



Mary and Joseph did not have it easy starting into marriage and family life together but they did have one (sometimes) difficult task taken care of for them...naming their first child.

*“...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”(which means “God with us”). Matthew 1:20-23 NIV*

Both Mary and Joseph received divine instructions telling them what to name the child that God had given into their care. Wouldn't it be nice to have all our tough family decisions come with corroborating angelic visitations!?

Jesus has been given over 200 different names and titles throughout the Bible - each one speaking a different truth about who He is and what He means to us. At Christmas time we celebrate the arrival of Jesus as “Immanuel” which means “God With Us”. God loved us so much that he joined us humans in our humanity. The greatest gift that has ever been given was God sending his Son to us so that He could be with us and we could be with Him. This was a massive shift - dramatically shifting how we humans could relate to our God and walk out our lives.

Our hearts are warmed as we recount the good things that the Lord accomplished in our lives and the lives of our campers this year. We saw kids make first time commitments and campers encountering the Spirit in meaningful and life-changing ways. There were youth who responded to a call to ministry and we were delighted to celebrate together with 29 campers who were baptised. Kedleston is fulfilling its mission for people to be “Experiencing God, through His Spirit, His Word, His people, and His creation!”

It is with thankful hearts that we think of all of you who were a part of making this happen. We had a keen army of staff and volunteers who united together to help fulfill the mission that God has set before us in our corner of the world. Thank you to all of you who have supported Kedleston Gospel Camp with your time, your energy, your resources, and your prayers. We had a significant fundraising goal in 2024 to help fund operations and replace the septic system. We started December with around \$90,000 needed to reach that goal and we are so thankful for the donations that have come in so far. Know that when you donate you are helping to ensure that camper fees remain as affordable as possible for all who attend and you are investing in the camp's future sustainability.

As many of you are aware, Gary & Shannon Stevenson are leaving their positions with Kedleston and moving to Penticton, BC. We are actively recruiting for a new Executive Director and have formed a transition team for hiring, registration, and other tasks that must occur before a new director starts. If you have any questions about camp, please contact Ian at ian.lewis.ot@gmail.com or 306-550-9321.

Merry Christmas and God's very best in 2025! May you walk in the knowledge that "He is with us".

Gary & Shannon Stevenson

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