

HE IS THE  
MESSIAH,  
THE LORD



Southern Missouri Ministry Network

Messenger

WINTER 2023



## Just Another Night

*“Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord,”* (Luke 2:11).

It was just another night...another long night in the field watching over the sheep. For years, these men had been in these pastures guarding, protecting the flock; making sure the lambs did not stray from the flock and watching vigilantly for predators. The nightshift was normally pretty uneventful. It was also the time when the minutes seemed like hours as the chill of the night set in and the monotony of nothingness slipped by.

But this night was not just another night. Without warning, the shepherds are startled by the appearance of an angelic being. The sky lights up with the brilliance. This heavenly being honors them with being the very first ones to hear the news, “A baby is born.” And not just any baby...the baby that will change history. “Today is born to you!” Though the message was for the whole world, at this moment, it was a very personal message to men and boys who others considered little more than throwaways. But God was so interested in them that he told them first!

They hear those magnificent words, “A Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord.” Suddenly the entire sky is filled with angelic hosts. Singing, shining, and celebrating. Can you picture in your mind what that must have looked like...angels proclaiming the greatest news of the ages.

Not just any baby...this is the Messiah. Every Jewish boy and girl was no doubt taught from early childhood, “Things are not always going to be like this. A messiah, a deliverer who will free us from our bondage is coming.” Now the shepherds are told, “Today is the day you have been looking and long for.” They must have felt like they were dreaming.

Yet, the dream become a reality as they trek to Bethlehem finding Joseph, Mary, and Jesus in the stable. The presence of God is so heavy in that place, leaving no room for doubt that this is, indeed, the long-awaited Messiah! They immediately begin to worship not just a messiah and deliverer but the very King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

In all the busyness of the Christmas season may we never lose the wonder of the true reason for our celebration. May God help us to not only remember but also to share the good news with all those we encounter, “Jesus has come to be your savior, your messiah, and your Lord. He has come to give you hope and life!”





# REFRESH MINISTRY WOMEN

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*We pray a very  
Merry Christmas  
for you as  
you celebrate  
Jesus the Messiah,  
Jesus our Lord!*



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Rebecca Barton*



Southern Missouri NWM hosted their first One-Day Conference on November 4 at Evangel Church in Springfield. Sixty women gathered to hear National NWM Director, Crystal Martin, and our own NWM Leader, Ashley Pritchett, ignite and rekindle a flame of passion to pursue our callings. To all the ministry women who spoke and poured into the lives of these mighty women of God, thank you! – Vicki

## FLOURISH REFRESH MINISTRY WOMEN BREAKAWAY

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# I Believe In the Christ of Christmas

**L**uke 2:10 *Then the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people. 11 For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.*

I believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of the living God, the anointed Messiah was sent into this world to save man from his sin. I believe He came to this earth born of the virgin that's what I believe Christmas is all about.

There is a lot of time and money spent on promoting Christmas as just a winter celebration. Many say that Christmas is just a spirit of giving and there is no need to mention Christ and His birth.

When the angels announce the birth of Jesus and they promise the shepherds a sign. Luke 2:12 *And this will be the sign to you: You will find a Babe wrapped in swaddling cloths, lying in a manger.* This promise of a sign was to give the shepherds a reason to believe that the Christ had come into the world.

Let me share what and why I believe in the Christ of Christmas.

## WHAT I BELIEVE ABOUT THE CHRIST OF CHRISTMAS.

I BELIEVE BECAUSE OF THE BIRTH OF CHRIST I DO NOT HAVE TO LIVE IN FEAR. Luke 2:10 *Then the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid,*

- Christ was born, He lived, He died, and He rose again, that the fear of death might be destroyed. Heb. 2:14 *Since the children have flesh and blood, he too shared in their humanity so that by his death he might destroy him who holds the power of death--that is, the devil-- and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death.*

- When Jesus saved us He didn't give us a spirit of fear. 2 Tim. 1:7 *For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.*

I BELIEVE BECAUSE OF THE BIRTH OF CHRIST THERE IS REASON FOR GREAT JOY. Luke 2:10, *I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people.*

- Peter described our experience with Christ in this way. 1 Peter 1:8 *whom having not seen you love. Though now you do not see Him, yet believing, you rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory.*

- Paul told about the kingdom of God. Rom. 14:17 *for the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.*

I BELIEVE BECAUSE OF THE BIRTH OF CHRIST THERE IS A SAVIOR FOR A LOST WORLD. Luke 2:11 *For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior,*

- The angel told Joseph in, Matt. 1:21 *"And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name JESUS, for He will save His people from their sins."*

- The writer of Hebrews tells us of the great saving power of Jesus.

