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Merry Christmas

To this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the



From the Manger to the Cross

It was not quiet on the hill that day, With Joseph and Mary's cries. The laughter, the gambling of the Roman guards As they waited for Jesus to die.

Imagine Joseph and Mary's thoughts that day Seeing their son nailed to the cross, There could be no heartache, no sorrow, ever, To compare with their feelings, their loss.

This was the baby Mary had sang to sleep And had nursed and cared for, for years. Now, this was the man who hung from the cross Though she could barely see Him because of the tears.

From the manger to the cross Her son had healed and loved, from year to year. She could not understand, who would have thought, His paths would lead Him here.

He was sent to accomplish a mission Through suffering and pain, at all cost. Accomplish His mission He certainly did, All the way from the manger to the cross.

~Charlene West~

I Give You Jesus

Sister Nancy Willis

Isaiah 9:6 For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given and the government shall be upon his shoulders; and his name shall be called wonderful, counselor, the mighty God, the everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace.

As December 25th approaches and we exchange gifts with our loved ones, and celebrate the birthday of Jesus. I am reminded of a song titled 'I GIVE YOU JESUS' So if you are facing the holidays and feel like there is no hope for you.. I GIVE YOU JESUS, If you have no peace and need peace....I give you the PRINCE OF PEACE...If you are sad I give you Jesus. He is our joy. If you are lonely....I give you Jesus...he is love. In Acts 3:6 Peter said Silver and Gold have I none, But such as I have, I give unto thee..... so I may not have material gifts to give youBut I give you Jesus.

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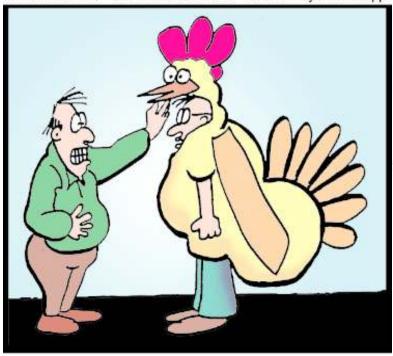
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CHURCH OF THE COVERED DISH by Thom Tapp



"I mean it Carl, the next time we have high attendance day in Sunday School, I'm going on vacation!"



COUSIN LEROY

After years of scrimping and saving, Leroy told his wife the good news: "Sugar Pie, we've finally saved enough money to buy what we started saving for in 1979." With that news her face lit up with excitement and she said "You mean a brand-new Cadillac?"!! "No," said Leroy, "a 1979 Cadillac."



A little girl was fascinated when her grandfather took out his false teeth and began brushing them. She asked him to remove his teeth again. She stood there amazed, then demanded, 'Now, take off your nose.'



Grandpa's Words of Wisdom

The Good News & Bad News For Pastors...

Good News: You baptized seven people today in the river. Bad News: You lost two of them in the swift current.

Good News: The Women's Guild voted to send you a getwell card. Bad News: The vote passed by 31-30.

Good News: The trustees finally voted to add more church parking. Bad News: They are going to blacktop the front lawn of your parsonage.

Good News: Church attendance rose dramatically the last three weeks. Bad News: You were on vacation.

Good News: Your biggest critic just left your church. Bad News: He has been appointed the Head Bishop of your denomination.

Good News: The youth in your church come to your house for a surprise visit. Bad News: It's in the middle of the night and they are armed with toilet paper and shaving cream to "decorate" your house.

Whatever Happened To...

The ninety-five year old woman at the nursing home received a visit from one of her fellow church members. "How are you feeling?" the visitor asked. "Oh," said the lady, "I'm just worried sick!" "What are you worried about, dear?" her friend asked. "You look like you're in good health. They are taking care of you, aren't they?" "Yes, they are taking very good care of me." "Are you in any pain?" she asked. "No, I have never had a pain in my life." "Well, what are you worried about?" her friend asked again. The lady leaned back in her rocking chair and slowly explained her major worry. "Every close friend I ever had has already died and gone on to heaven. I'm afraid they're all wondering where I went."



