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# The Messenger

## December Birthdays

Carrie Patton  
December 18th

**Camp Board Meeting**  
**January 9<sup>th</sup>**  
**At Friendship**  
**10:00am**

## Home Mission Board Meeting

March 15<sup>th</sup>  
  
HERE  
  
At 7:00pm

## Pleasant View General Baptist Church

### Christmas For Christ

I hope you will join us in our "Christmas For Christ" offering. Please purchase only one Christmas card for the entire Church and give it to Penny. She will post it on the back bulletin board. Take the money it would cost you to get everyone a card and donate it to the "Christmas For Christ" offering. This would be a nice way for

you to give back to our Savior who gave His life for our sins.

No matter how small or large the donation is Jesus will be magnified.

Let's put Christ first on our Christmas list this year.

Thank you in advance for your generous faithfulness to help in this special offering.



### The Car in The Cellar -

Years ago a group of friends met in the basement of their city home. A crazy idea popped up in conversation during a friendly game of billiards. "Wouldn't it be funny," one may have suggested, "if we could build a Model-T, right here in the basement?" Soon the group of mechanics was chuckling at the idea. They all offered to pitch in. Everyone volunteered to help bring the pieces of the automobile, one by one,

through the only entrance, the up-stairs doorway and down into the cellar.

The joke and dare became a real project. Just as promised, each man brought a piece of the car down the steps and into the cellar. As more pieces arrived, the assembly progressed. After a long period, the car was completely assembled: fenders, tires, engine, interior, and every other part. The professional mechanics even got it

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running. What a neighborhood joke the car in the basement must have been.

Time passed. One by one, the weekly meeting lost another of its members. The original builders even forgot about their project. Soon, even the house was sold. The new owners chuckled at what was downstairs, but soon the novelty of the car was forgotten.

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Many years later, as I recall the story, the house was condemned. After the residence was destroyed, the old Ford was rolled away and sold. The house was gone and all the people, but still the "treasure" remained.

What a similarity that Model-T is to what happens to many lives. Little things, that really have no importance, become far too paramount in lives. Many lives have been wasted, marriages destroyed, and families split-up because priority was given to hobbies, friends, jobs, and "things". Once their life is over, the possessions will be still standing, but what was important was destroyed, or never given the priority and time it deserved.

Vast numbers of people have died with quite an

impressive number of "things", but spiritually they were destitute. They had all this world offered them, but died and went to hell because their eternal destination never was a priority. No one can take the things of this world with them when they die. *"For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?" Mark 8:36*

"Things" are not that important. They do give temporary enjoyment, but that joy is not permanent. Relationships with people are far more important. Our children, family, and friends should be given higher value than temporal things. What are we to profit if we have big cars and houses, but our children have had to raise themselves and

have ruined their lives? How are we rich when we have large bank accounts, but our family does not talk with us anymore? What joy will that fancy car, that you sacrificed to have, bring you when you have no one to share it with? When our life is over our "things" will still remain, but will the influence we had on others be remembered? Will our life have made a difference?

When the "house" of our world perishes, is what remains that important? On deathbeds, the shiny frills of this world are hardly mentioned. It is the assurance of heaven and regrets for poor relationships that usually are the primary concerns. Do not wait until death is eminent to make your priorities right!

The Ladies Missionary Society will be having their annual Christmas Party on Saturday, December 12th at 5:00 p.m. at the church. The church is invited to join. Please sign the sheet on the bulletin board so we will know how many to plan for. Come join us an evening of fun and fellowship! Everyone please bring an inexpensive gift for our game time.

