

Southern Missouri Ministry Network

# Messenger

Winter 2022

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*Christmas*

**The Story Doesn't**

**Change**

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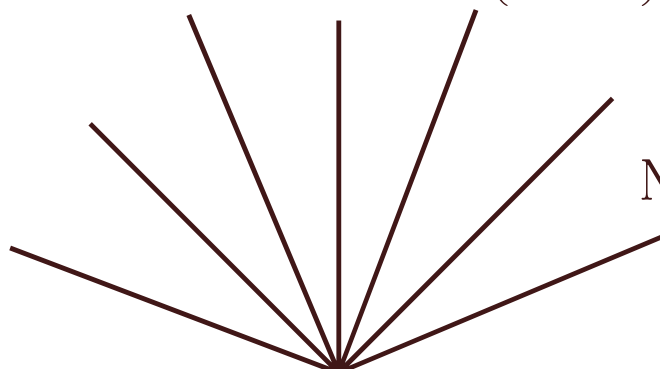
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(Ireland)







# Merry Christmas

## The Story Doesn't Change

Throughout our nation, and really around the world, there is no holiday celebrated more than Christmas. Christmas lists are formed. Travel plans are made. Gifts are purchased and trees are decorated. And the Christmas music begins around November 1.

The season is many things to many people. And the mode of celebration has morphed over the years. In the past, the celebration was much more subdued with modest gifts and meals with families. But in recent years, the festivities have escalated to the level that some wish for the simpler ways and times.

Yet, one thing has never changed...the true reason for the season. Before the foundation of the world, God knew that mankind would fail. He knew that the disobedience would bring separation between God and his creation. Nothing that humans could do would bridge the gap. But in love, the Father sent his son, Jesus, to make a way for us to be reconciled to God.

We have heard the story so many times that it can possibly grow too familiar and quaint. Recently, the immensity of the Father's sacrifice was brought home to me. Earlier this year, our daughter Ashley, her husband Daine, and their three children moved from Springfield to Blue Springs. Yes, it was only three hours away. But we were used to seeing Jack, Maisy, and Augie at least two times a week! Though we celebrated them following the Lord in their ministerial calling, our hearts still missed those special littles...and of course Daine and Ashley.

Shortly after they moved, they came back for a visit. When the time came for them to leave, I carried two-year-old Maisy out to the car. There was an ache in my heart as I held her close whispering, "I love you in her ear." It took some effort to place her in that car seat, close the door, and watch them drive away. We would see them soon but part of our hearts went with them as they pulled out of the drive.

A while back, it suddenly hit me. My heavenly Father had those same feelings magnified by one thousand plus. He watched as his son, Jesus, stepped out of heaven, emptied himself of his glory, and came to earth in the form of a little baby. He knew that Jesus would be back by his side. But he also realized that before he returned, Jesus would be rejected, ridiculed, and crucified. I cannot comprehend what the Father felt when Jesus was wrongly accused. How could he stand it when he watched his only begotten son spit upon and beaten? He watched as the nails were driven and the cross dropped in the ground. Only one thing held him back from screaming enough and ending this earth then and there. He was restrained by his love for us! That is a lot of love.

And that is what Christmas is all about. The story doesn't change.

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life," (John 3:16).







# Merry Christmas

## The Story Doesn't Change

I'm grateful for the opportunity to know the story...the true story of Christmas. It's a story that will live on forever and has changed lives for centuries over, including mine. It's the reason we say, Merry Christmas! Do we think about that when we are parting ways with the clerk in the checkout lane or greeting a bell-ringer at the department store door? Or are we simply wishing her to have fun during the holiday season, hoping that Santa will be good to her and her family? May we be mindful of the life-changing story that never gets old, never changes, but still needs to be told to those who need Jesus. Maybe it will be the first time they've ever heard this story that can change their life, too!

The winter issue is one of my favorites. It's on this page that we announce important resources, opportunities to connect with other ministry women, and to invite you to step into a community (optional: sisterhood) who "gets you, because we are just like you."