"Lame At The Gate"

1Now Peter and John went up together into the temple at the hour of prayer, being the ninth hour. 2And a certain man lame from his mother's womb was carried, whom they laid daily at the gate of the temple which is called Beautiful, to ask alms of them that entered into the temple; 3Who seeing Peter and John about to go into the temple asked an alms. 4And Peter, fastening his eyes upon him with John, said, Look on us. 5And he gave heed unto them, expecting to receive something of them. 6Then Peter said, Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk. 7And he took him by the right hand, and lifted him up: and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength. 8And he leaping up stood, and walked, and entered with them into the temple, walking, and leaping, and praising God. 9And all the people saw him walking and praising God: 10And they knew that it was he which sat for alms at the Beautiful gate of the temple: and they were filled with wonder and amazement at that which had happened unto him. Acts 3:1-10

I want to start out by giving the definition of the word Lame: 1 - Crippled or physically disabled. 2- Lacking needful or desirable substance: weak or ineffectual. In the above passage of scripture there's a lame man from birth who was carried daily to the gate of the temple which was called Beautiful. He didn't have anything. Not only was he lame from birth but he was poor as well. He wanted somebody just to help him. That sounds like so many of us today in the Church and outside the walls of the Church as well. We may not be physically lame or poor in the natural but we are lame in some form or fashion. We may have had friends or loved ones turn their backs on us, talk about us, and physically hurt us and so on. We're Lame at the Gate. There are many people lying at the gate waiting for someone to help them. These people have never heard about the love of Jesus how He died at the Cross to take away their sins and show them unconditional love like they've never known before. I thank God that Peter and John came by because the lame man would never be the same after the encounter with them. They didn't have money to give him but what they had was Jesus and they gave him Christ. That's what we need to give those who are hurting not only in the Church but those who are not. Please guit judging those people who may not be in your guote "Click" or "Little Group" and do as Peter and John and lend a helping hand and bring them in. The most beautiful thing in this world is the Church fulfilling her ministry to help the Lame at the Gate and go the extra mile if someone needs it. Remember whatever you do unto the least of these my brethren, you have done it unto me. Jesus said. Take the time today and help those in need not only on the holidays but EVERYDAY!!! Don't forget that our December Sermon CD of the month is the message: "Lame At The Gate" Until next month, be Blessed Beloved!

In The Masters Service, Evangelist Michael W. Heltsley

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I KNOW WHOM I HAVE CHOSEN

Jesus said, "You have not chosen me, but I have chosen you that you should go and bring forth fruit and that your fruit should remain" (John 15:16). I believe the Lord examines our fruit daily. He has called me by my name and I am His. Yes Lord, I did not choose you - you chose me. I was chosen at the age of 13 years old, and I believe I was called, for Jesus calls and He chooses, I was born again. However, it was 27 years later, and I had wandered away from my Father's house. Then I came to my right mind, through much affliction. As David said, "It is good for me that I have been afflicted (Psalm 119:71). I saw my affliction and I called to my Lord Jesus Christ and He restored the joy of His salvation to me. Have you failed in your walk with the Lord? Jesus said, "I know whom I have chosen" (John 13:18). He has called you and He has chosen you. Precious one, as you read this, do you feel the call of God upon your life and yet no door opens? The word of God said to "make your calling and election sure" (2 Peter 1:10). I see a great door. On the other side is the work He has for you, yet that door does not open. You can't bring things that are not repented of and expect Him to open that door of ministry until you can say, "I surrender all. Nothing in my hand I bring. Only to thy cross I cling." Thirty-five years ago He opened that door for me, and I can say, "Thank you, dear Jesus!" I don't regret a mile that I have traveled for the Lord. Child of God, Jesus has chosen you. How wonderful! "All to Jesus I surrender, All to Him I freely give. I will ever love and trust Him, In His presence daily live. I surrender all." I would love to hear from you, dear ones, and please feel free to send us your prayer requests. Until Next Time, His Handmaiden, Betty Jean Robinson

