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DEAR SENIOR,

One of the most popular songs that you hear at this time of year is "white Christmas". WE send and receive beautifully colored cards that present a world of beauty and wonder, calm, and light. We see on television the handsome, well-trained horses pulling the sleigh through the snow with the beautiful colors and music in the background. We see the beautiful evergreen trees glimmering with the many colored lights and tinsel with all kinds of presents stacked under them. All these things bring memories and experiences to our mind that we will never forget But there is another side to Christmas that we tend to forget. In the scriptures we are given the real picture—we see that it was a filthy stable with the manure and cold weather in which the Christ child was born And also, surrounding all of this was the wicked king, Herod, who murdered hundreds of little babies hoping that He would kill the baby Jesus. It was also a city of indifference to the need of a pregnant woman looking for a place to birth her first born child. They didn't even have the compassion to let the child be born in decency.

Behind all these scenes is something lurking. it is an ugliness that cannot be described.. For the real ugliness in the whole situation was sin and the real truth of Christmas is that Jesus came into the world to save sinners of whom we are chief. So, the real beauty of Christmas is to see the only power that can deal with sin. For sin is that which disrupts every relationship between man and man and also between man and God.

All who die this year whether from cancer, or heart attack or accidents or murder or hunger or whatever else are people who are victims of sin. In scripture sin is called the accursed thing, It is also called the serpent's venom. It is what the apostle John called "transgression of God's word" it is not just rebellion, it is pollution, it is defiance, it is ingratitude,. It is hated by God, it is incurable and it is hard work and it affects all people. All of us are not only affected by the guilt of Adam and Eve's sin but by the pollution and poison of it all. Its results are heinous: for it turns a person into the victim of evil and it dominates the mind and dominates the affections And worst of all it brings us under the dominance of Satan which leads us to be a victim of God's wrath, and subjects us to the worst miseries in life. 56 million people will die this year, 152 thousand die every day and most of them will go to hell.

All of this paints a very ugly picture but there is another side to Christmas. It is not "chestnuts roasting on an open fire or jackfrost nipping at your nose" but it is this—it is a beautiful side and the glorious beauty is that Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners of whom we are chief and that "you shall call His name Jesus because He will save His people from their sins"

Remember that it is not man's "cannot" but man's "will not" that will determine his destiny. Yours in His Love, David and Carole

Joyful Echoes

EBC Senior Adult Ministry- January 2019

EBC Senior Adult FELLOWSHIP

Joyful Christians Dinner
January 25th
5:00 pm
EBC Fellowship Hall

Charlie (aka "Ole Cotton Top") and Linda Beatenbo will be blessing us the start of this new year by ministering to us in song. Looking forward to seeing all of you there.



Ladies Dinner on January 31st at 6:30 in the Fellowship Hall. Rita Bice will be sharing her testimony. Tickets on sale beginning Jan. in church office or vestibule after church on Sunday. Cost \$10 per person

M. D.P. Williams
Mr. Jack Pierce
Mrs. Doris Griffin
Mrs. Nona Ghent
Mrs. Cora Lukehart
Mrs. Avis Ragan
Mrs. Elizabeth Bishop
Mrs. Margie Cook
Mrs. Barbara Marshburn
Mrs. Jean Richards
Mrs. Lucy Bone
Mrs. Alma Chapman
Donnie Culpepper
Guy Bone
Mary Renfroe
Martha Velasquez
Lucy Bone 11/24



If you have reached the age of 90 and your name is not listed, please accept our apologies AND please call the church office and let us know.



The Widows/Widowers luncheon will be on January 8th at 11:00 am at the Habachi Grill, upper level of Cross Country Plaza. Looking forward to seeing you there for a great time of fellowship.

Music—One of God's Greatest Gifts



Wednesdays 10:00AM
Sanctuary
Fellowship, fun & Food too...



Friday, January 4th
Country's BBQ
Mercury Drive, off Macon Road

Meet at the Country's at 11:00 am.
For reservations call Patty Stofer at
706-561-7954 no later than Thursday at 2:00 pm.

It's the best fellowship in town!! Not to mention really good eats!