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# WHO ENJOYS CHRISTMAS?

Christmas has always been a time of great celebration around our house. Sherry loves to decorate and I remember one year there was a Christmas tree in every room in the house, including the rest rooms. I love the celebration and joy that Christmas brings.

Unfortunately, there are some that don't enjoy celebrating Christmas at all. The Jehovah Witness say we shouldn't celebrate Christmas because it is a pagan holiday.

The WOKE crowd doesn't want us to enjoy Christmas because they believe the Nativity scenes and the story of the birth of Christ will offend someone.

The ACLU prohibit our Children in our public schools from speaking anything about Christ during this season and refer to it as a winter celebration.

I heard that Planned Parenthood has a greeting card for the season that says "CHOICE ON EARTH". What an insult to Christ and His birth. They want to celebrate the killing of babies not the coming of God in the flesh as a baby.

When we read the story of Christ's birth we find several examples of individuals that enjoyed the blessed event.

John the Baptist enjoyed Christmas before he was even born for the news of Christ's birth excited him in his mother's womb! *Luke 1:41 "And it happened, when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, that the babe leaped in her womb"*

If you're excited over the news of Christ coming you'll enjoy Christmas.

Elizabeth, John's mother filled with the Holy Spirit cried out with joy at the greeting of Mary the mother of Jesus.

*Luke 1: 41 "And it happened, when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, that the babe leaped in her womb; and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. 42 Then she spoke out with a loud voice and said, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb!"*

Be filled with the Holy Spirit and you'll enjoy Christmas.

Mary enjoyed Christmas because she was willing to be used by God. *Luke 1:46 "And Mary said: "My soul magnifies the Lord, [47] And my spirit has rejoiced in God my Savior. [48] For He has regarded the lowly state of His maidservant; For behold, henceforth all generations will call me blessed."*

Simeon enjoyed Christmas because he saw the Savior! *Luke 2:28 "he took Him up in his arms and blessed God and said: [29] "Lord, now You are letting Your servant depart in peace, According to Your word; [30] For my eyes have seen Your salvation [31] Which You have prepared before the face of all peoples, 32 A light to bring revelation to the Gentiles, And the glory of Your people Israel."*

Anna enjoyed Christmas because she saw Christ the redeemer! *Luke 2:38 "And coming in that instant she gave thanks to the Lord, and spoke of Him to all those who looked for redemption in Jerusalem."*

The Wise Men saw the King who was worthy to be worshipped with wonderful gifts and they rejoiced with exceedingly great joy. *Matthew 2:10 "When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceedingly great joy. [11] And when they had come into the house, they saw the young Child with Mary His mother, and fell down and worshiped Him. And when they had opened their treasures, they presented gifts to Him: gold, frankincense, and myrrh."*

Many rejoiced and enjoyed Christmas but others rejected the message of "Peace on earth and good will to men". King Herod turned the birth of the Christ child into a killing field, because he was threatened by the coming of our King. *Matthew 2:16 "Then Herod, when he saw that he was deceived by the wise men, was exceedingly angry; and he sent forth and put to death all the male children who were in Bethlehem and in all its districts, from two years old and under, according to the time which he had determined from the wise men. [17] Then was fulfilled what was spoken by Jeremiah the prophet, saying: 18] "A voice was heard in Ramah, Lamentation, weeping, and great mourning, Rachel weeping for her children, Refusing to be comforted, Because they are no more."*

If we are self centered we won't enjoy Christmas because it will cost us too much!

Christmas didn't cost us anything; it cost God everything! So let's not be some old scrooge; let's celebrate Christmas. We know what it's all about. Christmas is the story of Emanuel; God has come in the flesh!

Sherry and I wish you a very Merry of Christmas. May the promise of peace be yours this wonderful season of the year.