Heb. 7:25 *Therefore He is also able to save to the uttermost those who come to God through Him.*

I BELIEVE BECAUSE OF THE BIRTH OF CHRIST I HAVE THE LORD TO GUIDE MY LIFE AND FIGHT MY BATTLES. Luke 2: 11 *For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.*

- Christ means anointed one of God. He our anointed warrior Prince. Psalms 18:1 *"I will love You, O LORD, my strength."* 2 *"The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer; My God, my strength, in whom I will trust; My shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold."* 3 *"I will call upon the LORD, who is worthy to be praised; So shall I be saved from my enemies."*

I BELIEVE BECAUSE OF THE BIRTH OF CHRIST I SHOULD GIVE PRAISE AND GLORY TO GOD. Luke 2:13 *And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying: 14 Glory to God in the highest,*

I BELIEVE BECAUSE OF THE BIRTH OF CHRIST I HAVE PEACE. Luke 2:14 *"Glory to God in the highest, And on earth peace, goodwill toward men!"*

Eph. 2:13 But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. 14 For He Himself is our peace,

## WHY I BELIEVE IN CHRIST OF CHRISTMAS.

THERE WERE IRREFUTABLE SIGNS THAT WERE GIVEN ON THAT FIRST CHRISTMAS.

- The sign promised the shepherds. Luke 2:12 *And this will be the sign to you: You will find a Babe wrapped in swaddling cloths, lying in a manger."*

- A virgin conceived and a son was born. Mat 1:23 *Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel," which is translated, "God with us.*

THERE ARE IRREFUTABLE SIGNS THAT WE HAVE TODAY.

- The signs of history. The birth, the life, the death, and the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

- Yet there is another sign that is real to me today. 2 Pet 1: 19 *And we have the prophetic word more fully confirmed, to which you will do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts*

Rom. 8:16 *The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God,*

I offer you something to believe in that is a lot better than Santa. I offer you Christ the Savior and the Lord.

Sherry and I want to wish you and your families a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We feel it a great privilege to be able to serve this wonderful Fellowship. Thank you for allowing us to serve.



# *The Father's Greatest Gift*

**J**oy was in the house! The Central Assembly of God church located in Bata, Equatorial Guinea, was packed, the chairs under the tents outside were full, and people were standing or sitting wherever they could find a place around the building. Bible school students were graduating and pastors were being ordained. It was a time of celebration for all that God had done. Each student and each pastor have a story of how God's gift of salvation changed their lives. A few years ago the tent meeting in Malabo, the capital city of Equatorial Guinea had the same exuberant joy. The tent was full and many people were standing outside. Why the celebration? In both cities, the people were enjoying the benefits of our Heavenly Father's greatest gift for man, which is salvation.

God gave His Son to be the Savior on the first Christmas, and the benefits of salvation are joy, hope, love, forgiveness, and peace.

A young teenage girl came into the church in Malabo over thirty years ago. Many days she was carrying a fish in a pan on her head walking around the city to sell as she helped her family provide a home and food. One day in a Bible study she responded to the question of what salvation meant to her, and she replied, "I have hope." She was still living in a humble home with parents who had addictions, but salvation had provided her with this benefit of God's gift to man. Hope. Today, she is the pastor of a village church and serves the national church as the treasurer. She continues to share the message of salvation so that others have the benefit of hope.

God loved us and gave His Son as a sacrifice. (1 John 4:10) God loved us while we were sinners. (Romans 5:8) The angels announced to the shepherds that Jesus was born in Bethlehem as a Savior. (Luke 2:11) God sent Jesus because He loved all of us.

God loved a couple who did not have peace. He loved a young woman, who did not have peace. They are just two examples of several people who were afraid of the spirits that controlled their life, but they received forgiveness and peace in their hearts. God called the couple into the ministry and they raised a family who continue to preach and teach about God's love and the peace He can provide. The young woman had assisted with abortions, but she walked by the tent, sensed the joy, walked in, asked God to forgive her, and He gave her peace, and soon called her to minister to children.

