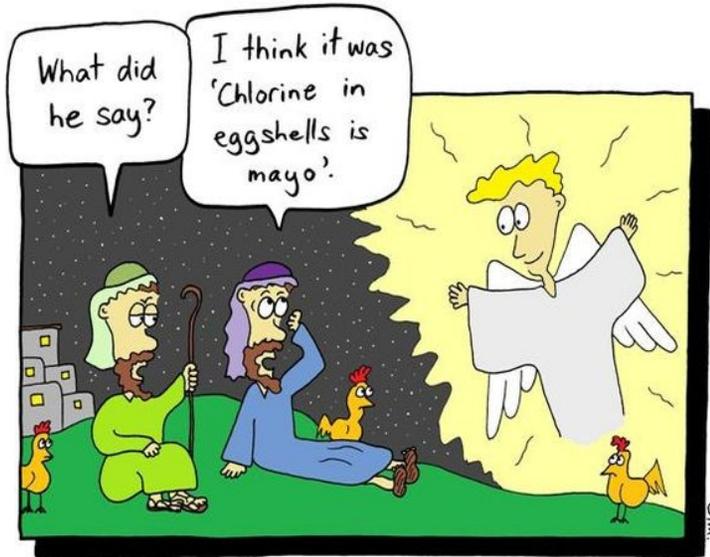




*Fantasia Noel* December 20<sup>th</sup>  
 FBC Hooks  
 Sunday Morning Service  
 11:00 am



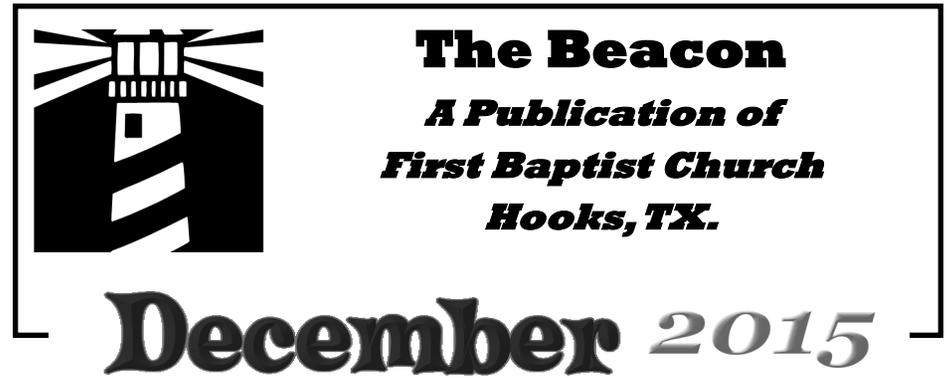
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 FOR  
 unto us a  
 Child <sup>is</sup> born,  
 unto us a Son  
 is given; and the government  
 will be upon His shoulder. And  
 His name will be called  
 Wonderful  
 MIGHTY COUNSELOR,  
 Everlasting Father  
 PRINCE OF PEACE  
 PRINCE OF PEACE  
 ISAIAH  
 9:6



Let His light shine...

“In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.” – Matthew 5:16 (NIV 2011)

As Jesus spoke these words, it was becoming more and more clear that something great was going to happen; something that would allow His audience to participate in as time moved along. It was becoming clear that there was going to be a job to do and it involved those that were hearing the Savior speak at that moment.

Jesus gave his audience clear metaphors as to their role in this world by using salt and light. In using these metaphors, Jesus was letting His audience know that there WAS a place for them, there WAS a job to do, and He WAS expecting them to do this job. In this, Jesus never stated that His audience was to be the one glorified. Granted, if we believe that Christ is Lord, we will one day be glorified. However, we are not to be seeking glory on this side of heaven. Jesus’s metaphors were clear to say that our light should shine in order that the Father may be glorified. Let the good deeds be done that the Father in heaven be glorified.

This is especially important as we are in the holiday season. There are so many opportunities to “let our light shine.” You really don’t have to look very hard to serve others, to do things for others, to do “good deeds.” What we have to be careful of, however, is that those good deeds glorify the Father and not us. When we have the opportunity to help someone, make sure that God gets the glory!

Some may ask why this is so important. First, because of the scripture noted above. Second, because you and I will pass away; we will falter; like it or not, we will fail. However, the Almighty, who gives us the ability to do those “good deeds” has the ability to continually do those deeds through people time and time again, until Christ returns with the ultimate gift, glorifying all that know Him. God is the one that deserves the glory as He is the one that allows us to participate in those good deeds. We actually should be thanking God for the opportunity.

Everything, especially during this time of year, should be pointing toward Christ. Let His light shine...

In His Service,

Bro. Grant

## Twice-Baked Cheddar Potato Casserole

Bacon, cheddar cheese, and sour cream turn ordinary potatoes into an extraordinary casserole. It’s one of our family’s beloved holiday standards.—Kyle Cox Scottsdale, AZ  
Makes 12 servings.

**Prep:** 70 min **Bake:** 15 min

**8 medium baking potatoes (about 8 oz. each)**  
**1/2 cup butter, cubed**  
**2/3 cup sour cream**  
**2/3 cup milk**  
**1 tsp. salt**  
**3/4 tsp. pepper**  
**10 bacon strips, cooked & crumbled, divided**  
**2 cups shredded cheddar cheese, divided**  
**4 green onions, chopped, divided**

1. Preheat oven to 425°. Scrub potatoes; pierce several times with a fork. Bake 45-60 min. or until tender. Remove from oven; reduce oven setting to 350°.
2. When potatoes are cool enough to handle, cut each potato lengthwise in half. Scoop out pulp and place in a large bowl; discard shells. Mash pulp with butter; stir in sour cream, milk, salt, and pepper.
3. Reserve 1/4 cup crumbled bacon for topping. Gently fold remaining bacon, 1 cup cheese and half of the green onions into potato mixture. (Do not overmix.)
4. Transfer mixture to a greased 11x7-in. baking dish. Top with the remaining cheese and green onions; sprinkle with reserved bacon. Bake 15-20 minutes or until heated through and cheese is melted.

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