

Kernersville Anchor



If I asked you to pause for a moment and tell me the true meaning of the Christmas season, could you tell me? We need to open our eyes and see Christ in Christmas.

When I ride through cities and towns observing their Christmas decorations, I see the beauty of the bright lights but I see much more. When I see the tree, whether outside of the White House, in one of the cities around the country or in someone's home, I notice the rich, green color of the tree. The deep, green color during the cold season when everything else has turned brown or gray, reminds me of the everlasting life that comes through Jesus. He said He is "the way, the truth and the life". Only through Him do we have the God kind of life.

The tree itself reminds me of the sacrifice Jesus made for you and me. He was hung on the cross, which was made from wood. He was pinned to it along with our sin debt. This act of His showed a love for us that we could never repay.

The garland comes in multiple colors but the prevalent colors I've seen are red and gold. The red garland reminds me of the blood that Jesus shed for our freedom. Such a willing sacrifice for our benefit I will never forget.

The gold garland reminds me of the wealth that is in Christ Jesus. Jesus is called the King of Kings which means he has no lack in His life. Wealth means finances but it also addresses health, peace, joy, and much more. Because we know that He is not impacted by the economic crisis that has impacted the Earth, I know the Bible was correct in saying, "But my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus."

The star at the top of a tree reminds me of how he declared the coming fulfillment of His promise. He sent a star for everyone to see, that hovered over the young Messiah.

The lights themselves remind me of the glory of God, which shines brighter than anything else, even the Sun. When our life situations seem dark, I know I can go to the Lord and He will shine light on my darkness.

I could continue indefinitely but I want to share one more. When you see families, including parents, out together, playing in the snow, it reminds me of the love and interaction the Father wants to have with each of us. Can you take a moment and let Him love you like He desires? Think about it.

preacher's pen

As the calendar page turns to December, most of us are looking ahead to Christmas. Unfortunately, it seems every year the season becomes ever more commercialized. The stores started packing shelves with holiday goodies before Thanksgiving. Black Friday deals have come and gone. Tree lots will sell hundreds of Frazier firs and wreaths. Towns, homes and businesses (especially Tanglewood) will deck their properties with festive lighting. With the possibility of colder temps and maybe snow, plastic banana sleds will sell like hotcakes. For some, it is truly a dash with cash—a fast-paced, frantic sprint from Thanksgiving to Christmas.

To be perfectly honest and transparent, I do not mingle with the commercial frenzy of Christmas. It will get along just fine without me. One thing I *do* like to purchase, though, is *Pumpkin Pie Spice International Delight* coffee creamer. It is not available at any other time of the year and always makes a great gift.

Here's my point. We need not to get caught in the rush. We should reflect on the meaning of Christmas aside from the holiday scuttle. Consider the words of an old favorite: "Take Time to Be Holy."

*Take time to be holy, Speak oft with thy Lord; Abide in Him always, and feed on His word.
Make friends of God's children; help those who are weak; forgetting in nothing His blessing to seek.*

*Take time to be holy, the world rushes on; much time spend in secret with Jesus alone;
By looking to Jesus, like Him thou shalt be; thy friends in thy conduct His likeness shall see.*

*Take time to be holy, let Him be thy guide, and run not before Him what ever be tide;
In joy or in sorrow still follow thy Lord, and, looking to Jesus, still trust in His Word.*

*Take time to be holy, be calm in thy soul; each thought and each motive beneath His control;
Thus led by His Spirit to fountains of love, thou soon shalt be fitted for service above.*

Mull over again the announcement from Gabriel to Mary:

"But the angel said to her, 'Do not be afraid, Mary, you have found favor with God. You will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever; his kingdom will never end.'" (Luke 1:30-33 NIV)

Find time to gather with family and friends around scriptures like Matthew 1:22-23:

"All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: 'The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel'—which means, 'God with us.'"

May you rest in Messiah's peace amidst the holiday havoc. Have a most blessed and meaningful Christmas!



ladies group

To all the great ladies of Kernersville Church of Christ:

We hope everyone had a good Thanksgiving and reflected on all things we should be thankful for. We should remember to thank God for even the small things that bring us joy in our everyday lives.

We would like to thank all the ladies for the great participation throughout this past year as each event was a great success because we came together as a group. As the new year quickly approaches us, let's all reflect on the past years events and focus on the future year and come to make each day count as we are God's children and want to do his will to the best of our ability.

Please let's all step up and make 2019 a wonderful year. There are times when things can be overwhelming by all we do, but remember it brings joy to the participants who we do for and also brings a meaningful joy to us.

If there is anything special you would like to do this next year such as a craft or an event, please let Deboraha or Denise know. Also, please remember your seniors and your heart sisters and spread joy to others as it will be a great reward for you in the end.

In Christian Love,

Deboraha and Denise



men's group

To the men of Kernersville Church of Christ:

I'd like to take this chance to thank all of you for your hard work over the past year. It is my hope and prayer that we all will work harder, step up our game and focus on the task and requirements that our church provides us with. Let's look forward to the new year and new opportunities to serve our Lord.

1 Peter 5:2

Be shepherds of God's flock that is under your care, serving as overseers-not because you must, but because you are willing, as God wants you to be.

Your brother in Christ

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DECEMBER
EVENTS

- 12/1 CHRISTMAS DINNER & BINGO
12/4 SENIOR TRIP TO THE FRUITCAKE FACTORY 10 AM
12/6 LADIES NIGHT OUT & ORNAMENT GAME 5 PM
12/15 CAROLING & DELIVER FRUIT BAGS 1 PM
12/16 CHRISTMAS CANTATA 11 AM
12/16 CANDLELIGHT SERVICE 6 PM
12/30 MEN'S MEETING 12:30 PM

BIRTHDAYS

- Glenda Stephens 12/06
Paul Markar 12/08
Rick Lush 12/10
Ginger Coleman 12/20
Deboraha Lane 12/24
Peggy Lush 12/25

ANNIVERSARIES

- Rick & Peggy Lush 12/10
Alan & Denise Peddycord 12/17
Larry & Pat Vestal 12/26

Dear God,

As Christmas approaches,
may my heart be fixed on
You and Your glory. No
earthly present I can
receive compares to the
gift I have in You. May I
never take for granted
what You have done and
always remember Your gift
of Christmas lasts the
whole year through.

Amen