



**On Earth Peace, Good Will Toward Men...**

Luke 2:14 Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

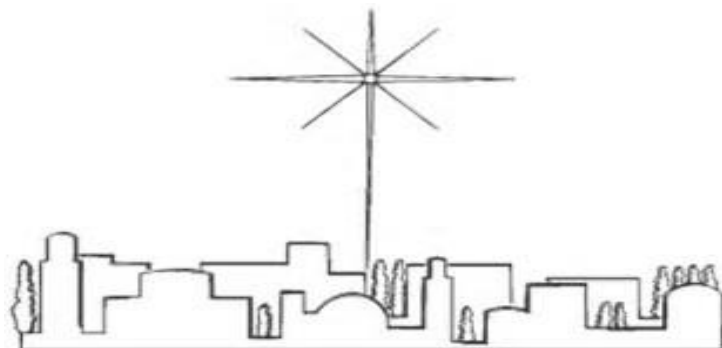
– On earth was God’s peaceful resolution for sin; His precious Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. On earth, God’s goodwill shining upon mankind. “And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.” God’s goodwill came wrapped-up in the form of human flesh; born like every sacrificial animal in a lowly stable. On a quiet dark night, many millennia ago, in a small town prophesied by the Prophet Micah, our Saviour, Jesus Christ was born of a lowly virgin named Mary.

– It was an uneventful night, there were no trumpets sounding announcing his birth, no gathering of the nobles and princes of the land. By contrast, the appeasement for all sin lay in swaddling clothes surrounded by the sounds of the night. God also found it necessary to personally invite a group of shepherds to the birth of His dear Son. Many have speculated their significance, I believe it was yet another hidden clue pointing to the ultimate need for a permanent sinless sacrificial Lamb. These shepherds knew what it was like to care for lambs destined to be sacrificed during the Passover. Our Lord’s birth was the beginning of the end of this ritual.

– What occurred that night in a small village called Bethlehem would change the world forever. It was God doing what God does best by making the first move to establish peace and goodwill to sinful man. Jesus Christ is the greatest Christmas gift to ever have been given. God sent His very best gift to us. Should we not return to Him our best gift? Let us present our bodies as a “living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God.” As we near Christmas Day, I want to wish you and your families a “Merry Christmas” and may we never forget the great sacrifice that our Heavenly Father made when He sent His precious Son wrapped in the form of human flesh to redeem us from sin.

Love and prayers....

