



The
Messenger



December



“Real Christmas Cheer”

“Where is he that is born King of the Jews?” -
Matthew 2:2

This question of the wise men centered on a Child and a King. The Child that was born will one day rule. Christmas 2011, finds us entering an election year wondering who our next President will be. Has there ever been a time that an election was this crucial? Our Country is being destroyed by power hungry politicians interested more in career than Country.

The One whose birth we celebrate at Christmas, is the King of Kings. “For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.” – (Isa.9:6)

The certainty of the rule of this King is verified by promise, conquest, and purchase. The Word of God addresses the coming thousand year millennial reign of Christ upon this Earth. His cradle led to the cross and another crown which represented the best ensign of His Kingship. That crown of thorns had an association with our sins and that crown had an association with His precious blood which alone redeems the sinner from the penalty of sins. His cross work was a mighty conquest over Satan, sin, and hell! His blood was the purchase price for our redemption.

Christmas is a guarantee that our World will one day know true peace and perfect government, for this One born will also rule! This truth is the best Christmas cheer. What a thrilling truth at such a time when the government of man is a series of failures, one after another. None of us know who the next President will be but we know who the King is! The question now is do you know Him as Saviour?

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. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved. He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. – John 3:16-18.

Pastor Chuck Peters

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PROVERBS 25:13

As the cold of snow in the time of harvest, so is a faithful messenger to them that send him, for he refresheth the soul of his masters . . .



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Sunday School 10:00 AM
Morning Worship 11:00 AM
Evening Worship 6:00 PM
Wednesday Service 7:00 PM

- NURSERY PROVIDED -

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Church Football Definitions . . . hut! hut! hike!



- a. **Quarterback Sneak** - Church members quietly leaving during the invitation.
- b. **Draw Play** - What many children do with the offering envelopes during worship.
- c. **Halftime** - The period between Sunday School and worship when many choose to leave.
- d. **Bench warmer** - Those who do not sing, pray, work or apparently do anything but sit.
- e. **Backfield-in-Motion** - Making a trip to the back (restroom or water fountain) during the service. (No penalty applied!)
- f. **Staying in the Pocket** - What happens to a lot of money that should be given to the Lord's work.
- g. **Two-minute Warning** - The point at which you realize Pastor Chuck's sermon is almost over and begin to gather up your children and belongings.
- h. **Instant Replay** - Pastor Chuck loses his notes and falls back on last week's illustrations.
- i. **Sudden Death** - What happens to the attention span of the congregation if Pastor Chuck goes into "overtime."
- j. **Trap** - Pastor Chuck calls on you to pray and you are asleep.
- k. **End Run** - Getting out of church quick, without speaking to any guest or fellow member.
- l. **Flex Defense** - The ability to allow absolutely nothing said during the sermon to affect your life.
- m. **Halfback Option** - The decision of some of the congregation not to return for the evening service.
- n. **Blitz** - The dash to shake Pastor Chuck's hand and rush to the restaurant following the closing prayer (before the Methodists can get there!).

~ *Precious Truth* ~

When you get to the end of all the light that you know and it's time to step into the darkness of the unknown, faith is knowing one of two things will happen: either you will be given something solid to stand on or you will be taught how to fly.

Hebrews 11:1 - *Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.*

Ladies Fellowship

As we approach the Christmas Season, please keep these dates in mind:

1. DEADLINE FOR ANNUAL PENNY DRIVE IS SUNDAY, DEC. 4
Don't forget to put your spare change – or \$\$\$ of any amount – in the containers at both doors. The money collected here will be sent to Wade and Nora Smith, our missionaries in Virginia Beach, in time to make Christmas special for the children in their community.

2. DEADLINE FOR SENIOR SAINTS' CHRISTMAS BOXES IS SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11 – We plan to pack and wrap the boxes at our December meeting on the 13th. Ladies Fellowship – don't forget to bring finger foods that night!

In addition to the fruit baskets that are distributed to the widows and widowers, we also plan to fill a Christmas Box for our Senior Saints who are not able to come to church. We are asking the church family to donate items that shut-ins can use – i.e. sugar free candy, gum, lotion, Kleenex, anything else you can think of – just be sure they're packaged small enough to fit into a regular-size shoe box. (If you have a shoe box you don't need, we'll take those as well.) Please bring to Charlene between now and December 11 and we'll see they are put to good use.

3. DEADLINE FOR CHRISTMAS MAILBOX IS SUNDAY, DEC. 11
If you would like to exchange Christmas cards with the church family (especially the widows & widowers) without incurring the cost of postage, feel free to bring your cards until December 11 and place them in the mailboxes on the front pew. In an effort to make it easier for the "church postal workers", there will be four boxes this year. Please separate your cards by alphabet – **A-F/G-L/M-R/** and **S-Z**. They will be distributed before Christmas.



