

FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

CHRISTMAS EVERYWHERE

Everywhere, everywhere, Christmas tonight!
Christmas in lands of fir tree and pine,
Christmas in lands of palm tree and vine,
Christmas where snow-peaks stand solemn and white,
Christmas where cornfields lie sunny and bright,
Everywhere, everywhere, Christmas tonight!

Christmas where children are hopeful and gay,
Christmas where old men are patient and gray,
Christmas where peace like a dove in It's flight,
Broods over brave men in the thick of the fight,
Everywhere, everywhere, Christmas tonight!

Then let every heart keep it's Christmas within,
Christ's pity for sorrow, Christ's hatred for sin,
Christ's care for the weakest, Christ's courage for right,
Christ's dread of the darkness, Christ's love of the light,
Everywhere, everywhere, Christmas tonight!

In Christ,
Bro. Warren

SENIOR CRIER

DECEMBER



MERRY CHRISTMAS

FROM BRO. TIM:

Well here we are again, Thanksgiving and just around the corner, Christmas. The Advent season is here. The Sunday after Thanksgiving marks the beginning of Advent. What is Advent? What is the purpose and meaning of Advent? How did Advent get started? Let's look at these questions and answer them.

What is Advent? Advent is a season of expectant waiting and preparation for the celebration of the Nativity of Jesus and preparation for his Second Coming. Advent, which starts on the fourth Sunday before December 25 and ends Christmas Day, marks the beginning of the Christian church calendar.

What is the purpose and meaning of Advent? The term Advent is an anglicized version of the Latin word advents, meaning "coming." As Mark Roberts explains, during Advent believers are "reminded of how much we ourselves also need a Savior, and we look forward to our Savior's second coming even as we prepare to celebrate his first coming at Christmas." In observing Advent, Christians keep in mind both "advents" of Christ, the first advent in Bethlehem and the forthcoming advent, the "coming of the Son of Man" (Matt. 24:27).

How did Advent get started? In the first few centuries after the era of the apostles, days of feast and fasting were common throughout the year.

The oldest document that mentions Advent is a passage in the second book of the History of the Franks by Gregory of Tours, where he says that around 480 A.D. Perpetuus, one of his predecessors, had decreed a fast three times a week from the feast of St. Martin (November 11) until Christmas. In 581 the Council of Macon ordered an advent fast for Christians from the feast of St. Martin to Christmas.

I hope some of these questions have caused you to want to know more about the Advent season as they have me. Have access to the internet? Google Advent....

I Pray that each of you have a wonderful Thanksgiving, a Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year.

Blessings, Pastor Tim
Jer. 29:11 NIV

DATES TO REMEMBER

- DEC. 1st** - YAH Presentation -
At Live Oak - "O Holy Night"
Leave church @ 9:00 AM
- 6th** - Children's Program -
"Wrapping All The Way" –
6:00 PM
- 13th** - All choirs - Christmas
Worship Celebration –
6:00 PM
- 15th** - YAH Christmas Party
At the Patterson's – 6:00 PM
Covered dish

- DEC. 20th** - Church-wide Fellowship
Chili dinner/Carol sing
5:30 PM
- 24th** - Christmas Eve –
Families/Individuals
Participate in Lord's
Supper – 5:30 – 7:00 PM
FLC

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- DEC. 1st** - Carl Barnes
- 1st** - Ernie Mock
- 2nd** - Emily Finley
- 4th** - Raymond Joiner
- 6th** - Jean Horton
- 7th** - Mike Potter
- 8th** - Shirley Shearer
- 9th** - Mary Jo Hancock
- 10th** - Bill Webb
- 11th** - Bobby Hart
- 12th** - Tokiko Kirby
- 12th** - Johnny Thomas
- 13th** - Guy Parrish

- DEC. 13th** - Diane Peterson
- 15th** - Ronald Wenzel
- 16th** - Christine Cerlach
- 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
- 27th** - James Chapman
- 27th** - Susan Grooms
- 27th** - Charlene Johns
- 31st** - Mildred Thomas

STAFF BIRTHDAY

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

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY

Elizabeth Clark and Family in the passing of her husband, Dennis Clark.

Janet Beck and Family in the passing of her husband, Morris Beck.

The Parrish family in the passing of Karen's mother-in-law, Alva Parrish.

MERRY CHRISTMAS