*Pastor Randy J. Sheens*



*Special Prayer Requests*

Pastor Randy & Sharon Skeens, Debbie and Paul Evans, Ruddy Noe, Paula Duffield, Fred, Sr. & Kathy Bradley, Donsil Mullins, Joy White, Cordella Smith, Freddie Bradley, Jr., Joyce Wells, Larry Jewell, Silas Herriott, Teresa & Gene Bevins, Renetta Adkins, Alexis Perry, the family of Charlie Brumfield, Beth Ann Gray, David Hanks, Lisa Pritchard, Isiaha Dalton, Grayson Dalton, Maxine Hines, Della Kemp, Kim B. Carlton, Kimberly Dunlap, Nancy Steele Smith, Adam Slack, Neal Scaggs, Robert O'Bryan, Glen & Fern Kincaid, Ronnie Robinette, Danny Godby, Tim Thomas, Roger Farmer, Opal McGinnis, Ashley Calandros, the family of Doug Bell, John Baisden, Linda McGrew, Angie Slack, Jason McClung, John Turner, Butch Nesbit, Pat Hutchinson, Melissa Brewer, Peggy Vickers, Barbara & Robert Greer, Sr., Brian Steele, Judy Steele Baisden, Patty Nelson, Rudy Noe, William Vance, Donna Williams, Libby Noe, Roger Farmer, Andrea Shepherd, Darrell Loggins, Ellen Wellman, Chelsey Williams, Steve Grey, Nancy Adkins, Patty Turner, Mark England, Fred & Margie White, Autumn Kolovich, Josh Akers, John Propst, Sr., Patty & Bill Mowery, Doris Vbranch, Glen Lanthorne, James Ferrell, Laura Vaughan, Dana Furrow, Irene Furrow, Mary Ramey, Beulah & Wallace Williamson, Elbert Huffman, Joyce Glenn, Jimmy Dale & Glenna Wellman, Mark Farmer, Thomas Bradley, Willis Marcum, Emmett Frazier, Carrie Mullins, Jo Ann Scaggs, Faye Wiley, Gavin Napier, Larry Hardesty, Tommy Robinette, Betty Young, Carol & Jim Moore, Terri Rodighiero, Anna Ellis, Isabella Propst, Pam Queen, Julia Crum, Cecil & Imogene Davis, Edith Notchie, Barbara Brewster Cook, Louie & Teresa Hensley, Mavis Collins, Pete Wiley, Betty Lambert, Mary Padgett, Robbie Padgett, Phyllis Maynard, Jim & Donna Trogdon, Artsel Browning, Lucille Adkins, Sharron Adams, Jean Bannister, Belva Burke, Betty Whitman, Marlene Justice, Lillian Grake, Linda Markham, Bob & Viola Meade, Christi Meade, Lois Wooten, Jerry Samson, Sharon Samson, Ann Curry, Zeffie Brogan, Mabel Watts, Nola Walsh, Pauline Bokken, Amy Kennedy, Brenda Hensley, Carolyn Counts, Kathy O'Bryan, Skylar Miller, Jack Creger, Judy Hicks, David Hale, Jason Bradley, Janet Doss, Myrtle David, Allen David, Lana Brammer, Ronnie Dingess, Martha Johnson, Ernie Bevins, Bill Davis, Gloria Farmer, Donna Perry, Larry Brown, Bobbie Propst, Jason Adkins, Aaron Davis, Sherry Harrison, Ron & Peggy McClure, Joey Queen, Joann Fortner, Shannon Green, Joe & Ruth Bowery, Makayla Williams, Roger & Joann Williamson, Vessie & Retha Marcum, Betty Wooten, David & Darelene Welch, Glen & Teresa Hager, Mildred Brammer, Madge Brammer, Billie Edmundson, Paula Adkins, David Godby, Bentlee Holbrook, Kathy Guy, Jennifer Adkins, Brad Marcum, Geraldean Adkins, Ernestine Sutherland, Sydney T. Brown, Lorene Williamson, Carrie Hale, Bennie & Kay Browning, Joe, Sr. & LaVerne Hall, Johnny Counts, Juanita Coster, Tommy Adkins, Janice Cremeans, Sally Webb, Linda Evans, Bill Skeens, Brenda Roberts, Russell Adkins, Susan Justice, Virgie Ollie, Bill & Betty Bayless, Ben & Mildred Maynard, Donna Trevillis, Frank Farmer, Leah Jones, Eileen Hanks, Rev. Bobby Adams, Hobert & Judy Raikes, Ronald & Patty Raikes, Jacob Bibler, Hannah Bibler, Izetta Hannah, Kenny & Polly Evans, Anna Evans, Jim & Susan Brown and sons David & Matthew Brown, Jewell Kazee, Otto Marcum, Iris Kammer, Helen Kazee, Braydon Chirico, Clyde & Laverne Dickenson, Herbert Adkins, Benny Adkins, Dick Adkins, Rexford Curry, Julie Propst, Kayla Adams, Greg Elkins, Doug Fields, Barbara Baer, Brianna Adams, Cassion Collins, Lovetta Napier, Jay & Tammy Frye, Gage David, Paula Mikus, Kaye Runyon, Lawrence Homer Vaughan, Billy Bryant, Victor Noe, Lois Thompson, Bess Allen, Lewis Sheppard, Everett Vance, Mike Ollie, Sr., Vincent Evans, Linda Williamson, Kaylae Scott, Layla Adkins, Evelyn Adams, Janet Fortner, Brenda Chapman, Debbie Blackburn, Jeff Gibson, Sally Wall, Tommy Wellman, Joann Kristen, Elaine Williamson, Barbara Farley, Gabriella Propst, Donna Hughes, Chris Huffnus, Joe Mowery, John Albright, Robin Wulf, Dylan Goodman, Kim Propst, Wendy Welch, Tom & Sandra Watson, Barney & Terri Goins and family, our unsaved loved ones, our church family, patients in the hospitals, residents in the nursing homes, our country and leaders, servicemen and women, our youth and youth leaders, and our college students away at school.