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Remember the Manger... But Don't Forget the Cross Pastor Gary G. Dull

Christmas is a wonderful time of the year. Christmas has a message that can be matched by no other celebration the world knows. It brings back many memories...It brings many joys...It brings true hope...It brings out the attitude of giving...It brings the love of God to reality. CHRISTMAS IS A WONDERFUL TIME OF THE YEAR! Christmas is a time of the year that is centered around God's great redemptive work through Jesus Christ. The Christmas songs we sing this time of the year are fun and easy to remember. The scriptures we read during this time of the year are encouraging and filled with hope. But the message we are reminded of is one of God's true love and concern for the human race that we should never forget.... IT IS THE MESSAGE OF LIFE...ABUNDANT LIFE...ETERNAL LIFE...ALL BECAUSE OF THE WORK OF GOD THROUGH THE LORD JESUS CHRIST! Therefore, with all that goes on during the Christmas season, it is extremely important for us all to REMEMBER THE MANGER, BUT NOT FORGET THE CROSS.

A WORD ABOUT THE MANGER: - The Greek word means both stall and manger, from which cattle were fed. In the story of Christ's birth, it probably refers to that portion of the inn, which was used as a stable. In the East, the cattle were shut up in an open yard enclosed by a rough fence or stones or other material. Poor travelers, or those excluded from the house through the want of a room, would share with their animals these humble quarters. Most likely in the story of Christ's birth, according to the early Church fathers, the manger was in a cave.

A WORD ABOUT THE CROSS: - The cross was used as an instrument of death in Roman times. It was a crossbar to which the victim was fastened with the arms outstretched. In scripture, the cross is spoken of as the representative of Christ's whole sufferings for mankind in providing perfect, full and complete salvation.

THE MANGER AND THE CROSS:

In the scripture the idea of the manger and the cross are clearly brought together in the Christmas story. Matthew 1:21; Luke 2:7,11; Galatians 4:4,5

- I. <u>REMEMBER THE MANGER</u> A. The Manger was a Place of Humility-It was a place for cattle and poor humble servants, Bedouins, and nomads. Not a good place for a King. B. The Manger was a Place of Shame-It was a place for those who had few possessions...not for a King who created and owned a universe. C. The Manger was a Place of On-lookers-In the story of Christ, shepherds, and undoubtedly others, came by to see the Christ-child. D. The Manger was a Place of Rejection-In the story of Christ, there was NO ROOM in the inn for Him. E. The Manger was a Place of Fulfilled Prophecy-Isaiah 7:14 compared with Luke 2:7 F. The Manger was a Place of Miracles-The Virgin Birth G. The Manger was a Place of Victory -Satan realized his doom was coming...Genesis 3:15 H. The Manger was a Place of Glory -God became flesh in Christ and God's Glory was seen... John 1:14.
- <u>II. DON'T FORGET THE CROSS</u> A. The Cross is a Place of Humility-Only the worse of thieves and criminals died on the cross. B. The Cross was a Place of Shame-Those placed on the cross were naked and mocked by others. C. The Cross was a Place of On-lookers-Christ's enemies, disciples, friends, family and the curious. D. The Cross was a Place of Rejection-Rejected by the government, the religious leaders, and society. E. The Cross was a Place of Fulfilled Prophecy-Isaiah 52:12 compared with Matthew 27:33-38 F. The Cross was a Place of Miracles-Jesus bore our sin...Jesus died miraculously died. G. The Cross was a Place for Victory-Sin Defeated...Satan Judged...Salvation secured H. The Cross was a Place of Glory -For its glorious meaning...Galatians 6:14

