TODAY'S SCRIPTURE:

Luke 1:1-2:40

SERMON TITLE:

DIVINE BABY BLESSINGS

POINT #1:

BIBLE SPEAKS ABOUT CHILDREN

"Behold, *children are* a heritage
from THE LORD, The
fruit of the
womb *is* a reward."

Psalm 127:3

"Train up a *child* in the way he should go, And when he is old he will not depart from it."

Proverbs 22:6

afflict...widow or fatherless child. If you afflict them in any way, and they cry...to Me, I will surely hear their cry;"

Exodus 22:22-23

"...Levite...stranger...fat
herless...widow...may
...eat and be satisfied,
that the Lord your God
may bless you..."
Deuteronomy 14:29

POINT #2:

GOD PROVIDES FOR CHILDREN

"Pure and undefiled religion before God and the Father is this: to visit *orphans* and widows in their trouble..."

James 1:27

"Defend the poor and *fatherless*,

Do justice to the afflicted and needy."

Psalm 82:3

"Deliver the poor and needy; Free *them* from the hand of the wicked."

Psalm 82:4

"A father of the **fatherless**, a defender of widows, *Is* God in His holy habitation."

Psalm 68:5

"Then little *children* were brought to Him that He might put *His* hands on them and pray, but the disciples rebuked them."

Matthew 14:13

"But Jesus said, "Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of heaven."

Matthew 14:14

"And He laid *His* hands on *them* and departed from there."

Matthew 14:15

"...they...brought *infants* to Him that He might touch them; but when the disciples saw *it,* they rebuked them" **Luke 18:15**

"...Jesus...said, "Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of God."

Luke 18:16

"Assuredly...whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a *little child* will by no means enter it."

Luke 18:17

POINT #3: WE MUST DO THE SAME

came for her to be delivered, and she brought forth a son...her neighbors and relatives...they rejoiced with her."

Luke 1:57-58

"Now when the days of her purification according to the law of Moses were completed, they brought Him to Jerusalem to present *Him* to the Lord" **Luke 2:22**

brought in the Child
Jesus, to do for Him
according to the
custom...he took Him
up...and blessed God and
said:"

Luke 2:27-28

"Then Simeon blessed them, and said..."Behold, this Child is destined for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign which will be spoken against..."

Luke 2:34

"(yes, a sword will pierce through your own soul also), that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed."

Luke 2:35

"And coming in...she gave thanks to the Lord... and spoke of Him to all those who looked for redemption in Jerusalem"

Luke 2:38

POINT #4:

WE MUST BE LED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT

Now his father Zacharias was filled with the Holy Spirit...:

Luke 1:67

" So he came by the Spirit into the temple."

Luke 2:27

"...shepherds said...

'Let us now go to

Bethlehem and see this
thing that has come to
pass...And they came
with haste and found..."

Luke 2:15-16

"And all those who heard them kept them in their hearts, saying, "What kind of child will this be?"

And the hand of THE LORD was with him."

Luke 1:66

"...the Child *grew* and became *strong* in spirit, filled with *wisdom*; and the *grace* of God was upon Him."

Luke 2:40