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From the Desk of Your Missionary



There are two times each year that I get to sing songs that I have been singing since I was a child. Songs like “The First Noel the Angle Did Say,” “Angels We Have Heard on High,” “Silent Night, Holy Night,” “O Little Town of Bethlehem,” and “Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come.”

As I sing these traditional songs, my heart is in an attitude of worship and praise. For a few moments, all the troubles and trials of life are gone as I worship the Lord in song. I cannot be upset or frustrated as I sing about the birth of my Savior and Lord who left the glory of Heaven to die a terrible death in my place and to pay the penalty for my sins.

We read in John, *“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life; and the life was the light of men. And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all men through him might believe. He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light. That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not. He came unto his own, and his own received him not. 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: Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.”*

I cannot fully imagine or comprehend what Heaven is truly like. I believe it is far greater and more magnificent than I could possibly imagine. Jesus Christ left Heaven (with all its spender and the angels who served him) to be born of a Virgin for the sole purpose of dying on a Cross and shedding his sinless blood for my sins.

Christmas is the time of year we give gifts to our family and friends. However, Christmas is really the time that celebrates God giving us the ultimate gift: Eternal Life through the shed blood of His only begotten Son, Jesus Christ!

The unsaved world has changed Christmas from celebrating the Birth of the Savior into a commercial season. They have changed greetings from “Merry Christmas” to “Happy Holidays” and have even changed the word “Christmas” into “Xmas” to take even the name of Christ out of “Christmas.”

On December 25th this year, as you gather with your family, take time to read the Christmas story of the birth of the only begotten Son of God and our only Savior Jesus Christ to your family.

Serving a Loving Savior,

Brother Nick

CHURCH NEWS

Hymn Sings, and Other Events

Crocker 1st — Crocker 1st invites all men to their monthly Men's Prayer Breakfast the last Saturday of each month at 8 am. *(Cancelled December)*

Victory Hill — Victory Hill has restarted their Quarterly Singing. Their next singing will be in December.

Grace has several boxes of toner cartridges. They are TN-221 (color and black) for a Brother printer. If anyone can use them, contact the church at 573-765-4487.

Waynesville 1st has many metal folding chairs that are looking for a new home. If you want them, call the church at 573-774-2352.



HELP WANTED

Pisgah is searching for a Bi-Vocational or Retired Pastor. A Parsonage is available. Send Resumes to: Pisgah, P.O. Box 1100, Dixon, MO. 65459, or Email: pbadam@embarqmail.com.

Idumea is seeking a Bi-Vocational or Semi-Retired Pastor who serves under the guidance of the Holy Spirit and preaches the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Send Resume' to idumea1845@yahoo.com, or Idumea Baptist Church, P.O. Box 343, Laquey, MO. 65534. Phone: 573-433-6980.

Victory Hill is searching for a volunteer Pianist. For information call: 573-308-2234.

Crocker FBC is searching for a full-time Pastor. Please pray for their Pulpit Committee as they search for a new Pastor.

Gasconade's Pastor (Lawrence Chatman) just retired. Pray for them as they put a search committee together for a new Pastor.

Sheppard will be searching for a new Pastor. Pray for them.

New Salem will be searching for a new Pastor. Pray for them.

DECEMBER CALENDAR

**11th — Pastor & Wife
Christmas Dinner**

14th — NO Pastor's Breakfast

16th — Camp Team Meeting

16th — Mission Team Meeting

**20th thru 1st — Office Closed
(Christmas Holiday)**

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

**17—John & Carol Shaw
Pastor, Westside**

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

5—Chuck Baker, Pastor, Cornerstone
11—Susie Gladden, Wife, Hickory Hills
12—Jack Caple, Pastor, Dixon 1st
26—Bob Lilly, Retired, Richland 1st

**Your Association's Staff
hopes everyone has a very
Merry Christmas
and a
Wonderful New Year!**

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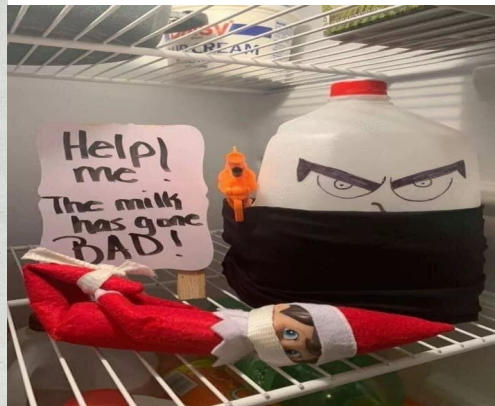
*Your input is appreciated and is requested
by the 15th of the prior month.*

I finally realized it!