Thank you for your prayers – James 5:16  
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**November's Quiz for Bible Scholars:**

Which Biblical Jewish holiday (instituted by God) is considered by many to be similar to our American Thanksgiving? **The answer:** The Feast of Tabernacles that is sometimes called the Feast of Ingathering. It is referred to multiple times in the Bible and merits our prayerful study.

**December's Quiz for Bible Scholars:**

The angel said to Mary that Jesus would reign over the house of which Old Testament person?

David

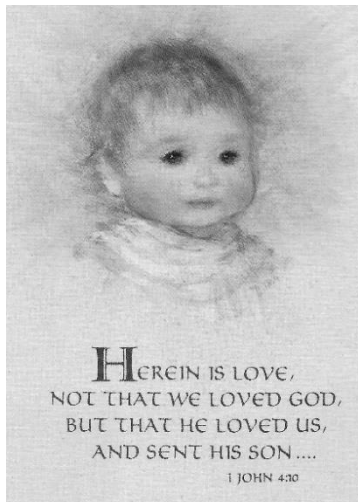
Solomon

Jacob

Abraham

Check your answer in the next month's Newsletter.

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ONE SOLITARY LIFE—Here is a man who was born in an obscure village, the Child of a peasant woman. He worked in a carpenter shop until He was thirty, and then for three years He was an itinerant preacher. He never wrote a book. He never held an office. He never owned a home. He never had a family. He never went to college. He never put His foot inside a big city. He never traveled two hundred miles from the place where He was born. He never did one of the things that usually accompany greatness. He had no credentials but Himself. He had nothing to do with this world except the naked power of His Divine manhood. While still a young man, the tide of popular opinion turned against Him. He was turned over to His enemies. He went through the mockery of a trial. He was nailed to a Cross between two thieves. His executioners gambled for the only piece of property He had on earth while He was dying—and that was His coat. When He was dead He was taken down and laid in a borrowed grave through the pity of a friend. Such was His human life—He rises from the dead. Nineteen wide centuries have come and gone and today He is the Centerpiece of the human race and the Leader of the column of progress. I am within the mark when I say that all the armies that ever marched, and all the navies that ever were built, and all the parliaments that ever sat, and all the kings that ever reigned, put together, have not affected the life of man upon this earth as powerfully as has that One Solitary Life. ~James C. Hefley

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Happy December Birthdays  
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- Dec. 1 - Michael Farmer
- Dec. 2 - Patrick Duty
- Dec. 3 - Eric Farmer
- Dec. 4 - Ronald Harrison, Jr., Robert Price, David Adams
- Dec. 5 - Tammy Bannister, Suzann Meade
- Dec. 6 - Glenna Wellman
- Dec. 7 - Jim Moore, Sarah Harrison, Larry Moore
- Dec. 8 - Tommy Bannister
- Dec. 10 - Regina White, Debbie Evans, Reagan Paige Stapleton
- Dec. 11 - Cecelia Hanshaw, Brian Farmer, Frank Chirico
- Dec. 12 - Annetta Bannister, Mark Bias
- Dec. 14 - Pam Mowery
- Dec. 16 - Betty Lambert, Andrew Bradley, Lorri Burgess, Dylan Hicks
- Dec. 17 - Keith White, Debbie Wooten
- Dec. 18 - Laura Mowery
- Dec. 19 - Zachary Moore
- Dec. 20 - Christopher Wells, Brenda Hensley, Lesley W. Mounts, Darwin Blankenship
- Dec. 21 - Joe Hensley, Greg Burgess, Jack Kinder
- Dec. 22 - Amanda Williams, Julia Crum
- Dec. 24 - Jean Bannister, Rodney Burnham, Rhonda Adkins
- Dec. 25 - JESUS our Redeemer, John Collins
- Dec. 26 - Rose Mary Adams, Linda Hatfield
- Dec. 27 - Marlene Justice
- Dec. 28 - David Long, Tim Moore, Bill Mowery, Jr.
- Dec. 29 - Brad Wooten, Sydney Chirico
- Dec. 30 - Larry O'Bryan, Jr., Steve Adkins

