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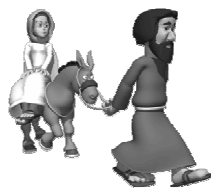
The Messenger

December Birthdays

18th
Carrie Patton



Wishing you a happy and safe holiday season!



Pleasant View General Baptist Church

Christmas Is almost here!

The other day I was at Wal-Mart and a young boy was having some type of fit in the toy aisle. His fit was because his mother refused to buy him a certain toy. She told him that maybe Santa would bring it for him if he was a good boy.

I always know Christmas is getting closer when I hear young parents telling

their children if they aren't good Santa won't bring them anything.

As I pondered on this thought I wondered how many of the children in our community really know the true meaning of Christmas.

Many times we connect Christmas with gift giving and that is nice but we must not forget the true meaning of Christmas.

This Christmas season I want to encourage you to share with those around you the true reason for Christmas.

Jesus is the reason for the season.

I hope you have a wonderful Christmas holiday and I hope you will keep Christ in your Christmas.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

CHRISTMAS FOR CHRIST

This year we were asking instead of buying a Christmas card for each family in the church, that you purchase one card for the entire church family. Penny will be putting those cards on the back bulletin board. If you haven't given her your card do so ASAP.

The other thing we were asking was that the money you saved by not purchasing cards for every family in the church, you give in our special "Christmas For Christ" offering.

Envelopes are available for this special offering and we ask that you not give it until December 23rd. (If you are not going to be here you can put it in before this date.)

The money that comes in for this special offering will be used for a special project around the church.

This offering isn't limited to the amount that you save by not purchasing as many Christmas cards and so if the Lord leads you to give more please do so.

Christmas is all about Christ. Many times it is His birthday and we give gifts to each other and to family and friends. I don't think there is anything wrong in doing that but let me ask you a question. What if it was your birthday and all your family and friends exchanged gifts and didn't give you anything?

This Christmas let's remember Christ with a gift to Him in our "Christmas for Christ" offering.

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Where Would I Be If It Hadn't Been For Jesus?

Have you ever thought about this question? I know that myself I would be in a world of a mess if it hadn't been for Jesus.

Jesus changed my life the day I accepted Him as my personal Savior. From that day forth I wanted to serve Him and do His will and He changed my life.

The devil has attacked so many times but Jesus has always been there to help me through those rough times. Without Jesus I don't know where I would be but I would be in a real mess.

Think about it today, where would you be if it hadn't been for Jesus?

Jesus takes up the slack when tough times come. If he wasn't there for you I am sure you would be in a big mess too.

During this Christmas season let us not forget that it is because of Him that we are what we are. Learn to be thankful that He was there to help us.

Note from the Pastor...

It is my sincere desire to see our church grow and in the coming weeks you may notice some changes. It is my hope that you will get behind us as we strive to make changes that will help our church to grow.

I have prayed long and hard about many of these changes and I feel that God will honor us if we work together for a common cause. God has great things in store for our church and we need each and everyone to join us in unity as we strive to do what God wants us to do in building His church.

It will take all of the church working in a cooperative effort to make things work and I hope that you will join with us in this effort.

If you have any ideas please feel free to share them with me. This is a team effort and we must work together.

Pastor Martin
Jeremiah 17:7

Working Together For A Common Cause

Laugh of The Month

A preacher had succeeded in putting an elderly man asleep by his sermon. Preaching for a decision, in the midst of his sermon, he shouted. "Those who want to go to Hell, stand up." The old man heard the "stand up" and did so.

He looked around, paused with a puzzled look on his face and said, "Preacher, I don't know what we're voting on, but it looks like you and I are the only ones for it."