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The Greatest Gift

Pastor Billy R. Douglas



If someone asked you what was the best...the greatest gift you have ever been given for Christmas...what would your answer be? No doubt most everyone would have a different answer. But I wonder how many would think about Jesus when you asked them that question? Truth be told the Greatest Gift ever given was given to us two thousand years ago when God Almighty looked down upon the hearts and souls of man and knowing that there was only one way to ever redeem us back to himself he gave his only begotten son, But this was not something that was done on the

spur of the moment, this was something that had been in the making for a long, long time. This gift had been promised as far back as Adam and Eve in the garden when God prophesied that there would be a deliverer that would bruise the head of the serpent. And then through the corridors of time the prophets would foretell of his birth. The prophet Isaiah would pen these words concerning his coming "Therefore the LORD himself shall give you a sign, Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel" Isaiah 7:14. And then he would describe this gift, this child in greater detail when he would write "For unto as a child is born, unto us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulders; and his name shall be called Wonderful. Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The prince of Peace. " Isaiah 9:6. Many years would still come and go before this promise would be fulfilled. And then on a dark night so long ago two weary travelers far from home. Mary a virgin being with child of the Holy Ghost and her husband Joseph would take refuge in a stable in Bethlehem because there was no room for them in the Inn. And in the silence of that night a sound could be heard...a sound that would make the devil himself tremble...the sound of a baby crying! But not just a baby...not just another child but THE CHILD...THE GIFT that had been promised for so long came into the world. And just as the prophet had spoken a child was born and a Son was given. And they would call his name Jesus. That gift was and still is the greatest gift ever given. So even though we are not certain of the exact day or time of year when this took place let us take this opportunity to be thankful and give thanks for the gift of love. God gave his only Son so that a lost and dying world could have hope and life everlasting!



WHAT DO PEOPLE REALLY BELIEVE?

James H. Coates

It is an honor to write for this newsletter and publication. Bro. Billy Douglas is a close friend of mine and I love he and his family very deeply. I would like to share some thoughts with you from a recent blog of mine. I was once in a local restaurant having a hot cup of coffee (on a rainy day). I was sitting there and thinking about the true Gospel that Jesus brought to earth and about what HE REALLY EXPECTS FROM HIS PEOPLE. Then I noticed on the counter was a small Santa figurine...and on another part of the counter was a small Jesus figurine. That's funny, I thought, it was only 6 weeks ago (on this same counter) that there was a Halloween figurine and a haunted house and ghosts. How fast things change. The other day I was driving and saw a house with a Christmas tree in the yard and a HUGE jack o lantern on the porch. People really don't know what they believe anymore. Many just do what everybody else is doing. Sadly, many Christians are the same way. We say 'one thing' and live 'another way.' We say we love God and many times won't take time for a brother. We can say 'God is love' and be cranky and even too sharp to our families and to those we love. We say we are disciples and haven't laid down anything that He said we MUST in order to be a disciple. We say we want the life of Christ and we run from our cross. We live a double standard and the sad part is we don't even know we are doing it! Folks, that's a real deception! To be 'doing' things and don't even know that most of it is a double standard. Does our walk match our talk and does our talk match our walk. Wow! Don't mean to be so pointed, but someone needs to say it...amen? I do wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! It is so hard to believe that 2010 stands in front of us. May the Kingdom of God come in the coming year...come in us and through us.

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- 2. There's No One I'd Rather Give Him To
- 3. Judgement Day
- 4. Someone Prayed For Me
- 5. Soul Fillin' Station
- 6.Never Been This Homesick Before
- 7. Family On Both Sides
- 8. Momma's Prayers
- 9.I Believe He's Coming Back
- 10.A New Life I Can Share
- 11.Devil In A High Dollar Suit
- 12.The Walk Back Home
- 13.What Heaven Means To Me



The Big Hand of God

- 1.Intro by Rev. Bobby Grove 2.The Big Hand Of God
- 3.Sing Me Back Home
- 4. Jesus Is Coming Soon
- 5.City of Gold
- 6.Jesus Be A Fence
- 7.The Rose
- 8. Uncloudy Day
- 9.Let Me Count The Ways I Love You
- 10.Way Below The Bottom
- 11.The Eastern Gate



He's The Reason For The Season

1.He's The Reason For The Season 2.O Come All Ye Faithful 3.Beautiful Star Of Bethlehem 4.What Child Is This 5.CHRISTMAS 6. Sleep Little Baby 7.Come On Ring Those Bells 8.0 Little Town Of Bethlehem 9.Silent Night 10.Joy To The World 11.Away In A Manger 12.Go Tell It On The Mountain



