

FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

A Bit of Eternity

Years ago in England there was a postal clerk whose job it was to sort through the mail and separate all of the Christmas letters addressed to Santa Claus. One day he came across an envelope with his own return address, and he recognized his little daughter's handwriting. He opened it and found the words she had written:

Dear Santa,

We are very sad at our home this year. Little Charlie, my brother, went up to heaven last week and when you come to my house can you get his toys and take them to him? I'll leave them in the corner by the chimney – his hobbyhorse, his train, and everything. You see, he might miss them in heaven....especially his horse. He loved riding that horse so much. So just take them to him and you don't need to give anything to me. But if you could leave something for my Daddy that will make him stop crying, it would be the best thing you could do for me. I heard him tell Mommy, that only eternity could cure him. Could you give him some of that.

Sally

Author Unknown

That night some shepherds were in the fields outside the village, guarding their flocks of sheep. Suddenly, an angel of the Lord appeared among them, and the radiance of the Lord's glory surrounded them. They were frightened, but the angel reassured them. "Don't be afraid!" he said. "I bring you good news of great joy for everyone! The Savior – yes, the Messiah, the Lord – has been born tonight in Bethlehem, the city of David! And this is how you will recognize him: You will find a baby lying in a manger, wrapped in strips of cloth!"

Suddenly, the angel was joined by a vast host of others – the armies of heaven – praising God: "Glory to God in the highest, and peace on earth, to all who God favors."

Luke 2:8-14 NLT

Until next time,
Joe

SENIOR CRIER DECEMBER



FROM BRO. TIM:

Well here it is again, Thanksgiving and Christmas. While not trying to diminish or take away from Thanksgiving, being that I recognize that I am extremely blessed, I realized this week while planning for the next few weeks The Advent season is almost upon us as well. The Sunday after Thanksgiving is when the beginning of Advent.

Advent is a season in the Christian year that lasts for about four weeks. It begins four Sundays before Christmas and ends on Christmas Eve, that is why there is some variation in its length.

This year has been a great year for me as well as a challenging year in many ways. My parents are aging and I see that now more than ever with more frequent doctor visits and hospital visits. I also realize that I too am aging. Did I really say that?

It doesn't seem possible that I have a son, Stephen, who is a senior in high school. Wow! Stephen was 6 weeks old when we came to High Springs. David, my middle child is 15 with a restricted driver's license and Bethany, my youngest is now 13. I am getting older.

Pam and I were married over 20 years ago. It doesn't seem possible but it is. The older that I get the more I realize what is important.

The most important thing in this life is our relationship with Jesus

Christ. Either you have one or you don't. When we leave this earth we will face Him face to face. Christmas is about Christ. Are you ready to meet our Glorious Savior? I Pray each of you have a Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year.

Blessings, Pastor Tim
Jer. 29:11 NIV

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

- DEC. 5th - Ronnie & Marsha Emerson
- 16th - Ken & Linda Gartin
- 18th - Keith & Carrie Barnes
- 19th - Rex & Mary Jo Hancock
- 19th - Drew & Sharon Mock
- 20th - Ross & Wendy Norris
- 21st - Tom & Leanne Burroughs
- 24th - Ed & Girt Smith
- 28th - Pat & Lou Westmoreland
- 29th - Raymond & Dawn Joiner
- 31st - Warren & Jean Godsmark

Christian Love & Sympathy

Bob & Shirley White in the death of her niece.

Jean & Warren Godsmark in the death of her cousin's husband.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- DEC. 1st - Carl Barnes
- 2nd - Emily Finley
- 4th - Raymond Joiner
- 6th - Jean Horton
- 7th - Mike Potter
- 8th - Shirley Shearer
- 9th - Mary Jo Hancock
- 10th - Bill Webb
- 11th - Carol Audit
- 11th - Alvin Talton
- 12th - Tokiko Kirby
- 12th - Johnny Thomas
- 13th - Diane Peterson
- 15th - Ronald Wenzel
- 16th - Christine Gerlach
- 17th - Wade Thomas
- 18th - Howard Palmer
- 20th - Elizabeth Floyd
- 20th - Shirley Gregg
- 20th - Keith Hatcher
- 20th - Martha Young
- 21st - Mary Carter
- 21st - Sabrina Collins
- 21st - Shirley Jackson
- 21st - Barbara Thompson
- 22nd - Sandy Carter
- 22nd - Debbie Hayes
- 27th - James Chapman
- 27th - Lori Cole
- 27th - Susan Grooms
- 27th - Charlene Johns
- 30th - Johnnie Hatcher
- 30th - Pattie O'Steen
- 31st - Belinda Cruce
- 31st - Wendy Norris
- 31st - Mildred Thomas

STAFF BIRTHDAYS

- DEC. 14th - Natalie Carter
- 15th - Shelly Donnelly

DATES TO REMEMBER

- DEC. 7th - Children's Musical 6:00 PM
- 14th - Christmas Celebration All Choirs singing – Celebration Choir Presents "Joy of Every Longing Heart" – 6:00 PM
- 21st - Caroling & Chili – 6:00 PM
- 24th - Christmas Eve Service – 6:00 PM YAH Choir presents "Mary Did You Know"



MERRY CHRISTMAS