## A Precious CHRISTMAS MEMORY

Let me share with you a Precious Christmas Memory. Decades ago, my wife and I pastored the Calvary Assembly of God Church in Rolla, Missouri. For several years it was our custom during the Christmas season to have a Candlelight Communion Service. We would decorate the church, and cover all the windows, placing candles everywhere. It was beautiful.

During the service, unknown to me, Sister Ruth Branson, was not feeling well. In fact, due to the excruciating pain she had left the sanctuary. At the conclusion, following the distribution of the elements, we gathered in the altars for prayer. The Spirit of the Lord was moving in our midst. Feeling led of the Lord, I began to go to each person to breathe a prayer for them. When I came to Sister Ruth I laid my hands on her shoulders, and I prayed for her. Instantly she was healed!

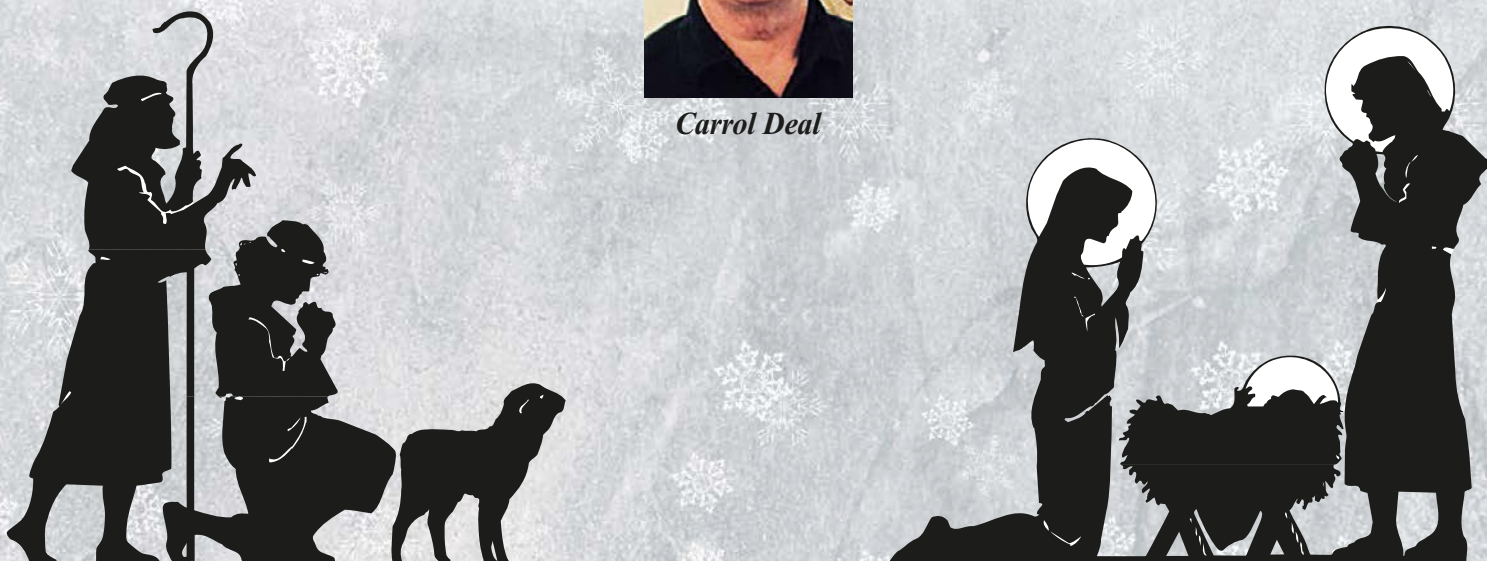
That night God healed her of a horrible sickness. She became so excited that she began to witness to others, telling them of what God had done for her. She spoke to her neighbors, her friends, her family, and even to strangers. She became a wonderful soul winner. Singularly, she brought more people to Christ, and into the church than anyone else in the congregation. She had experienced a Christmas

Miracle! It is my prayer that someone reading this article will receive their Christmas Miracle!

Thank you for allowing me to share a Precious Christmas Memory.