1.It's Time 2.Shepherd Could I 3. Great Big God 4. This Valley Is For Me 5.Lost In The Presence 6.I'll Never Say Cant Again 7.I Wonder If He Ever Cries 8.Get Up In Jesus Name 9.Come Spring 10.Face In The Flames



Home For Christmas

1.First Christmas Tree* 2.What Christmas Means To Me* 3.The Gift 4. Santa Claus Got Saved 5. Home For Christmas* 6. Joseph's Song 7.A Very Scary Christmas 8. Unto You This Night 9.It's Christmas Once Again 10.Gonna Be A Merry Christmas* 11.Letter From Jesus...by Pastor Wayne Clabaugh.I

*songs written by Billy R Douglas

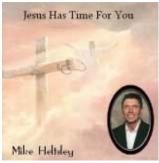


The Beggar and The King

1.The Secrets Out 2. Thats All That Matters 3.I Wanna Know God 4.To Be Like Jesus 5.He's Everything To Me 6.Until He Was All That I Had 7. Knowing Your There 8.He Is My Everything 9. The Beggar And The King 10.I Was There When It Happened 11.When He Doesn't Come Today 12. Chicken Eatin' Preacher

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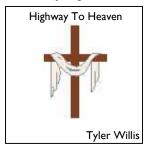
New CD by Mike Heltsley



Jesus Has Time For You

1.Jesus Has Time For You
2.Look Out I'm About To Shout
3.Holy Ghost Blues
4.Just One Word
5.Shouting Time
6.Address Change
7.I'm Glad I'm Serving A God
That Never Changes
8.Brand New Man
9.You Can Have It All
10. If Everybody In This
World Knew Jesus
11.The Cloud He's Coming Back

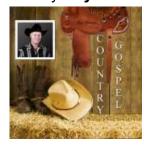
New CD by Tyler Willis



Highway To Heaven

1.The Blueprints In His Hands
2.The Seed's Alive
3.Highway To Heaven
4.His Banner Over Me Is Love
5.This Little Light Of Mine
6.Ganna Be Leavin
7.He Ain't Never
8.Waiting For The Messiah
9.Touched By The Hand Of The
Master
10.A Face In The Flame
11.Letter From Hell

New CD by Ray Owens



Country Gospel

1.Old Campmeeting Days
2.The Blood Still Washes
Sins Away
3.Brand New Man
4.Song On The Jukebox
About Jesus
5.Fight On My Knees
6.The Rose
7.Lord You Love Me
8.Me And God
9. Come Morning
10.Old Gospel Ship
11.Let Me Tell You His Name Again
12.Two Winning Hands



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4.WELCOME HOME
5.YOUR TESTIMONY
6.THANKSGIVING
7.HAVE YOU CHECKED YOUR OIL LATELY?

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2.LAME AT THE GATE
3.RECIPE FOR THE ANOINTING
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5.THE SIN THAT HAS PEOPLE TALKING
6.DR.JEKYLL & MR.HYDE
7.DANGERS OF NEGLECTING
THE CROSS

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REESIE'S CHRISTMAS RECIPES





Cherry Delight

1 small can crushed pineapple, drained
1 can cherry pie filling
1 large container cool whip
1 cup chopped pecans
1 can eagle brand milk

Mix together in large bowl and chill until ready to serve.

Broken Glass Tart

1 small box grape jello, prepared as directed
1 small box cherry jello, prepared as directed
1 small box lime jello, prepared as directed
24 Graham crackers, mashed fine
1 cup sugar
1/3 cup melted margarine
1 envelope un-flavored gelatin
1/4 cup cold water
1 cup pineapple juice
1/2 pint heavy whipping cream

Jell separately the three kinds of jello. Cut into small cubes when firm. Set aside 1 cup of graham cracker crumbs for topping. Add 1/2 cup of sugar and 1/3 cup melted margarine to remaining crumbs and press into the bottom of a 13x9 inch pan or dish. Dissolve 1 envelope un-flavored gelatin in 1/4 cup cold water. Heat 1/4 cup pineapple juice and add to the dissolved gelatin. Add the remaining 3/4 cup pineapple juice to the gelatin mixture. Whip whipping cream: add 1/2 cup sugar. Mix with gelatin mixture, then refrigerate until partly firm: fold in cubed jello. Pour over crumb crust and refrigerate several hours until firm.