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 A couple was invited out for Christmas dinner. They put on their best clothes, called a cab, and put the cat out. The taxi arrived but as the couple walked out the front door, the cat shot between their legs, back into the house and up the stairs.

Knowing that the cat would wreck the house while they were gone, the husband ran upstairs to chase the cat out again while the wife waited in the taxi. Since she didn't want the cab driver to know that the house would be left unoccupied, the woman explained to him, "My husband is just going upstairs to say goodbye to my mother." A few minutes later, the husband reappeared and climbed into the taxi.

"Sorry I took so long," he said. "Stupid old thing was hiding under the bed, and I had to poke her with a coat hanger to get her to come out!"





### Central Church Calendar

Mondays - Men's visitation, 6 p.m.

Tuesday - Choir Practice, 6 p.m., Sister Melody Adkins director

Wednesdays - Ladies visitation, 3 p.m.; Youth meets - 7 p.m.; Prayer Mtg. - 7 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 3 – Super Sunday Service, 10:30 a.m., followed by our annual

Church Christmas Dinner in C.C.C. Everyone is invited to attend!!

Monday, Dec. 11 – Ladies Auxiliary Christmas Party

Wed., Thurs. & Fri., Dec. 13-15 – C.C.C. reserved for Youth Group's Fundraiser, making and selling pumpkin rolls.

Sunday, Dec. 17 – Children's Sunday School Christmas Program. Our Christmas Choir will present our special singing.

Sunday, Dec. 24 - Memorial Service today, 10:30 a.m. (No evening service,)

Monday, Dec. 25 – Christmas Day

### December Anniversaries

Dec. 2 - Barney & Terri Goins

Dec. 3 - Robert & Theresa Kuenzel

Dec. 5 - David & Kathy Dickenson

Dec. 7 - Larry & Linda Deaner

Dec. 9 - Homer & Laura Vaughan

Dec. 16 - Larry & Mavis Collins

Dec. 19 - David & Rose Hale

Dec. 22 - Joe, Jr. & Connie Bowery

Dec. 30 - Ed & Linda Cox

Merry Christmas to our shut-ins and out-of-town readers. We hope you make a great Christmas Season and a very Happy New Year. A cheery "Hello" to all those on our Special Prayer Request List (Thank you for praying for them), and to Naomi & Ron Hatfield, Gene & Teresa Bevins, Zeffie Brogan, Lillian Grake & Regina White, Glen & Fern Kincaid, Phyllis Maynard, Betty Under, Mary Padgett & Family, Mabel Watts, Nola Walsh, Virgie Ollie, Ann Curry & Susan Justice, Doris Vranich, Jack Creger, Betty Wooten and all our special friends who receive the Newsletter. **Our thot for today** is taken from Luke, Ch. 2: "You Cannot Escape Jesus Christ." His birth affected Caesar's politics (vv.1-3), the ministry of the angels (vv.8-15), and the activities of common men (vv. 15-20). In that day, shepherds were looked upon with disdain, but God singled them out to be the first human messengers of our Messiah's birth. His coming touched worshipers (vv.21-30) and even scholars (vv.29-52).

The angels sang about Him, and He is still the theme of the greatest music. Luke wrote about Him, and He is still the subject of the greatest literature. The shepherds hastened to behold Him, and He is still at the center of the greatest art. Teachers listened to Him and marveled, and He is still the focal point for all truth and wisdom.