*Carrol Deal*





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# CHRISTMAS AROUND THE WORLD

I'm so thankful for Christmas and the season we celebrate the birth of Jesus. On that night everything changed and as we near Christmas I thought it would be fun to look at some of the ways that other countries celebrate Christmas.

## SWEDEN

The Yule Goat has been a Swedish Christmas symbol dating back to ancient pagan festivals. However, in 1966, the tradition got a whole new life after someone came up with the idea to make a giant straw goat, now referred to as the Gävle Goat. According to the official website, the goat is more than 42 feet high, 23 feet wide, and weighs 3.6 tons. Each year, the massive goat is constructed in the same spot. Fans can even watch a livestream from the first Sunday of Advent until after the New Year when it's taken down.

## JAPAN

Although Christmas isn't a national holiday in Japan (an estimated one percent of the population is Christian, according to Smithsonian Magazine), its citizens still find an interesting and delicious way to celebrate. Rather than gathering around the table for a turkey dinner, families head out to their local Kentucky Fried Chicken. The tradition began in 1974 after a wildly successful marketing campaign called "Kurisumasu ni wa kentakkii!" or "Kentucky for Christmas!" The fast food chain has maintained its yuletide popularity, causing some people to order their boxes months in advance or stand in two-hour-long lines to get their "finger lickin' good" food.

## ICELAND

Similar to the 12 days of Christmas in the U.S., Iceland celebrates 13. Each night before Christmas, Icelandic children are visited by the 13 Yule Lads. After placing their shoes by the window, the little ones will head upstairs to bed. In the morning, they'll either have received candy (if they're good) or be greeted with shoes full of rotten potatoes if they're bad. And you thought coal was a terrible gift!

## FINLAND

On Christmas morning, Finish families traditionally eat a porridge made of rice and milk topped with cinnamon, milk, or butter. Whoever finds the almond placed inside one of the puddings "wins"—but some families cheat and hide a few almonds so the kids don't get upset. At the end of the day, it is customary to warm up in a sauna together.

## MARTINIQUE

In the French Caribbean island of Martinique, la ribote is a longstanding tradition where families visit their neighbors during Advent and on New Year's Day bearing holiday food like yams, boudin créole, pâtés salés, and pork stew. They sing Christmas carols together into the early hours of the morning, adding their own creole verses to traditional lyrics.

## IRELAND

The Irish leave a tall red candle in a front window overnight, a welcoming symbol of warmth and shelter for the holiday season. Traditional Christmas fare in Ireland often includes home-made roast goose, vegetables, cranberries, and potatoes.

## POLAND

On Christmas Eve in Poland, many families share opłatek (an unleavened religious wafer), each person breaking off a piece as they wish each other Merry Christmas. Dinner may not begin until the first star appears in the night sky and, traditionally, an extra setting is left at the table should someone show up uninvited.

## UKRAINE

Orthodox Christians make up nearly 49 percent of Ukraine's population; they observe Christmas Day on January 7 by dressing in traditional garments and walking through town singing carols. A dish called kutya, made of cooked wheat mixed with honey, ground poppy seeds, and sometimes nuts, is a popular Christmas Eve treat. Some families throw a spoonful of kutya at the ceiling: If it sticks, there will be a good harvest in the new year.

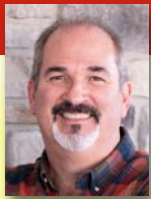
## SWITZERLAND

Swiss families make their own advent calendars for the holiday season. These calendars are either given to children as a surprise or made together as a fun activity. Each day's bag reveals a new surprise or treat, with the biggest gift on Christmas Eve.

## NEW ZEALAND

Because summer falls during Christmastime for Kiwis, a number of their traditions center around a barbie, or grill, where families and friends gather for a casual cookout of fresh seafood, meat, and seasonal vegetables. The New Zealand Christmas tree is the Pohutukawa, a coastal species that blooms a bright-red color in December, providing shade during the sunny days as they sing carols in both English and Maori.