God calls and sends people to all areas of the world, at home and abroad, to preach and teach about this Greatest Gift that He sent to the earth over 2000 years ago. People serve other gods and sacrifice to them because of fear. There is no joy, no hope, no forgiveness, and no peace. They have not heard the Good News of Great Joy! The shepherds heard the news and after they met the baby Jesus in the manger, they shared the news with all who would listen.

As we looked over the congregation that was at the Equatorial Guinea General Council in September, there was joy in our hearts for this Greatest Gift to man. The testimonies of God's grace and mercy are thrilling to hear and to remember. The downtrodden found joy, the hopeless found hope, the unloved found love, the troubled by spirits found peace, and the unforgiven found forgiveness.

**Carrol Deal**



Please remember our Missionaries with a card and gift if possible during this Christmas season. A note from home is always so meaningful at this time of the year.

**Stan Welch**



## YOUTH

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As we come to the end of my first full year as DYD, I am so grateful that God led me and my family here and are honored to call the pastors and missionaries of Southern Missouri our friends. 2023 has been an amazing year for SMYM and God has blessed us immensely! Numbers have been up for every event which means more students being saved, filled, and called! God deserves all the glory and praise for everything that has been accomplished.

In my time so far as DYD, He has truly shown himself to be our Messiah and Lord as He ushers us into an exciting future!

**BRANDON CEDERBLOM**

MERRY  
*Christmas* ✨  
THE SMYM FAMILY



**SOUTHERN MISSOURI  
YOUTH MINISTRIES**





# CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

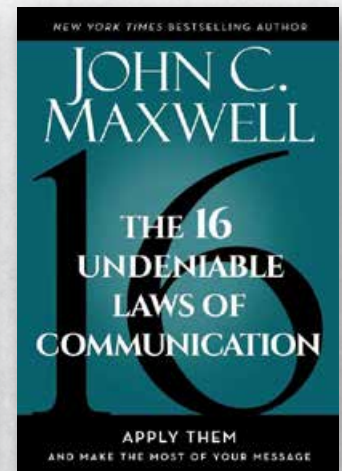
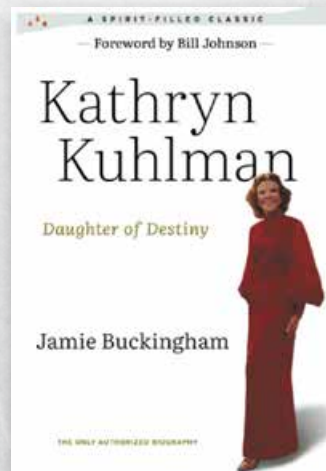
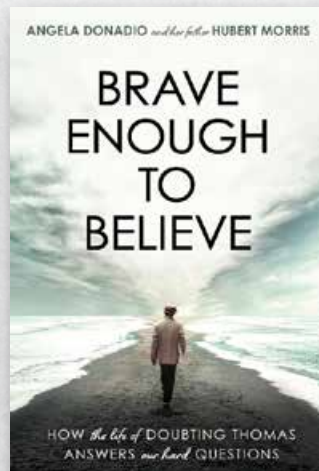
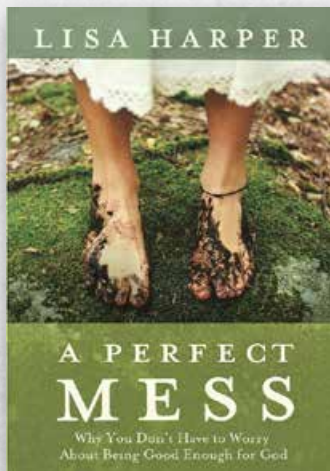
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“Today in the town of David  
a Savior has been born to you;  
he is the Messiah, the Lord,”

(Luke 2:11).

