



Heartbeats along the way: The Pondering Heart

Luke 2:19. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart.

Only the writer of Luke's Gospel captures this intimate scene of Mary digesting what had happened since the angel Gabriel's visit, her visit to her cousin Elizabeth, the journey from Nazareth, the birth of this precious child, and the jubilation of the shepherds. Ever since the annunciation, Mary had collected and stored these strange events, which amounted to the most significant event in all of human history.

It seems that she is trying to figure out what all the fuss is about as the shepherds gather to see Jesus. These are the kinds of people she has known in her young life. She never saw grown men so awe-struck over the birth of a child. How did they know the secret she and Joseph shared?

We need to ask ourselves and ponder what's happening to us as a church. Considering the events we have cause to ponder: from that snowy January night, the vote to "March Forth" (on March 4th), the land purchase, the approvals, the beginning of construction, the unqualified success of the first capital Campaign, and all the miracles large and small which God has given us.

This gift to us - the Spring Garden Campus - is not nearly like the birth of our Savior, but it should cause us to do some pondering and treasuring of our own.

"Gracious God, as we approach another anniversary of Jesus' birth, help us set aside time to be with you and ponder the many good deeds you have granted us in our conviction to follow you and commit ourselves to building the Spring Garden Campus. Continue to give us moments to treasure and ponder all our days. In the sacred name of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen. "

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