## CHURCH DEVELOPMENT

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### HE DID WHAT THE ANGEL COMMANDED

One of the many amazing parts to the Christmas story is the obedience of Joseph in spite of the possibility of public disgrace. In the culture of their time, the fact that Mary became pregnant while betrothed (engaged) to another man was quite a scandal. Upon finding out, people would assume one of two things: Either Mary was unfaithful to Joseph, or Joseph was not honorable in his actions with Mary. Knowing this, God sent an angel to speak to Joseph about what was *REALLY* taking place.

#### **Matthew 1:20-21 (NIV)**

*But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins."*

Can you imagine how the Christmas story would have been different if Joseph was not obedient to do what the angel said to him? Obviously, God knew Joseph's character before involving him in His plan, but it is important to know that Joseph *STILL HAD A CHOICE* in the midst of these events. At any point, he could have bailed out...but he didn't. He remained faithful to God and honorable to Mary.

**Obedience is the way that each of us play an important role in the story of God.** The obedience you show as you serve in and through the local church has a significant impact on the lives of others. Doing your part makes it possible for people to respond to the call of God. Obedience to the plan of God will often make us uncomfortable, or even push us to consider quitting before everything is complete. If we quit, we could miss being part of something truly spectacular.

**Remember that your comfort or convenience is NOT always part of God's overall plan, but He longs to include YOU in all He wants to do in the world around you.** I pray that Joseph's obedience inspires you to participate in the story God is writing for your life.



### 2022 Acts 2 Journey Churches

- Eldon First
- Florissant A/G
- Life Church, Houston
- The House, Mountain Grove
- Rogersville A/G
- Rolla First

### Congratulations!

We are excited to see how God works through your new vision and plan.

**The best days are ahead!**





# CHURCH PLANTING

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## SMALL TOWN STORIES

Although the Christmas story never changes, the story of Christmas changes everything. The Birth of Jesus Christ around 2,000 years ago altered the course of history forever. What kind of God would love us enough to come in human flesh, to live among us, and ultimately die for the sins of the world? It's this life-changing message that fuels the fire to plant churches. This story is why people like John and Angie Yates are planting a church in the small, overlooked, rural town of Appleton City, MO.

Not long after getting involved in the community, the Yates met Carlene, a woman who lost her son to drug addiction. John and Angie have been showing Carlene the love of Jesus. She now hosts the church's weekly Bible Study in her home! With help from "Missions on the Lake," a building has been acquired and is being renovated to serve as the future home of "Appleton City Worship Center." The church will be the only Pentecostal work in town, and they hope to launch sometime in 2023.

I can't help but think about all the people in Appleton City that will have their stories changed by the power of Jesus! Would you pray for the Yates family as well as many other planters who are giving their lives to see the lost won for Christ? Thank you for supporting the work of Reach Missouri Network. Merry Christmas!

## A LOOK AT APPLETON CITY WORSHIP CENTER



Church Planters  
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Future Home of  
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A Sneak Peek of  
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# Merry Christmas

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# Family Tradition

*The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him and said, 'Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!'"* John 1:29 (ESV)

This is the words that John the Baptist said about Jesus!

John wanted people to stop and look at Jesus. To behold Him!

I love the definition of, "behold"

"see or observe (a thing or person, especially a remarkable or impressive one).

Oh yes our remarkable Jesus!!!

Today let's behold Him in our minds! Let's observe, gaze at, remember who He is and what he means in our lives!

We are always beholding something!

New cars, new house, ministry change, things we think will make us happy!

Today let us not behold things that do not have eternal value.

When we behold Jesus it transforms our life! It forever changes lives!

Jesus' arrival and mission consumed John. He was consumed with his experience with the Son of God!

John said in John 1:34 "I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son of God"

Jesus had taken hold of John's life! He believed in who he was!

What captivates your heart during the holiday season?

My tradition of Christmas has and will always be "Jesus!"

I will lean into Him with my love, my adoration, and my trust!