## MY CURRENT READS



## Area Conference Tours 2024

Date	Section	Presbyter	Location	Time
Tuesday, Feb 20	WP	Jerry Orf	Cabool 1344 Ozark Ave, Cabool	12:00 Lunch then 1:00 Mtg
Tuesday, Feb 20	VB	Scott Reynolds	Ellsinore, First 20 N Pine St. Ellsinore	5:30 meal 6:00 Meeting
Wednesday, Feb 21	KN	Richard Ross	Dexter, First 911 Brown Pilot Lane, Dexter	10:00 Meeting
Wednesday, Feb 21	CG	Phil Roop	Cape First at Sikeston 1370 N Main St. Sikeston	1:30 Meeting
Thursday, Feb 22	PH	Dwight Jones	Park Hills, Harvest Christian Centre 1925 State Hwy 32, Park Hills	10:00 Meeting then go to Catfish Kettle for lunch
Thursday, Feb 22	SL	Joe Zarro	St. Louis, Grace Union 3900 Union Road, St. Louis	3:00 Meeting
Friday, Feb 23	SU	Jerry Beers	Rolla, First 1608 N Oak St, Rolla	10:00 Meeting
Friday, Feb 23	CC	Jeff Higbie	Jeff City, First 1900 Route C, Jeff City	3:00 Meeting
Monday, Feb 26	SS	Ryan Goeden	Springfield, New Life 776 W Farm Road 186 Springfield	10:00 Meeting
Monday, Feb 26	SN	Brad McAtee	Springfield, True Life 3580 N Farm Road 151 Springfield	11:30 Lunch then 1:00 Mtg BBQ
Tuesday, Feb 27	KC	John Martz	Adams Pointe Conf. Center 14000 NE Coronado Dr, Blue Springs	11:00 Lunch then Mtg
Tuesday, Feb 27	SD	Chris Gray	Sedalia Encounter 1201 N William Parkhurst Dr, Sedalia	3:30 Meeting
Thursday, Feb 29	CL	Allen Perkins	Osceola, First 3845 NE Old Highway 13	10:00 Mtg then Lunch
Thursday, Feb 29	JO	Ken Robinson	Joplin, Faith 7211 E 32 <sup>nd</sup> St, Joplin	6:00 Meeting



## MESSIAH...THE GIFT WE NEED!

Gift-giving at Christmas is a tradition that is centuries old, but like most things, gift-giving has changed drastically over the years. I remember when the Sears, J.C. Penney, and Montgomery Ward catalogs were delivered to the house each September. My younger brother and I would almost wear the pages out looking and dreaming of what we wanted for Christmas, and then we would (not so subtly) leave the pages circled, underlined, and highlighted for our parents to find so they knew what we wanted for Christmas.

Our family (six kids) was like most who didn't have a lot of extra money, so what we wanted was often weighed against what we needed when it came time for mom and dad to purchase gifts for Christmas. Nearly every year we received socks, gloves, or underwear because those were the items we either outgrew or wore out during the previous year. I'm certainly not complaining because my parents always made sure me and my siblings had the things we NEEDED, and when they could...they got us a few of the things we wanted too.

I often think of those memories when I read the Christmas story. The prophecies of Messiah were widely known among God's people, but over time they became fixated on what they WANTED Messiah to be and do for them when he arrived. It was almost like they were circling, underlining, and highlighting their "catalog" for God to know what they were hoping to receive.

Their focus upon what they WANTED is why most people missed Christ's birth. Jesus (Messiah) came into the world in a very UNEXPECTED way, and proceeded to minister in a very UNEXPECTED way. The people of God WANTED deliverance from an oppressive government and a king of their own, but Jesus came to establish a heavenly Kingdom instead of a political one. They pictured Messiah as a conquering King on a white stallion, but Jesus was a helpless baby born in a stable.

**Jesus was not the Messiah they WANTED...  
but he was definitely the Messiah they NEEDED!**

*But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord."*

**Luke 2:10-11 (NIV)**





## CHURCH PLANTING

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## Christmas Time Is Here!

I love Christmas, the crisp air, the lights, and the smell of freshly baked cookies. This season gives us all the feels. Most importantly we celebrate the birth of our Savior, the Messiah! Israel expected him to come as a warrior who would save them from Rome's tyranny, but Jesus came to save us from our sins as a humble baby. This is the good news, the Gospel! Jesus is King, he saved us from the grip of sin and death! This is the message that changed the world 2,000 years ago and it's the message that is still transforming lives today! Christ's death and resurrection have made room for everyone who will believe. I recently spoke to David Cook, one of our St. Louis Church Planters. Next week he has the privilege of baptizing a man who recently found Jesus after years of practicing Buddhism! I love hearing about how God is working among our new churches.

2023 brought the launch of several new churches across SOMO. October brought the launch of Victory Church in Nixa and Appleton City Worship Center. I was privileged to be at the launch of Victory Church. The presence of the Holy Spirit was so real and sweet. I'm excited to share that the launch of Appleton City Worship Center means that the town now has a Pentecostal church! With 40 people they are already the largest church in their community. The same Jesus that was born in a manger so many years ago is still working in the hearts and lives of His people today. As we wait for the second coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, we will continue to proclaim that He is Messiah and Lord!