*The members of Ladies Fellowship
extend to you and yours a
blessed Christmas filled
with love and laughter.*

Merry Christmas!!!

December Birthdays

3 Sheila Payne	12 Lydia Beeson	21 Johnny Cameron
4 Mackenzie Ann Barham	12 Tori Heath	23 Bernice Johnson
4 Chasity Ramey	16 Gale Tester	23 Nancy Kelley
5 Willis George	16 Jan Wilson	30 Barbara Bowden
5 Elaine Lowe	17 Jessica Holt	31 John David Payne
7 Joretta Holt	19 Neva Long	
10 Reva Holt	19 Todd Tucker	
11 Rhoney Wilson	20 Andrew Harrison Smith	



January Birthdays

2 Adrian Barham	13 Harvey Pitts	29 Louise Byrd
2 Mike Cashion	17 Amy Wilkey	30 Briana Crews
3 Jerry Crump	17 Doris Cochran	30 Austin Russell
3 Bessie Sloop	20 Stephanie Hutton	30 Allen Tate
4 Marilyn Alston	22 Rachelle Hayes	30 Betty Bame
4 Keith Crouch	23 Rachael Keedy	Terry Dillon
4 Kevin Crouch	23 Matthew Norman	Suzanne Kirk
5 William Holt	27 Cheryl Cashion	Wanda Stafford
6 Shirley Ingold	27 Morgan Flynt	Don Stephens
7 Kathy Flynt	27 Dolly Westmoreland	Stephen Vaughn
10 Gary Hendrix	29 Brianna Clemmons	
12 Becky McCollum	29 Donna Key	

Dave and Sandy Kelly ~ Little Taste of Heaven in the Philippines!



Just a few short years ago the Word of Life campus in Laguna, Philippines, was a jungle. But God gave Mike and Marti Foster a vision for what HE could do. David was there in the jungle with Mike when he shared his vision. David was back to help dig the footers for the first dormitory. It is now a beautiful campus with 7 dormitories, a meeting hall, a Bible Institute, complete with library, a dining hall, offices, and more; a campus facility for the BI, as well as for camp (swimming pool, zip line, snack shack, soccer field, covered basketball court, etc.), retreats, and conferences.

But all that, the weather, the beautiful swaying palm trees were not what made our trip “a little taste of heaven.” (Sandy’s idea of heaven does not include lizards slithering all over the walls of her mansion eating the other things slithering over the walls, or cobras!) The “little taste of heaven” came from the only two things eternal: the Word of God and people. Sandy got to speak to the staff ladies ... and to the BI girls in their dorm devotions.

Word of Life Bible Institute in the Philippines is faithfully proclaiming the Word of God. David taught the books of Ezra and Nehemiah, and the third year course on Missions. He also got to do student chapels, preach in the local church, and speak at conferences and retreats at the WOL campus. In just the three weeks we were there, over 1800 people came to the campus for various retreats and conferences. Many made decisions for Christ!

The other “little taste of heaven” was reconnecting with some brothers and sisters in Christ. We first met Shannon in Virginia when she was 15 years old and signed up to go on a Youth Reachout trip with us. Now she and her husband, John Foster, and their two sons are on staff in the Philippines. Ben also went on a Youth Reachout trip with us. (He couldn’t believe our “little” Curtis is a 6ft. 2in. tall student at the BI in Florida!) Ben’s wife, Cathy, is now a student at the BI in the Philippines. We got to know Ben’s sister Rachel in Hungary. She was a student in the Word of Life B1 there in Hungary and we arrived with a Youth Reachout group. We had a wonderful time of fellowship there with her that has endeared her to us. She is now on full time staff here.

(John Foster, Ben and Rachel all grew up here as MK’s.) When David last taught here, Jonel worked as a guard for the campus property. (“I remember you taught the book of Philippians. I still have my notes!”) Jonel and his wife and two little daughters are ministering here full-time with Word of Life as the Bible Club’s Director.

We thank you for allowing God to use you to help make our “little taste of heaven” possible. We pray it will do nothing but encourage your heart. Can you imagine what it’s going to be like in heaven for you when you get the opportunity to meet people from all around the world that you helped get the gospel to and/or helped train them in the Word of God!!!

We pray this will give you “a little taste of heaven” to go with your Thanksgiving turkey this year. Psalm 34:8 “O taste and see that the LORD is good: blessed is the man that trusteth in him.”