Sprinkle with topping.

White Chocolate Coconut Cake

Ingredients

1 box white cake mix
1 cup water
1 can (15oz) cream of coconut , divided
3 egg whites
1 can (5oz) evaporated milk
2/3 cups vanilla or white chips
2 oz cream cheese, softened
1 cup heavy whipping cream, divided
3 1/2 cups flaked coconut, divided
2 tsp vanilla extract
1/4 cup sugar

In a large bowl, combine cake mix, water, 3/4 cup cream of coconut and egg whites: beat on low speed for 30 seconds. Beat on medium for 2 minutes. Pour into three greased and floured 9 inch round baking pans. Bake at 350 for 22-26 minutes or until a toothpick inserted in the center comes out clean. Cool for 10 minutes before removing from the pans to wire racks to cool completely. For filling, in a small sauce pan combine the evaporated milk, chips, cream cheese, 3 tablespoons heavy cream and remaining cream of coconut: cook and stir over low heat until chips are melted. Remove from the heat: stir in 1 1/2 cups coconut and 1 teaspoon vanilla. Transfer to a large bowl: cover and refrigerate until mixture reaches spreading consistency, stirring occasionally. For frosting, in a large bowl beat remaining cream until it begins to thicken . Add sugar and remaining vanilla:beat until stiff peaks form. Place bottom cake layer on a serving plate and spread with half of the filling. Repeat layers. Top with remaining cake layer. Frost top and sides of cake, sprinkle with remaining coconut. Refrigerate leftovers.

Stuffed Mushrooms

1 lb fresh mushrooms ~ 4-5 slices bacon cut up ~ 1 sm. Onion, minced 8 oz shredded cheddar cheese ~ Lawry's season salt, to taste

Boil mushrooms in salted water for 5 minutes. Pull out stems. Fry bacon and onion. Drain grease. Add shredded cheese to hot bacon mixture. Add salt. Stir until melted. Stuff into mushrooms, serve hot.



MERRY CHRISTMAS

Meatball Appetizers

2 lbs. ground chuck 1 env. Dry onion soup mix 2 eggs 1/2 cup bread crumbs 12 oz. chili sauce 10 oz. grape jelly

Mix chuck, soup, eggs and bread crumbs. Form into small balls about the size of walnuts. Saute over medium heat until done, drain. Place in crock pot. Mix chili sauce and jelly in small sauce pan. Heat thoroughly and poor over meatballs. Simmer low, serve.

Baked Pizza Casserole

1 lb. Tennessee Pride sausage
12 oz. wide noodles, cooked according to directions
14 oz. pizza or spaghetti sauce
2 cups shredder cheddar cheese
6 oz. sliced pepperoni

Crumble sausage into skillet. Cook until browned. Remove sausage and drain on paper towels. In large lightly greased casserole dish, layer 1/2 of noodles, sausage, spaghetti sauce, cheddar cheese and pepperoni. Repeat second layer as the first with remaining ingredients, reserving several pepperoni slices to garnish top, Bake at 350 for 35-40 minutes.

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Seven Layer Salad

Ingredients

1 head chopped lettuce
1 cup celery, chopped
4 hard boiled eggs, sliced
10 oz. frozen peas
1/2 cup green peppers, diced
1 onion, in rings
1 pkg. bacon, fried and crumbled
2 cups mayonnaise
2 Tbsp sugar
4-8 oz. shredded cheddar cheese

Place ingredients in dish in order given. Cover with mayonnaise and sprinkle with sugar.

Top with cheese.

