



From our family to yours...

December 25, 2016

A Pastor's Christmas Ponderings

What a joy it is for me to welcome you to New Salem on this Christmas Sunday morning! I know how precious your time is on this day, and I don't take it lightly that you chose to spend part of your holiday with us.

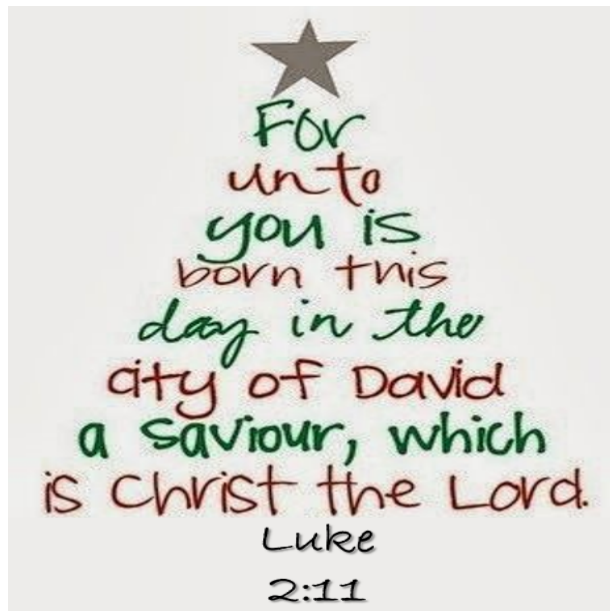
You will soon discover that today's service may not look like what you came here expecting. Several weeks ago, I felt God leading me to focus less on the manger of Jesus and more on the cross of Jesus. God would have me tell you today that at the very heart of what Christmas means is God freely sending His Son to die in our place. He came and He lived and died for one reason: to pay a sin debt that was far too big for us to pay.

Christmas is proof-positive that though we've all made many mistakes, God still loves us and gives us every chance to turn to Him. Because of His great and never-ending love for us, God wants us to inherit all the good He has for us. No matter how many mistakes you've made, no matter how unworthy you may think you are, He still loves you and wants you to come to know Him. If you do not yet know Him, my prayer is that today you will accept God's gift of love. It is the greatest gift the world has ever known, and it's all been paid in full for you.

On behalf of Mrs. Tammy and myself, we wish for you a very Merry Christmas and the brightest of New Years.

| Weekly Schedule for December 25 to January 1 | |
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| Today | Morning Worship11:00 am |
| Tuesday | Men's Breakfast9:00 am |
| Wednesday | K.I.A. in Fellowship Hall The Experience* Junior High Small Group* (* meets at <u>The Spot</u>) Adult Prayer & Bible Study |
| <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> Group activities begin at 7:00 pm </div> | |

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| Next Sunday | Sunday School10:00 am Morning Worship11:00 am Evening Worship6:00 pm Birthday/Anniversary Social... after evening service |
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| NURSERY VOLUNTEERS | |
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| TODAY AM - Michael & Kathy Ferguson | NEXT SUNDAY AM - James & Ashley Bailey and Karen Gillis |
| HAPPY BIRTHDAY Gary KingTuesday, Dec. 27 Alda KennedyMonday, Jan. 2 | HAPPY ANNIVERSARY Wednesday Leo & Samantha Pasciak |



ANNOUNCEMENTS

WEDNESDAY FELLOWSHIP SUPPER

Our fellowship suppers are taking a holiday break. We will have the next one sometime in January. Watch the bulletin for times and menu. Merry Christmas, Happy New Year, and many happy meals with your family and friends in the meantime.

2016 CHRISTMAS CARD MINISTRY

We hope you enjoyed this ministry. Thanks to all the ones who helped "deliver" the cards. Please double check your Christmas card slot. Perhaps consider delivering the remaining cards of those you may see this week.

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS

With Christmas in our hearts and the New Year just ahead, what a great time to consider giving a gift to the nursery... a gift that will cost only *your service*. Our nursery continues to grow! Volunteers are blessings that will be blessed in return. Sign up today! See Kathy Ferguson for more information.

Keep in Your Prayers

...the effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.

(James 5:16)

Sickness & Hospital

Bernice Bailey
Tommy Bailey
B.F. Barker
Lorene Barr
Megan Best
Lois Broyles
Tony Broyles
Ronnie Bryant
Bill Carpenter
Evelyn Casmere
Wade Cole
T.J. Crawford
Steve Cutshall
Mary Davidson
Phyllis Dimsdale
Charles Ellis
Barbara Fazio
Doug Fox
Anita Hall
Emma Harrod
Pauline Hensley
Cash Hicks
Joann Holley
Ray Holtzinger
Phil Jackson
Lisa Justice
Katrina Mausolf
Jim McNamara
Sharon McQueen
Matthew Millsaps
Teresa Monteon
Pastor Kevin Morris
Amos Penley
Atler Perryman
Sherrill Phillips
Glenda Purdue
Peggy Roberts
Jordan St.John
Art Simpson
Larry & Judy Smith
Mildred Snapp
Betty & Elmer Taylor
Bob Tibble
Judy Vanlandingham
Megan Vess
Ray Weaver
Cameron Whitaker
Gene Wilcox
Jack Young



Other Requests

American Military
Radio Ministry
The Spot
The families of our
community
Washington County
Jail Ministry
Issac Cutshall
Unspoken requests
FISH Ministry
Amanda English
The young couples of
our church
Jerrell Elwell
Donald Wood
Doug & Barb
Weberg's travels
Job situations for many
Gatlinburg communities
and churches
Dorsie Smith
Jenny Nichols
Grieving families
Jan Pace's family
Jack Young's family
Pastor & Congregation
of Roaring Fork
Baptist Church

Praise the Lord!

David Barker
Brenda Mowell
Job situations
Good doctor reports

Shut-in & Nursing Home

Rena Hensley
Lou Shelton
Eric Starner
Christine Kyker
Brownlow Yarbor
Millie Yarbor

Salvation

K. Adamson
Kevin Ayers
Michelle Ayers
Jo Bartlet
Robin Booth
Charles Bowers
S. Branstractor
Kathy Brooks
Karen Burgin
Rick Burgin
Mary S. Carter
Heather Crumb
Jessica Curtis
John Dowdy
Jon Fazio
Ben Franklin
Karen Ingram
Patton Jervis
Donna Laws
Betty Lewis
Scott Lewis
Diane Miller
John Nichols
Jim Norris
Becky Norton
Harry Norton
Kenzie Nunley
Jennie Reasor
Larry Richardson
Amy Roberts
Dustin Roberts
Sue Roberts
Bill Shelton
Rita Shelton
Kelly Shoun
Tammy Waterhouse
Kevin Whistine

Note: If a name
needs to remain on
the prayer list for
longer than one
month, just let
Pastor Craig or
Linda King know.

You can never truly enjoy
Christmas until you can look
up into the Father's face and
tell him you have received his
Christmas gift.

- John R Rice

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



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