

Do You Hear the Drumbeats?

12.9.18 - New Life Church
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I. The drumbeat of presence.

Genesis 1:24 (NLT) *Then God said, “Let the earth produce every sort of animal, each producing offspring of the same kind—livestock, small animals that scurry along the ground, and wild animals.” And that is what happened.*

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A. This drumbeat requires faith.

B. This drumbeat requires time.

C. The drumbeat requires giving.

III. The drumbeat of surrender.

Luke 1:26-38

IV. The drumbeat of the outsider.

Luke 2:8-18

V. The drumbeat of a baby.

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