Paynesville Christian Church Christmas Epistle

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"Jesus was born in the town of Bethlehem, in the land of Judea, during the time when Herod was King." Matthew 2:1

JOE'S JOURNAL

There are so many things that we enjoy at Christmas season-family gatherings, sharing greetings with old friends, exchanging gifts, reflecting on things laid aside in our busy schedules, good fellowship, goodwill. But Christmas is not really about us, but about the One who came to earth, the Son of God, our Savior.

When Pilate was faced with a decision concerning Christ, he asked the question, "What shall I do, then with Jesus who is called Christ?' Matt. 27:22~We must all answer that question today. Those at the time of Jesus' birth faced the decision also. Herod hated Him, and tried to destroy Him, while at the same time pretending to worship Him. The scribes and Pharisees claimed to know the Scriptures, but they made no effort to find the One who was "born King of the Jews". The shepherds having received the announcement from the angel, investigated for themselves, made haste and went to see the Savior. Then they went and shared the good news with others. The Wise Men sought diligently for the Messiah. They persevered on a long journey, and then sought help from the Scriptures, and when they found Him, they presented precious gifts to honor Him.

The question is still before us today- "**what shall I do, then, with Jesus who is called Christ**?' May this be a season when we each examine ourselves, and give Christ His rightful place in our hearts and lives. May you each have a blessed Christmas, and enter the New Year praising His Name!

Joe

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ETERNAL CHRISTMAS

In the pure soul, although it sing or pray,
The Christ is born anew from day to day
The life that knoweth Him shall bide apart
And keep eternal Christmas in the Heart.
E S Phlelps

CHRISTMAS

Christmas is a quest
May each of us follow
His star of faith and find
the heart's own Bethlehem.
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COME LET US ADORE HIM, CHRIST THE LORD

BIBLE STUDY 9: 30 a m~~~ WORSHIP 10: 30 a m

DECEMBER 17 - CHRISTMAS PROGRAM AND NATIVITY SCENE 10:30 a m

DECEMBER 22 – CANDLELIGHT SERVICE 7 p m

MOVIN-ON - The sanctuary has been decorated with special and festive holiday wreaths and trees. The mission tree will have stars placed on it for each $5.00 donated for the Christmas Love offering being given to Don Todd's mission in Memphis, TN. Sharon Huckleberry has made an active membership communication guide. This should be helpful in contacting fellow worshippers. Thanks, Sharon

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Gideon Bible Memorials for – Lorraine Barringer, Thelma Hyatt, Margaret Dew

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LADIES- November 13th was a day to remember. A feast of delicious food was tabled for all to participate. We "Et" and then we said "et, ooooh". Reno entertained us as is our tradition with a skit about God's creatures. She had made most of the stuffed creations. Special guests were the recipients of a Bible given to the longest married couple at the Jubilee. Bob and Dorothy Gray delighted us with their presence and they became celebrities as a reporter from the Madison Courier photographed the couple of 57 years and Larry Sedam. Next meeting will be the Christmas Party at Reno Taylor's home in Saluda on December 19. **Items are being requested** for Hickory Creek Nursing Home, which are needed by December 17, 23 women and 9 men.

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Sympathy is extended to the families of: **Pete Caswell, Liberty Cummins, Margaret Dew, Patricia Robinson, and Donnie Shepherd**

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MUSIC FOR OUR LISTENING PLEASURE-

CHRISTMAS MORNING CAME EARLY FOR THE WORSHIPPERS ON DECEMBER 3, AS JOE LOCK OPENED HIS GIFT TO US BY PLAYING "WHAT CHILD IS THIS?" AMEN

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FROM THE CORNERSTONE:
PAYNESVILLE CHRISTIAN NEWSLETTER, EDITOR BRO GEORGE UPPLING. DECEMBER 1971

"Dear Friends: Won't you plan to attend this coming Lord's Day service, December 19, 1971, 11 am and hear about the Christ who gave his life on the cross for you. Also, the big annual Christmas Program at the church is Tuesday, December 21st, 7 pm. A fellowship time will be held after the service. Join us for this wonderful time in Christ. ……..

At this time of the year we can stop and reflect on the past year and realize just how much God can bless each one of us. So abundantly does He bless.

On behalf of the entire congregation and your minister, we want to wish each of you a Merry Christmas and a happy and New Year nearer to God. *George*

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GOD SENT US A SAVIOR

If our greatest need had been information
God would have sent us an educator
If our greatest need had been money
God would have sent us an economist
If our greatest need had been pleasure
God would have sent us an entertainer
But our greatest need was forgiveness
So God sent us a Savior

"Then He opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, "and said to them, "This is what is written: that the Messiah must suffer and rise from the dead on the third day." Luke 24:45.

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Feed the Hungry~The congregation wishes to complete the direction by the scriptures, thus, there will be two food deliveries. Deadline will be December 17. Anyone wishing to help may send a financial donation to this return address.

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WHERE CAN YOU CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS ALL YEAR? ADVENT, WV; ANTLERS, OK; BETHLEHEM, IN; CHRISTMAS, FL; NOEL, MO; CHRISTMAS VALLEY, OR; CHRISTMAS COVE, ME

20/20 TV report stated that religious persons were the largest givers to charity. Read~ I Thessalonians 4:9
To whom is that a surprise? ???????????????

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