

THE VOICE

WHITE MOUNTAIN BIBLE CHURCH

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Women's Christmas Luncheon

On December 13, our WMBC Ladies and their guests enjoyed a lovely Christmas Luncheon! Julie O'Connell and Evon Taylor led a team consisting of Sherry Juarez, Dianne Pender, Gail Kotterman, and Karen Alexson. They created a stunning, spirit-filled time of worship and celebration! The tables were simply beautiful. Our speaker was Dr. Veronica Gatling. Music was provided by Kerry Lucero and Theresa Dick. We hope that you will plan to join us for our Christmas Luncheon in 2026!





Keeping Christ in Christmas

by Denise Green



The Christmas season has been hijacked by secularism and things of the world. At this precious time of year, we often sadly focus on Santa and everything that goes along with secular Christmas. As Christian parents and grandparents, we need to be sure to celebrate our Savior and pass down to our family the true meaning of Christmas. As believers, we can be guilty of being so busy with Christmas that we think, "I can't put one more thing in my calendar." The busyness takes our focus from Him and His great gift to us. Recently, a dear friend said, "I can't wait to stop having Christmas ACTIVITIES and just celebrate Christmas."

My dad was a man ahead of his time to fear the growing commercialization of Christmas. As we got older, we teasingly called Dad a Grinch about Christmas. In truth, he loved Christmas and the celebration of our Savior's birth, he just didn't like the capitalization of a day meant to be about Jesus.

When the Green family kids were growing up, we had missionary banks and could do extra chores to earn money to fill our banks, so that we had a birthday present for Jesus. As we got older, we were encouraged to put more in our birthday present to Jesus than what we spent on each other. After all it was **our Savior's** birthday.

Growing up as a military family, we often lived in places where our church did not have a Christmas Eve Service, so we did our own. Mom would put cider or hot chocolate on to warm, and then Mom and Dad would load us all in the car to drive around and look at Christmas lights while we sang Christmas carols. When we got home, we plugged in the Christmas tree lights and snuggled up together. Dad would read Luke chapter 2 aloud. Then we had a time of prayer thanking God for the wonderful gift of sending Jesus to be our Savior. This continued every year while we lived at home and later when we brought our children home for Christmas.

Dad's last Christmas was in Show Low, a few months before he went home to Heaven. He was on hospice care and unable to read anymore.

After our Christmas Eve service, our family went over to spend the evening with Dad. We found him quietly lying in his hospital bed looking out the window at the gently falling snow. My husband Dan asked him, "Dad, would you like me to read Luke chapter 2?" His reply was "Yes, son." Dan stood by the bed reading the true Christmas story aloud while the rest of us (including Dad) had tears running down our cheeks. It is one of my most treasured memories of the season, the passing of the torch. Because of our Dad's emphasis on keeping Christ in Christmas, many of his kids and grandchildren continue this tradition today.



We truly have the most precious gift of all.

How will you keep Christ in Christmas this year?