**Merry CHRISTmas**  
**from the Welch and**  
**Tripp Family,**  
**along with The So Mo**  
**Womens Department!**







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# Your Savior Story

A way in a manger, O little town of Bethlehem and We three Kings set the tone for the nativity story. Each year as we sing the words to these and many other familiar carols one message remains the same. Salvation. I'm so grateful for a Savior who knows who he is and why he came. His truth and word will never pass away or change and His miracle of salvation is still available for every man, woman, boy or girl who repents of their sins and follows Him.

Salvation is sometimes the last thing people are thinking of as they wrap their gifts, bake cookies and ornately decorate the tree, but each of us have the opportunity to share the "real" story of Christmas with someone. Preparation is all over Christmas from invitations to holiday parties, shopping for gifts, gathering ingredients for meals. Take a few moments right now to prepare yourself to share the story of the Savior. Who is Jesus to you? What part of the Christmas story makes you stand in awe? How has knowing the Savior changed your life?

Share your story of the Savior this Christmas season with a co-worker, student, family member or stranger. We all are in need of a Savior! Christmas is a great reminder of the greatest love we could ever know. Give someone the greatest gift by bringing this story to life this year for someone you know. The story never changes, but because of this story people's lives will be forever changed. Praying for this to happen as you share your Savior Story this Season.

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March 4  
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# THE COMEBACK

...keep your head up!



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"So when all these things begin to happen, stand and look up, for your salvation is near!" Luke 21:28





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# MEN'S SUMMIT 2022



## Men's Summit by the Numbers

Weekend 1  
@ Cross Pointe

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Weekend 2  
@ Eagle Sky

**249**

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*Merry Christmas from our team to you*







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# Thank You!

As we celebrate the holiday season and reflect on the conclusion of another great year, a great note of thanks goes out to all the leaders and boys who made this year such a great success. We are blessed to have such a great community of men and boys in our network who make everything we do a fun and memorable experience, and next year will be even better. Thank you for all you continue to do lead men and boys to become fully committed followers of Christ.



SoMO attendees at National Camporama 2022





# JOY TO THE WORLD

“Joy to the World” is one of the greatest & most popular Christmas carols of all time! It’s the result of the efforts of 3 notable men. Isaac Watts, Lowell Mason & George Fredrick Handel. In his teen years, Isaac Watts, had once complained to his father that the songs sung in church were hard to sing. His father suggested, perhaps in jest, “Why don’t you write something better?” So Isaac did. In fact, for the next 2 years, young Isaac wrote a new hymn every single week.

Watts grew to be an English poet and clergyman and by the time he died, he had written over 750 hymns! One day, sitting under a tree, Isaac began to compose some poetry richly inspired by Psalm 98.

The Psalm reads:

Sing to the Lord a new song,  
for he has done marvelous things;  
his right hand and his holy arm  
have worked salvation for him.  
The Lord has made his salvation known  
and revealed his righteousness to the nations.  
He has remembered his love  
and his faithfulness to Israel;  
all the ends of the earth have seen  
the salvation of our God.  
Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth,  
burst into jubilant song with music;  
make music to the Lord with the harp,  
with the harp and the sound of singing,  
with trumpets and the blast of the ram’s horn—  
shout for joy before the Lord, the King.

Watt’s love of the Lord was clear, but when he died, he probably didn’t realize the impact his work would continue to have on the world.

You see, almost a century later, a man by the name of Lowell Mason, found Watt’s poetry of Joy. Mason was a choir master from America and he very much wanted to publish Watt’s poem into a musical composition. There was only 1 problem, he didn’t have a melody to match the words. After much searching, he came upon a beautiful melody in Handel’s Messiah.

So, Mason set Watt’s poem to Handel’s music and in doing so created one of the world’s most beloved, wonderful and popular Christmas carols. “Joy to the World”.