In His development, Jesus was perfectly balanced; intellectually (wisdom), physically (stature), spiritually (in favor with God), and socially (in favor with man); and He is still the greatest example for childhood and youth. He alone is worthy of our worship. Oh, come! Let us adore Him. ~Copied



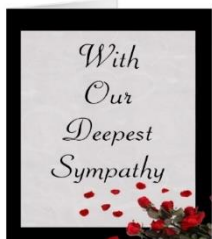


**Remembering our local veterans at Christmas**—Some of the ladies of our church are collecting snacks for our local Veterans for Christmas. Donations of individual packages of chips (Fritos, Doritos, popcorn, potato, porkskins, Cheetos, etc.), bags of fruit, (apple, orange, tangelos, etc.) bars of candy, nuts, homemade candy, gum, suckers, "Little Debbie Cakes," or snack crackers (Nabs, etc.) would be greatly appreciated. If you would like to help, your donations can be placed in the box in the vestibule, right side near the coat rack.

Must be here by Sunday, Dec. 17th.

**Ladies Auxiliary**—Circle #3 is the Auxiliary circle for the busy month of December. Circle #3's members are Sisters Sharron Adams, Lana Collins, Janet Doss, Anna Ellis, Candis Ellis, Karen Jeffrey, Betty Lambert, Barbara Lanthorne, Dixie Long, Linda Markham, Pat Maynard, Carole Moore, Patty Mowery, Sharon Skeens, Beulah Williamson and Karen Wooten. Carole and Sharron are the co-leaders of the circle.

*"Seeking Opportunities to Serve God by Serving Others"*



*We extend our love and prayers to Dorothy and Bo Ellis & Family in the loss of Dorothy's brother, Charlie Brumfield of Justice Addition. He is also survived by his wife, Pamela.*

*Our heartfelt condolences to the family of Mr. Douglas Bell of Madison who passed away Nov. 19, 2017. His survivors include his wife Barbara. Mr. Bell was a long-time receiver of our Church Newsletter. We will miss him.*

**In a great Super Sunday Service** on Dec. 3rd, Pastor Randy extended the "Right Hand of Fellowship" to the following new members: Mayah Kirkenall, Keith Curry, Donetta Curry, David Long, Jr., Eli Messer, Presley Ellis, Timmy Lee David, Aaden Rodighiero, Kimberly Evans and Isabella Propst. We thank God and praise Him as He adds to His Church. We welcome you to our loving church family. Ephesians 1:15-16 teaches us to pray for each other—"Where I also, after I heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus, and love unto all the saints, <sup>16</sup>Cease not to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers..."

Heavenly Father, we thank You for our new members. Thank You for sending the Holy Spirit to be their Helper and Teacher. Bless our young Christians to grow to the knowledge that with You in their lives they are to live a clean and godly life—the kind You find acceptable, for this is truly the way to worship You. May they learn and grow in Thy Word, and may they know Your will for them, which is good and pleasing and perfect. Father, protect them from those who would harm them in any way, and remind us all of our duty as Christians toward our youth; and remind us that we are a chosen people, Your very own possession, and that nothing can ever separate us from the Father's love that is revealed in Jesus Christ our Lord. In His Name we pray, Amen



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**GOD PROVIDES**—In his book, "Intense Moments with the Savior," Ken Gire draws attention to the gifts that the wisemen presented to Jesus. We know the wisemen arrived to see Jesus approximately two years after He was born, because Herod slaughtered all the children that were born in Bethlehem from two years old and under (Matthew 2:16,17).

After the wisemen left Joseph and Mary, that night the angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream. "Get up,...take the child and his mother and escape to Egypt. Stay there until I tell you, for Herod is going to search for the child to kill him."

Ken Gire imagines Joseph bolting upright in bed, heart pounding, and shakes Mary awake and tell her his dream.

Mary throws off her covers and gets Jesus and they gather up what little food and personal belongings they have. Joseph knows they have no money to go to Egypt with and then he realizes that God has gone before them. He gathers up the gifts that the wisemen had given them and realizes God also has provided what they needed in a marvelous way! Church, God provides!



