 1:14 – joy and gladness will be yours

# WHO MIGHT BE YOUR “JOHN THE BAPTIST”?

- God wrote the scene; why this character?
  - 1:15; Numbers 6:1-8
- Matt 3:5, Jerusalem went out to him. Why?

# HOW MIGHT YOU EXPERIENCE REVIVAL THIS CHRISTMAS?

- 1:17. Make ready.
  - Come to the voice. Matt 3:5
  - Believe the message. Hebrews 11:6
  - Make the rough places smooth. Matt 3:1-6.
  - Turning back to God, His word, and His mission. Luke 1:16