“

Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord.

”



## David & Becca Cook



The Cooks have a vision for the church to be a multicultural, multi-generational church that is full of the love, grace and mercy of God that will reach St. Louis and our world with the good news of the Gospel of Jesus Christ through ministry both here and abroad... ministry through education and ministry to and through leaders in the body of Christ.

Their mission is to REACH out to the world around us with the Gospel of Jesus Christ, to REVIVE others by the power of the Holy Spirit, and to RESTORE people to their God-intended purpose and destiny.

They have embarked on a journey to plant a new church in South St. Louis City with Gateway Harvest Church.



## GROWING HEALTHY CHURCHES ACROSS MISSOURI

# Merry Christmas

*from the Southern Missouri Network Team*



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## Merry Christmas



“For unto  
you is  
born this  
day in  
the city  
of David  
a savior,  
which is  
Christ the  
Lord.”

Luke 2:11

This day was planned in eternity before the creation of the world!

The place, Bethlehem! I have been there, and it brought tears to my eyes! A real place, not a fairy tale!

The birth place of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

In Matthew 1:21 The angel said to Joseph, “You shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.”

We all need forgiveness of our sins! We all need a Savior!

Christmas will always be about the baby born in Bethlehem, and I am thankful for that birth!

I am also thankful that he grew into a man who willingly went to the cross for the forgiveness of my sins!

He has taken my heartaches and given me joy!

He has given me hope when I had no hope!

He is my friend and I will live my life to honor all He has done for me!

Merry Christmas to all of you from the SO MO WOMENS TEAM!

You are loved and appreciated!

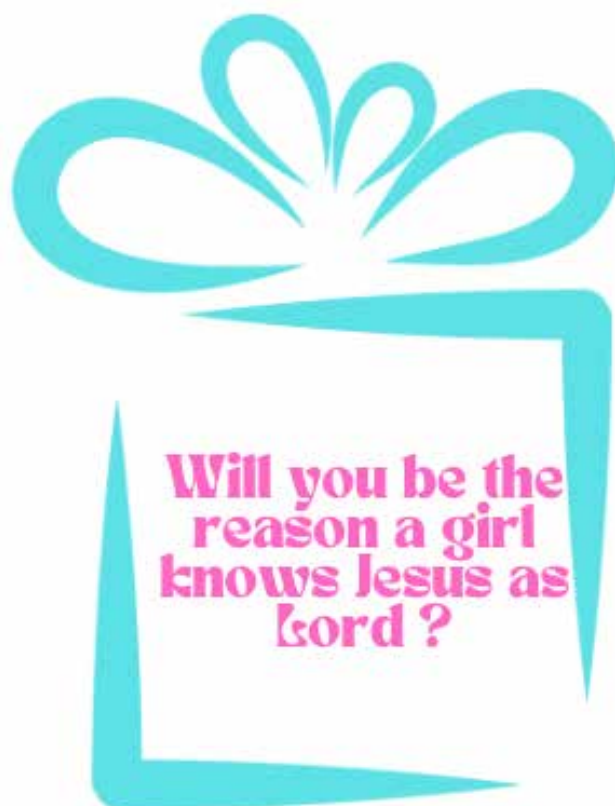
*Sherry*



# GIRLS MINISTRIES

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**girls**  
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Will you be the  
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knows Jesus as  
Lord?



SAVE THE DATE

## GIRLS SPRING CONFERENCE

MARCH 2



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# SUMMIT @ CROSS POINTE



## 2024 DATES

**JAN 28**

LFTL Sunday

**FEB 2, 3 & MAR 1,2**

Disciple Maker Bootcamp

**MAR 18, 19 & 21**

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**APR 24**

Men's Luncheon @  
Network Conference

**MAY 3-4**

Men's Summit @ Eagle Sky

**SEPT 27-29**

Men's Summit  
@ Cross Pointe



## Merry Christmas from our team to you





# TOGETHER ON THE TRAIL

By John Hicks, 11/15/23

Earlier this year we took a group of men and boys on a backpacking trip along the Buffalo River in northern Arkansas. The trails along the Buffalo can be rocky and steep, and cross the river in multiple places. The experience of hiking a trail often reminds me of the changes and challenges we may experience during seasons of ministry. But it also leads me to remember the places we've been.