And “Joy to the World” is a carol like no other! While most carols proclaim the story of the birth of Christ, “Joy to the World” was actually written in celebration of the second coming of Christ. Pay attention to the powerful message in the last 2 verses of this incredible hymn:

No more let sins and sorrows grow,  
Nor thorns infest the ground;  
He comes to make his blessings flow  
Far as the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace,  
And makes the nations prove  
The glories of His righteousness,  
And wonders of His love.

It’s a song that proclaims victory over darkness as sin and sorrow are abolished from the world! It celebrates the freedom that’s coming through the truth and grace of a glorious, righteous and loving King!

Christmas isn’t just about a fulfillment of God’s promise. It’s also PROOF! Proof that God KEEPS His promises.

“For no matter how many promises God has made, they are “Yes” in Christ. And so through him the “Amen” is spoken by us to the glory of God.” 2 Corinthians 1:20





# Merry Christmas!

## How could it be anything else?

Luke 2:10 Phillips translation states: *“Glorious news of great joy which is for all the people.”*




The announcement of Christ’s first coming revealed just how serious God was at rescuing us from our sins. Hebrews 1:1 reads that God had been speaking in many ways through many people and circumstances, but many did not hear them so He had even a better plan.



Perhaps God could have thought like the old Verizon commercial: Can you hear me now? So God sent Christ as His FINAL word to man’s dilemma. Christ finished His assignment. His birth started the process. Glorious indeed and we can HEAR God plainly now. So, I end this article the way I started and a wish for all. **MERRY CHRISTmas** with Christ in our lives how could it be anything else but MERRY?





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 Springfield South . . . . . Ryan Goeden  
 Sullivan . . . . . Jerry Beers  
 Van Buren . . . . . Scott Reynolds  
 West Plains . . . . . Jerry Orf  
 Ethnic Presbyter . . . . . James McIntosh  
 Under 40 Presbyter . . . . . Paul Richardson  
 Female Presbyter . . . . . Ashley Pritchett

## In Memoriam

Troy Lyon . . . . . 8/16/2022  
 Melvin Rowland . . . . . 10/2/2022  
 David Causey . . . . . 10/13/2022  
 Larry Cederblom . . . . . 11/21/2022  
 Leonard Bailey . . . . . 11/27/2022

## Ministerial Updates

### New Pastor:

Eric Atnip . . . . . Des Arc

### Transfers In:

Kenneth Hicks . . . . . N Texas  
 Garin Forsberg . . . . . MN  
 Anne Forsberg . . . . . MN  
 Stephen Aldrich . . . . . Pen Fl  
 David Sayer . . . . . Arkansas  
 Justin Eichenberger . . . . . Kansas  
 Ryan Bennett . . . . . Iowa  
 Brett Nelson . . . . . Kansas  
 Lance Lecocq . . . . . Penn Dell  
 Cherish Lemons . . . . . MN  
 Jordan Lemons . . . . . MN  
 Nicholas Carlson . . . . . IL  
 Larry Runnels . . . . . N. Calif  
 Matthew McAfee . . . . . IL

### Transfers Out:

Raushan Moran . . . . . Pen FL  
 Clarence Horn . . . . . Arizona  
 Maria Landa . . . . . S Central Hisp  
 Eric Spencer . . . . . Pen FL  
 Jennifer Gale . . . . . Penn Del  
 Victoria Ross . . . . . Ohio

## Available for Ministry

Rev. Reggie Ballard: Available for fill-in ministry. (605) 680-4552 [reggieballard1@gmail.com](mailto:reggieballard1@gmail.com)

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Carol Brown: Available for fill in ministry, revivals, women's services and/or retreats. 314-378-7438 or [revcb@juno.com](mailto:revcb@juno.com)

Michael Campbell: 660-624-1672 – [mike.joan.horseranch@hotmail.com](mailto:mike.joan.horseranch@hotmail.com)

Rev. Thomas Canter: fill-in ministry. (314) 550-2222

Evangelist Terry Carter: 417-773-4151

Edward Catron: Weekend/fill-in ministry. 417-742-3045 or [hazelned@gmail.com](mailto:hazelned@gmail.com)