Your missionaries, *David and Sandy Kelly* ~ Word of Life Fellowship

December Anniversaries



Johnny & Tammy Cameron- Dec. 21
Cleo & Reva Holt
Waynard & Carol Nuckles

*Your marriage is so beautiful
 And is truly heaven made
 Your love, hope and faith in God
 Is strong and does not fade
 May you truly sense God’s love
 As you celebrate today
 And see the future years together
 As memories to be made*

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REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Smith Grove Seniors

Louise Byrd	Reva Holt	Jo Anne Pegram*
Gordon Crouch	Helen Jones*	J. D. Shields
Shirley Crouch	Lawrence Jones*	Raynelle Shields*
Iris Farrington*	Neva Long	Wade Shields
Ernest Fulk*	Curney Matthews	Louise Smith*
Pat George	Rose Matthews	Forrest Tucker
Cleo Holt	Bud McCurdy*	Mary Westmoreland

Others in Need of Prayer ^{*Special Needs}

(In alphabetical order)

JoAnn Alley	Harry Haynes	Billy Pendry
Marilyn Alston	Rhonda Hedgecock	Don Peterson
Malin Andrews	Ricky Hedgecock	Miranda Petkis
Curt Bame	Tim Hedgecock	Norma Pilchett*
Fred Bame	Ronnie Holcomb	Sandra Richardson
Roy Boody	Alice & Barry Holman	Claude Royal
Ann Bottoms	Garland Holt*	Edward Salensky
Mr. Bray	Joretta Holt	Ina Sealey
Thelma Bullard	Jonathan Horton	Johnny Sealey
John Carter	Raleigh Hunt	Lloyd Smith
Bonnie Clark	Sherry Jones	Lonnie Sorrell
Aaron Cole	Opal Jordan	Eddie Thomason
Bette Crouse	Leighann Kincade	Barbara Tucker*
Cheryl DeAntonio	Dot Long	Clara Ward
Billy Dillon	Daniel Matthews*	Kenneth Westmoreland
Jimmy Dillon*	Preston McCollum	Gordon Wilkey*
Rudy Dillon	Richie McCormick	Gerry Williams*
Joyce Draughn	Mark Midkiff	Jeffrey Wilson & Family*
Myrtle Echols	Stephanie Moore	Tom* & Frances Woody
David Gindelsberger	Ed Morgan	Jessi Wright
Katie Griffin	Fred Murrow*	Skylar Hope Yontz*
Debbie Harden	Erma Lee Nuckles	Ken Young
Caiden Hawtry	John Pearl	New converts
		The Unsaved

Special Prayer Requests

- Pastor Chuck Peters
- Missionaries Wade and Nora Smith (Virginia Beach, VA)
- All the missions and missionaries we support
- Youth Directors, Johnny & Tammy Cameron
- Preachers, teachers, singers and workers of our church and Bible Clubs
- Our sincere sympathies to the families of Don Dull's son and Bobby Knight



Services Each Week

Sunday School	10:00 a.m.
Sunday Morning Service	11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Service	6:00 p.m.



Wednesday Services:

Bible Clubs	7:00 p.m.
Prayer Service	7:00 p.m.
Thursday Visitation	7:00 p.m.



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Sun., Dec. 4, 12:00 p.m. Christmas Lunch in the Fellowship Building. Main meat entrees will be provided. Please bring other dishes/desserts to share.

Sun., Dec. 11 – DEADLINE FOR SENIOR SAINTS

CHRISTMAS BOXES – We plan to pack and wrap the boxes at our combined Men's & Ladies' Fellowship meeting on Dec. 13th. Ladies Fellowship – don't forget to bring finger foods that night!*

Sun., Dec. 11, 6:00 p.m. "The Christmas Family" ~ Drama by Fred Passmore (directed by Carol Peters and Charlene Tester).

***Tues., Dec. 13, 7:00 p.m. Men's & Ladies' Fellowship Meetings**

Sun., Dec. 18, 6:00 p.m. Youth Christmas Musical

Bud McCurdy's New Mailing Address:

Clarence "Bud" McCurdy
 Clare Bridge Assisted Living
 1564 Skeet Club Rd, Room 30
 High Point, NC 27265



I Cor. 7:22-24



Gary & Friends Missionary Outreach Ministry

Greetings to all and best wishes this Christmas season! I pray that 2012 will be a great year for everyone.

As we write this news for December 2011, we are busy working with activity directors in senior homes, lining up special Christmas services on various nights of the week, some Saturday mornings, and just whenever we can make the schedule work! What a wonderful time to spread the news of JESUS and HIS birth! But we will also be sure to tell the *salvation story* when we speak at these special Christmas services for our precious senior citizens. God bless you all!