Sugar Free Cheesecake

8 oz. cream cheese, softened 4 pkgs. Nutra-Sweet 1/3 cup lemon juice 1/2 tsp. vanilla 8 oz. fat free cool whip Graham cracker crust Can cherries, optional

Mix cheese, nutra-sweet, then add juice, vanilla and cool whip. Pour into crust and chill at least one hour. The next step is optional - *Thicken a can of cherries with cornstarch mixed with water.* Heat cherries with juice. Add cornstarch mixture until thick. Cool, add nutra-sweet to taste and serve with cheesecake.

Clay Ornaments

4 cups all purpose flour ~ 1 cup salt 1 1/2 cups cold water ~ Christmas cookie cutters Shellac ~ Ribbons for hangers

Mix flour and salt together. Slowly add water while stirring with a fork until smooth, adding a small amount of flour or water if needed. Roll dough on a floured surface to 1/4 inch thick. Cut with cookie cutters. Place ornaments 1 inch apart on ungreased baking sheet. Punch "hanging holes" with a drinking straw. Bake in a preheated oven on 300 for 30-45 minutes. Baking time will vary with size of ornaments. When completely cool, paint ornaments with tempera paints or leave natural. Coat with shellac.





Fell Down And Worshipped

Pastor Wayne Clabaugh, I

And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and worshipped him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts; gold, and frankincense, and myrrh.

Matthew 2:11 KJV

What does it mean to fall down and worship Jesus? Think of it. CNN was not there to declare Him King. There was no ABC to count down the hours until His birth. It was the Angels from the heavens of which He came that declared Him King. It was the star of prophecy leaping out through the pages of the written Word, spanning all seasons and time that declared Him King. Our text speaks of the MAGI whose travel over the span of two years, following star that led them to

a meager carpenter's home, where a little toddler ran the house (probably barefoot) filling the house with the sounds of a child, maybe even at times a bit rowdy from the visiting Ambassadors from the Far East. Yet, when they saw Him, the scriptures tell us that they "fell down, and worshipped Him". When they had thus worshiped Him, they "unwrapped" their gifts and "presented" them to Him. There is something to be said about those of us who come to worship before His throne. Many of us do so with the thought in mind of the "feeling" we will receive for having done so. Our worship has become nothing more than an aphrodisiac for "our benefit", and it was never about us. Look at how the MAGI worshipped Him. They bowed before Him in surrender, and worshipped Him as Lord, and then they "unwrapped" their gifts and "presented" them to Him. Are you getting this? The unwrapping of their gifts denote a desire for fellowship, a willingness to open one's self for review, and rejection or approval. There was nothing hidden, but all was out in the open. Having done so, they offered Him their gifts, of Gold Frankincense and Myrrh. In coming to Christ, there must be no reservations, no hidden secrets. To live for Him means to surrender ourselves in such a way that we are completely open to Him, and willing to give to Him all that we are. You have met with the hustle and bustle of the Christmas season; you have purchased all of the gifts, baked all of the pies, washed all of the linens, and prepared scrumptiously for company. But have you gone to His House in Search of Him? What have you found there? Did you get up and leave because the meetings were over, and you had now done your part to be there for another Christmas, and yet you were unchallenged and unchanged? Oh friend... I have been in the presence of the Master when I was too busy for Him. I came away from that encounter empty, and aimless. I have been in the presence of the Master when I chose to reject Him for a more convenient season. And I have been in the presence of the Master when I could do nothing more than fall down and worship Him. And while I bow surrendered before Him - He fills me, He restores me, He heals me, and He lifts up my countenance. How could I help but worship Him?

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Do You Have Room For Jesus?