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Ronald Duncan: fill-in ministry, revivals, interim. 636-586-8151

Sophia Garcia: Hispanic or English Ministry: Women, Marriage Enrichment. 417-881-1919

Sue Harper: 573-429-7018

Rick Ianniello: interim, fill-in min. 816-322-6825 or [chaprickianniello@sbcglobal.net](mailto:chaprickianniello@sbcglobal.net)

Alfred Keith: fill-in ministry 417-775-4121

Kevin Larsen: Fill-in ministry. 417-379-8441

Kirk Metzger: fill-in ministry, weekly evenings, Sundays. 417-207-1543

Matthew Thomas: fill-in ministry. 618-401-1014

Mel Rowland of Ironton: fill-in ministry. 573-576-8453

Robert Boyce: Pulpit Fill-In, Revival Meetings 816-876-3363

## Items of Interest

### FOR SALE:

Hammond Spinnet Organ, FREE to good home. Contact: Eva Leach 417-881-8447

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Church Pews with Cushions. There are 4 different sizes to choose from ranging from 10 feet in length to 25 feet in length and 39 Pews in all. Asking \$50.00 for each or best offer. They are in great shape and would be great pews for an established church or church plant. Contact Wes Hansen or Pastor James McIntosh at (417) 866-2434. Buyer is responsible for pickup.

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Church Buses for Sale—Two:

Nixa First Assembly of God. 2006 Chevrolet 3500, Collins body, seats 14 passengers plus 1 driver. Both buses have automatic transmission, vinyl passenger seats, cloth driver seat, safety belts, fire extinguisher, first aid kit, backup alarm, manual bus door, tinted windows, rear heat and AC, front heat and AC, RCA rubber flooring. Both buses well maintained, thorough going over in shop in June. Low mileage! One bus has 34,000 miles, the other has 42,000 miles. Asking \$16,000 for 42,000 mile bus, \$17,000 for 34,000 mile bus. Contact Steve Randolph @ 417-763-5128 or church office 417-725-3075

### WANTED:

New or Used Overhead or Video Projector. Missionaries Richard and Deborah Crabb. 573-578-6790 or [richard.crabb@agmd.org](mailto:richard.crabb@agmd.org).

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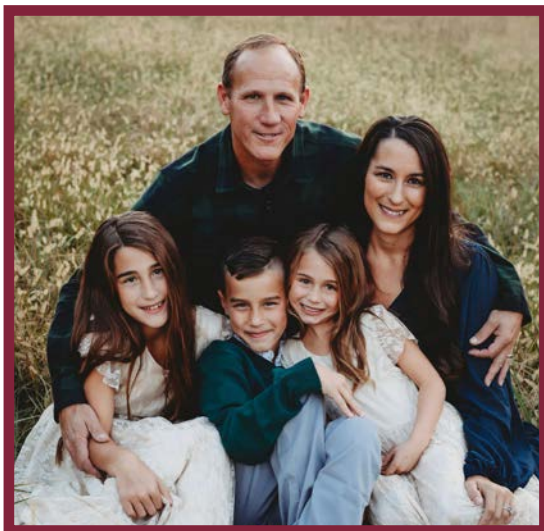
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# Merry Christmas

from all of us at Cross Pointe Camp



Thank you to everyone who participated in network events at Cross Pointe Camp this year. We rejoice over the many lives that have been touched and transformed by God's Spirit at camp. Thank you to everyone who came and volunteered to work at camp. Your work enabled camp to go on!



*The Kings: Matthew, Cara, Niah, Malachi and Cora*



*Cross Pointe Staff: David Vernon, Jesse Ward, Chancey Dummermuth, Danielle Neel and Sheila Smith*



Thank you for all the prayer, love and support during Curtis illness. We have felt lifted up in prayer and surrounded by love during this time. God is working!

## Camp Intercession 2023

April 14th and 15th

Speaker: Donna Barrett

General Secretary of the Assemblies of God



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