Please pray for Brother Chuck, Sister Carol, Brother Bud, all of their family, and please remember *Gary and Helpers* when you pray. May 2012 be great, because of blessings we receive, and for blessings we are privileged to share with others.

In Christ and so happy there,
Gary Smith and helpers ~ 1Peter.5:7



Pray for those . . .

In the Service of our Country

Matthew Bennett, Afghanistan

A1C William Holt, US Air Force
Pope AFB, Vass, NC 28394

CW2 Jonathan Harless (Raleigh, NC)

Cpt. Robert Harless (Savannah, GA)

Charles Holmes, Al Asad Air Base (Northern Iraq)

Chief Warrant Officer 4 Michael Maine, US Army
[Ft. Rucker, AL] (Nephew of Clarence Redmon)

SSgt. Samuel A. Priddy, Marines - New River (Jacksonville, NC) - son of Brenda Westmoreland



“Our Honour Roll”

Smith Grove’s ministry to our widows and widowers
“Honour widows that are widows indeed.”

(I Timothy 5:3)

This is a continuing churchwide ministry to remember widows and widowers of the church in a meaningful way. Each month, we highlight our special “Honour Roll Gang Members” who are having birthdays. Listed below are *December and January* Honour Roll Gang members. Please take a moment to send a card, make a telephone call, or do something extra special for our special saints.

Joretta Holt

8412 Stafford Mill Rd.
Oak Ridge, N.C. 27310
993-2493 (Home)
707-6624 (Cell) ~ December 7

Neva Long

8716 Staples Road
Colfax, NC 27235
993-4294 ~ December 19

Bernice Johnson

5220 Prince Charles Dr.
Kernersville, NC 27284
788-6302 ~ December 23

Marilyn Alston

122 Apt. E. Chaucer Circle
Kernersville, NC 27284
993-5451 ~ January 04

Dolly Westmoreland

520 Lakedale Rd
Colfax, NC 27235
993-2093 ~ January 27

Louise Byrd

2509 Sandy Ridge Rd.
High Point, NC 27265
668-2823 ~ January 29



I have nothing to do with tomorrow,
the Saviour will make that His care;
Should He fill it with trouble and sorrow,
He’ll help me to suffer and bear.
Do today’s duty, that is best;
Leave unto the Lord the rest.



I used to censure everyone,
I was a Pharisee
Until quite unexpectedly
I got a glimpse of me.

(Knockers are the folks who try to cover their own fault by talking about the faults of others.)

Earth’s trials and its headaches, rough pathways that we tread,
should never cause a worry, with Heaven just ahead!
Where showers now are lingering, the sun will shine instead.
So cheer up, brother, cheer. For Heaven lies ahead!



Heaven's Gift

Heaven's gift has come to man.
Mortal fate rests
Within tiny hallowed hands.
Shepherds singing, a shining star,
Angels proclaiming,
Kings bearing gifts from afar.
A scene of serene glory,
The weight of a holy hush,
The meaning of heaven's story,
'Twas God's first CHRISTmas gift to us.

Who would recall the power of that day,
At the time when He was led away,
Bearing a crown, a robe, and fateful wounds?
Was He not the gift from heaven's womb?

Shall we turn from that holy day
And walk away unchanged?
Will we allow it to envelope our souls
Only to let it slowly slip away?

Through plastic, tinsel, parties and gifts,
Shopping, planning, and Christmas lights lit,
Can the simple gift be heard or seen,
Or does it quietly fade behind holiday sheen?

Let us not forget that He loves us so.
He loves us too much to let us go.
He sent a plan with His sacrifice
To forgive and cleanse and give us life.

Embrace the greatest gift of all;
Don't let your sense of the manger wane.
The gift of heaven is yours to receive.
It was the true reason He came. *by Sandra A. Popp*



God's Gift

Romans 6:23 - For the wages of sin is death; but **the gift of God is eternal life** through **Jesus Christ** our Lord.

C is for the Christ-child

When I was but a youngster,
Christmas meant one thing,
That I'd be getting lots of toys that day.

I learned a whole lot different,
When my Mother sat me down,
And taught me to spell Christmas this way:

'C' is for the Christ child, born upon this day,
'H' for herald angels in the night,
'R' means our Redeemer,
'T' means Israel,
'S' is for the star that shone so bright,
'T' is for three wise men, they who traveled far,
'M' is for the manger where he lay,
'A's for all He stands for,
'S' means shepherds came.

And that's why there's a Christmas Day!

Isaiah 9:6 - *For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.*