Brother Tyler Willis

Here Is A Story I Want To Share With You About A Professor That Told His Class To Write The Word *Christmas* And Then Told Them To Write The Thing That Popped In Their Head...Not long ago, a professor of psychology in one of our great universities gave a word suggestion test to his class of 40 students. He instructed them to write the word "Christmas," and all the class did so. "Now," said the professor, "right after the word 'Christmas' write the first thought that flashes through your mind regarding that day." When the papers were turned in, such answers were given as "tree," "holly," "mistletoe," "presents," "turkey," "holiday," "carols," and "Santa Claus," but not one had written, "the birthday of Jesus." As there was no room for the baby Jesus in the inn, there is no room for Him today in the celebration of Christmas for most people....*Do You Have Room For Jesus?*





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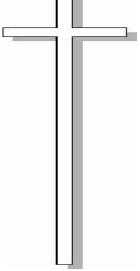
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SALVATION CORNER

We have set aside this corner of THE TRUMPET to show God's Plan of Salvation. If you are unsure where you will go when you die, please listen to what God has said in His Word:

FIRST . . . GOD LOVES YOU! "For God so loved the world that he gave His only Begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have Everlasting Life" Jn. 3:16

SECOND . . . MAN IS A SINNER, AND SIN HAS SEPARATED HIM FROM GOD!

"For there is not a just man upon Earth, that doeth good and sinneth not" Eccl. 7:20. "For all have sinned and come short of the Glory of God" Rom. 3:23.

THIRD . . . JESUS CHRIST IS THE ONLY REMEDY FOR SIN! "For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God . . . " I Pet. 3:18 "Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under Heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved" Acts 4:12

FOURTH . . . YOU MUST RECEIVE JESUS CHRIST AS YOUR PERSONAL LORD AND SAVIOUR. Jesus calls this experience the "new birth." He told Nicodemus: "... Except a man be born again, he cannot see the Kingdom of God" Jn. 3:3.

We invite you now to receive the Lord Jesus Christ as your personal Saviour. "But as many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His Name"

Pray this prayer and mean it with all of your heart: Dear Lord Jesus, I now realize that I am a sinner. I accept the fact that You died for me on the rugged Cross of Calvary. I now open my heart's door and receive You as Saviour and Lord of my life. Please take Full control of me and help me to be the kind of Christian You want me to be. Amen.

If you prayed this prayer in all sincerity, you are now a Child of God! So that we might rejoice with you, please write, call or email us today and we will send you some material to help you with your new walk with the LORD!



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The Preserved Word of God

STONE

TWO FRIENDS WERE WALKING THROUGH THE DESERT .

DURING SOME POINT OF THE JOURNEY,

THEY HAD AN ARGUMENT; AND ONE FRIEND

SLAPPED THE OTHER ONE IN THE FACE

THE ONE WHO GOT SLAPPED WAS HURT, BUT WITHOU

SAYING ANYTHING, WROTE IN THE SAND,

TODAY MY BEST FRIEND SLAPPED ME IN THE FACE .

THEY KEPT ON WALKING, UNTIL THEY FOUND AN OASIS,

WHERE THEY DECIDED TO TAKE A BATH

THE ONE WHO HAD BEEN SLAPPED GOT STUCK IN THE MIRE

AND STARTED DROWNING, BUT THE FRIEND SAVED HIM.

AFTER HE RECOVERED FROM THE NEAR DROWNING,

HE WROTE ON A STONE:

'TODAY MY BEST FRIEND SAVED MY LIFE'
THE FRIEND WHO HAD SLAPPED AND SAVED HIS BEST
FRIEND ASKED HIM, 'AFTER I HURT YOU, YOU WROTE IN
THE SAND AND NOW, YOU WRITE ON A STONE, WHY?'
THE FRIEND REPLIED 'WHEN SOMEONE HURTS US WE
SHOULD WRITE IT DOWN IN SAND, WHERE WINDS OF
FORGIVENESS CAN ERASE IT AWAY. BUT, WHEN SOMEONE
DOES SOMETHING GOOD FOR US, WE MUST ENGRAVE IT IN
STONE WHERE NO WIND CAN EVER ERASE IT'

LEARN TO WRITE YOUR HURTS IN THE SAND AND TO CARVE YOUR BENEFITS IN STONE.

'Be kinder than necessary, for everyone you meet is fighting some kind of battle.' Submitted by Sister Carol Pendley of Powderly, KY



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