



Following Simeon and Anna into 2026

Luke 2:25-38

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1. What is the greatest amount of excitement or anticipation you have ever felt? Did your excitement for that event change your behavior or routine leading up to the event in any way?
2. Have someone read **Luke 2:25-38**. Simeon was “waiting for the consolation of Israel”, Anna “worshipped night and day”. Their lives had a singular focus. Each group member write down (can be on their phones) a short sentence that describes what they want to be known for. Is there anything that can be adjusted or added in 2026 to make that statement more fulfilled?
3. Simeon said, “Sovereign God, as you have promised...”. His life was aligned to that promise that is described in vs. 26, that he would see the Messiah before he died. Is there a particular promise of God that you especially hold on to?
4. Simeon was moved by the Spirit in his “ways” and his “words”. Is there one of these that you have an easier time with (hearing from the Spirit on decisions or being guided by the Spirit with what you say, especially in tough moments)?
5. Ask a few group members to share a time when they had an experience where the Spirit guided ways or words in a very special way. It could have been something they witnessed or something that they did.
6. Anna’s life was devoted to worship and her calendar showed it. It wasn’t just that she was at the temple (church), her life was worship. What is one way in 2026 you can adjust your calendar to somehow more reflect a life of worship?

Reminders:

- Upcoming Women’s Events: **Women’s Worship Night** is on Friday, January 9 from 7-8pm. Join us for a night of worship and devotional time! Childcare will be available.

Women’s Wednesday begins January 28 and runs through March 25. Both the AM and PM session will be studying *Living Whole: A Study Through the Life of Joseph* by Julie Gariss. You can register and purchase the book through the link here, or on the church website. Childcare will be available.

<https://harpethcc.elvanto.net/form/381ecc49-3d5b-4cf4-8e94-967014afeeba>

- 14-Day Church Wide Fast: Our **Churchwide Fast** will last for 14 days, beginning on Monday, January 12th and ending on Sunday, January 25th. There will also be a Fasting & Prayer Class on Sunday, January 4th at 4pm in the Auditorium. We hope you will join us.
- Join us in the new year as we dive into Bible reading plans! Joe and Sarah Pickering each will be hosting a Bible in a Year Plan (one for men & one for women) through The Bible App. Plans start on Jan. 1. Check your texts for information on that next week. Subscribe to church texts by texting **“Connect” to 855-488-7128.**