As another year draws to a close and we reflect back on the activities we've enjoyed together we can gladly celebrate all that God has done, and continues to do, in the lives of the men and boys of our district. We are truly blessed to have a community of leaders and boys that love God and love people and create an environment where every boy can grow into that Christlike man he was created to be.

We celebrate our district Pow-Wow where 360 men and boys from 19 churches all across the district gathered together for a weekend of fun, fellowship, and spiritual renewal. In that place, we saw 35 boys respond to the invitation to know Christ, and recognized leaders from 10 outposts as "Five Star Leaders" for bringing boys to Pow-Wow the last 5 years in a row.

We celebrate the Pathfinders missions trip where 14 leaders & boys traveled to the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in Wanblee, SD to assist Missionary Gus Cravens on his ranch at with an outreach event at Red Shirt, SD.

We celebrate the Cardboard Boat Regatta on Stockton Lake where over 120 leaders, boys, family, and friends joined with us as our boys raced across the lake in cardboard boats they had built. All the boys survived the ordeal, although most of the boats did not (as usual).

We celebrate the Family Fun Day held at Ozark AG in September where over 120 people from the nearby area joined us for a day of games, prizes, and a free lunch. This event provided a memorable experience for the whole family.

We celebrate the FCF Territorial Rendezvous that took place near St Louis where FCF members from 10 districts gathered for a week of games, competitions, fellowship, and spiritual renewal. This event took place at Camp DuBois where Louis & Clark camped before proceeding up the Missouri river to explore the Louisiana territory. Our district brought the largest group with 47 members attending.

And we celebrate all the other training classes, meetings, conferences, and other events that brought us together as brothers and friends to share great times, pray together, and encourage one another along the journey of this Christian life. Growing into the men we were all created to be is a process that requires time and effort. But it also requires friends, those who are always faithful to come alongside and help.

Next year the journey continues, and wherever it leads, we'll do it together like friends and family. We'll see you on the trail!





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# SENIOR ADULT MINISTRIES

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## Christmas Miracles

**W**hat are you believing God for this Christmas? There were many miracles that first Christmas.

I hope you will take time this Christmas season to read both Matthew 1:18-2:23 and Luke 1 & 2 accounts of that first Christmas season.

In that short story our hope and the hope of all ages is introduced to the world. Without that narrative we would not have God's plan to save everyone who believes. We would guess what to do to please God, we could follow other religions or self-help programs or we could, like many today, just give up and live for the moment and

miss out on the best part of life: Having a personal relationship with Jesus our savior and Lord.

An old hymn reads, "It took a miracle to put the stars in place. It took a miracle to hang the world in space, but when He saved my soul, Cleansed and made me whole, it took a miracle of love and grace!"

Christmas Miracles were many that first Christmas. Our Christmas Miracle is the BEST gift today.

**Got Jesus? MERRY CHRISTMAS  
TO ALL 50 PLUSERS AND THEIR FAMILIES!**

Pictures  
from the  
50 Plus  
Fall Bus  
Trip to  
Vermont



**20 Year Celebration of John & Judy Heide being the 50 Plus Directors for Southern Missouri  
20th Camp Meeting as Director • 20th Fall Bus Trip**

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MAY 16-18, 2024  
CROSS POINT CAMP & RETREAT CENTER

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DIRECTOR

  
DWIGHT JONES  
GUEST SPEAKER

*Down Memory Lane*  
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### Transfer In

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Thian Piang. . . . . MN

Staci Hulbert . . . . . WI

### New churches

PAC-Life360 Bay City Church. . . . . 9/18/2022

### Church closings

Life 360 Monett. . . . . 10/20/2023

Remedy Church. . . . . 10/25/2023

Freedom City Branson. . . . . 11/6/2023

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## He is the Messiah, the Lord

*Celebrating Jesus, our Messiah and Savior. He is the Lord.....and soon coming King!*

Therefore God exalted him to the highest place  
and gave him the name that is above every name,  
10 that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,  
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,  
11 and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.



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April 12-13, 2024

With: Alton Garrison

Worship: Floyd McDonnell, Calvary Christian  
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Thank you for all of the prayer  
and concern that I have received.  
My treatments are working and  
I am getting stronger and feeling  
much better. Please keep me in  
your prayers.



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