**Affordable Priceless Gift of Encouragement ” Pastor Kevin Snyder**

**Encouragement & Affirmation: Gifts to a God-Bearer Luke 1:26-38**

**Encouragement**

**1. the expression of approval and support**

**2. the act of giving hope or support to someone**

**3. the feeling of being encouraged**

**Courage**

**1. the quality of mind or spirit that enables a person to face difficulty, danger,**

**pain, etc., without fear: bravery**

**Affirmation**

**1. the assertion that something exists or is true.**

**Affirm**

**1. to state or assert positively; maintain as true:**

**Affirmation in the “Everydayness of life”**

*“****Greetings favored one!” – “The Lord is with you!”***

**It is hard to believe the truth sometimes.**

**It’s a gift!**

**God counters Fear with Encouragement.**

**“Don’t be afraid”**

**Encouragement calms our fears.**

**The miracle of being a God-bearer.**

**We can say, “Yes”**

**We are all God-bearers who need affirmation and encouragement!**