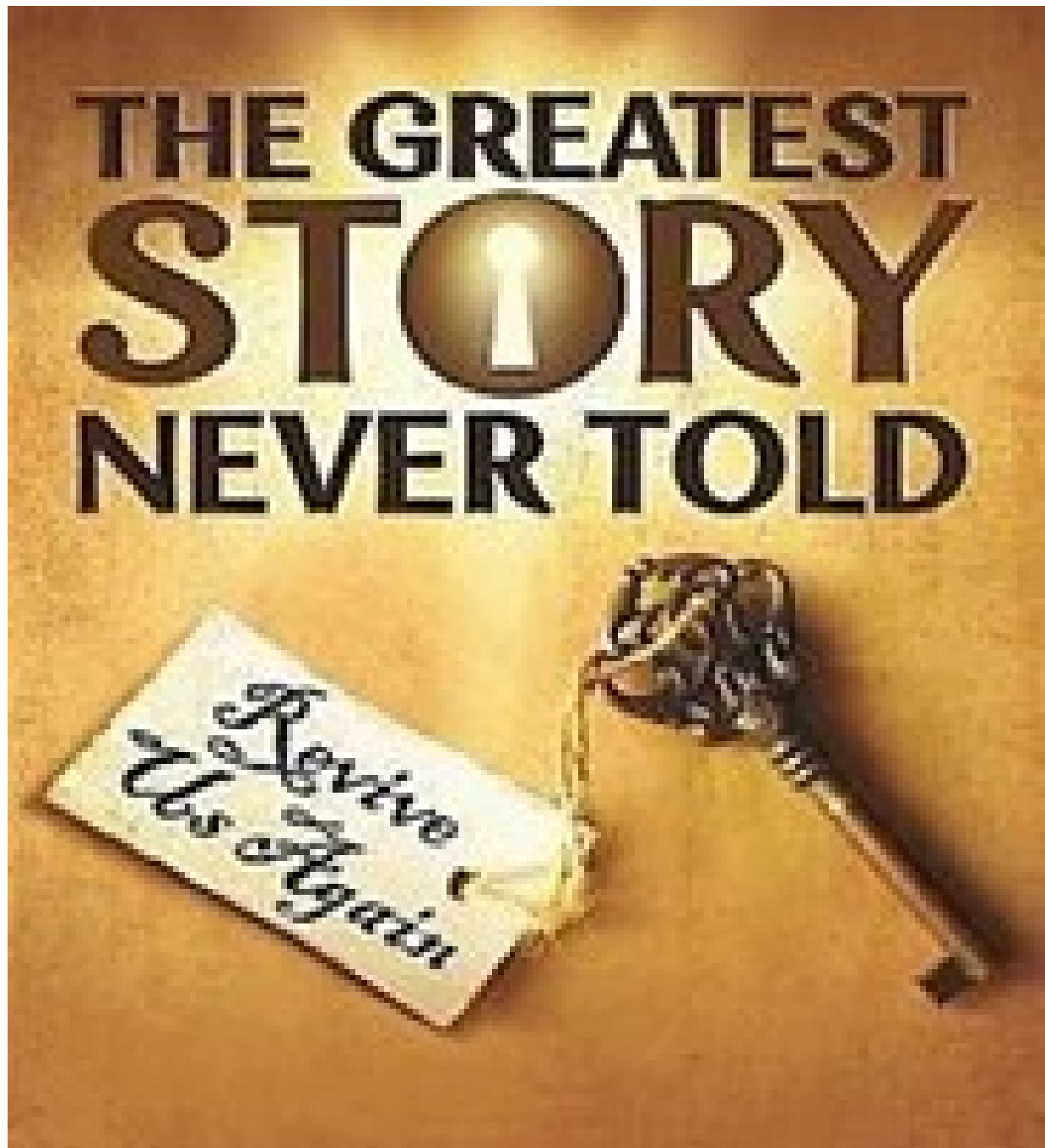


# Advent 2



*If the rulers of this age had understood...they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.*

**1 Corinthians 2:8**

Recently, I find myself humming over and over that cherished African-American spiritual: **Sweet Little**

**Jesus Boy** whose haunting chorus ends ‘Sweet little Jesus boy... we didn’t know who you was.’

That pretty much sums up the title of the preaching series for Advent: **The Greatest Story NEVER Told**. For many during this season—even among some professing Christians—the story **NEVER** really gets told.

Last week we pondered Paul’s statement about the rulers of this age: ‘... had they understood they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.’ (1 Corinthians 2:9) In other words, they didn’t get it!

This Lord’s Day—we look at Zechariah—an elderly man informed by the angel Gabriel that he and his extremely up-in-years wife Elizabeth, would conceive a child. And a famous one at that... John the Baptist!

Sadly Zechariah had his doubts. ‘How can this be... I am well along in years.’ (Luke 1:18) **HE DID NOT ‘GET IT’**.

Because of his unbelief he was advised ‘you will be silent and not able to speak until the day this happens.’ (Luke 1:20)

Thus the title of the message for this Second Sunday of Advent: **SIMPLY DUMBFOUNDED**. Believe me, this story is pregnant with meaning for us today. (And

yes, I know it's a bad pun).

As we do each first Sunday of the month, we will celebrate the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. So come prepared.

And all you snowbirds—it's wonderful to have you back!

***Pastor Chuck***

**THIS WEEK'S BULLETIN BELOW**

# Second Sunday of Advent



***Zechariah asked the angel  
'How can this be I am an old man and my wife is  
well along in years?'  
-Luke 1:18***



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