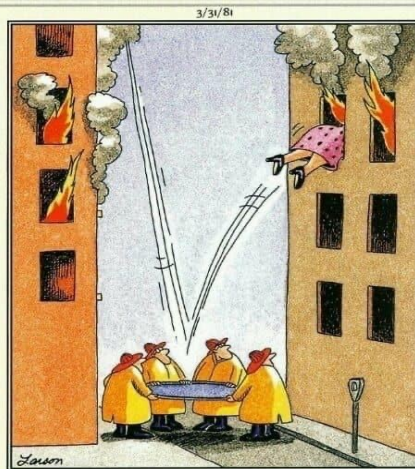
People are prisoners of their phones. That's Why they are called cell phones!

There is Joy in the Lord and Laughs in the Cartoons.



A lot of folks believe the finest day for mankind was when a man set foot on the moon, but my friend the real finest day for mankind was when Jesus stepped out of the tomb.

DON'T FORGET THAT MAYBE
YOU ARE THE LIGHTHOUSE IN SOMEONE'S STORM



Just as the graveside service finished, there was a distant lightning bolt accompanied by a tremendous burst of rumbling thunder. The little old man looked at the pastor and calmly said, "Well, she's there and it's His problem now."



Need to get rid of unwanted junk during the holidays?



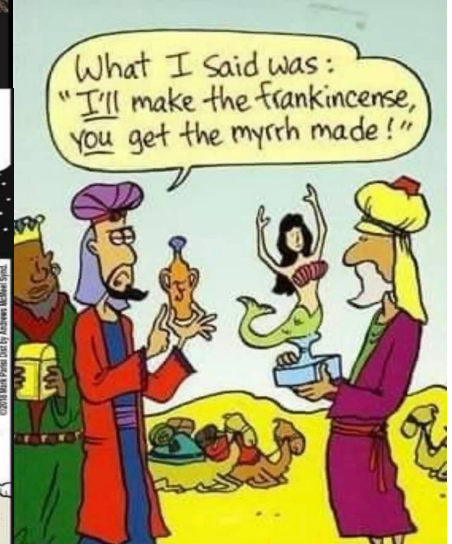
The kids keep laughing about my memory. They won't be laughing at Christmas when there's no eggs under the tree!

CHRISTMAS TIP

WRAP EMPTY BOXES AND PUT THEM UNDER THE TREE

EVERYTIME YOUR CHILD ACTS UP, THROW ONE IN THE FIREPLACE

Put it in Amazon boxes and leave it on your front porch



CALLING ALL PASTORS & THEIR WIFE

Our annual Pastor & Wife's Christmas Dinner this year will include a White Elephant Gift Exchange. Wrap the best White Elephant gift you can find, and come expecting fellowship and fun.

This year we will be meeting on the 2nd Saturday (11th) at 6:00pm.

Dear Church Family,

Hello! This is Hannah Barker again! Remember me from this past spring? I am the American Heritage Girl who was beginning her Stars and Stripes project! First, I want to share some wonderful news with you... I have officially completed the project! As a refresher, my original goal was to clear the trail at PBA camp of all leaves, branches, and rocks. I also wanted to define the pathway with large rocks. As for the biggest part, I was going to build a bridge, two birdhouses, two benches, a sign, and a walkthrough of the days of creation for the trail at PBA.

This summer I have been able to accomplish my goals for this project with the help of some incredible donors and volunteers. With your support I have been able to build all of the things stated above! With the assistance of faithful helpers, we have successfully cleared, defined, and beautified the Prayer Path at PBA, making it a calm and peaceful place to spend time with God and enjoy His creation.

Thank you for all of your love, prayer, and donations that you abundantly gave to my project. I know that I could not have accomplished this without God's help and your support.

-Hannah Barker (AHG Troop MO4610)



Learning Opportunities

YOUTH EVANGELISM CONFERENCE

AS WE GO!

★ JAN. 16-17 ★

LOCATION: CALVARY BAPTIST
CHURCH REPUBLIC MISSOURI



International Missions Study

Learn more about our missionaries serving in Prague

**December 9th at 11:00 am
Pulaski Baptist
Association Camp**

Everyone is invited to join us
Lunch Provided! Please RSVP
to Janet York or Amy Cato

For More Information: MOBAPTIST.ORG/YEC
Registration Deadline: Jan. 12, 2021

He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him (John 3:36)