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In the midst of the rush of Christmas, take time for fun. This is a time of celebration but we can get so busy attending parties and dinners and preparing for our own events that in the midst of all this work we fail to enjoy anything. HAVE FUN!!!

Therefore I am going to offer a bit of fun. I am going to list some "canticles from a divine natal celebration" (Christmas Carols). As the title indicated the names will be obscured through the use of stilted synonyms for the familiar names. Try to figure them out.

1. Weather: Cloudless. Arrival Time: 2400 hours
2. Initial Christmas
3. Query regarding identity of descendant
4. Move hitherward the entire assembly of those who are loyal in their belief
5. Listen, celestial messengers produce harmonious sounds
6. Nocturnal time span of unbroken quietness
7. An emotion excited by the acquisition of expectation of good given to the terrestrial sphere
8. Small municipality in Judea southeast of Jerusalem
9. Diminutive masculine master of the skin-covered percussionist cylinders
10. Omnipotent Supreme Being who elicits respite to ecstatic distinguished males
11. In awe of the nocturnal time span characterized by religiosity

12. In a distant location the existence of an improvised unit of newborn children's slumber furniture

These are all songs that will probably be sung through the month of December and played on the radio and in the stores. These are all old songs that you will know by their proper titles. I will give you the real names, but they will be mixed up, just so you cannot inadvertently seek any edge in solving these names. The answers can be found on the calendar page.

This is the time we celebrate the birth of Jesus. It is a time of great joy, not of great busyness. The angels shared the news of "great joy for all people". The shepherds sang praises to God in thanksgiving. They didn't overload themselves with activities in the hope that they might actually truly celebrate this arrival. Gather with family and friends to have fun. Attend services and special events to explore ways of giving thanks for this great gift. Reach out to others and share joy and gladness, especially when they are struggling. It may not solve a problem, but it will help to lift their spirits.

1. Away in a manger
2. It came upon a midnight clear
3. O holy night
4. O come all ye faithful
5. God rest ye merry gentlemen
6. The first noel
7. Little drummer boy
8. What child is this
9. O little town of Bethlehem
10. Hark, the herald angels sing
11. Joy to the World
12. Silent night

I hope that you have a wonderful time sharing these with others. I pray that this season will be a blessing to all in your family and friends. Become the blessing others may seek. Now, Jovial Yuletide desired for the second person singular or plural by us (We wish you a Merry Christmas and a God filled New Year.

Shalom, *Darrell*

PASTOR ARRESTED for a good cause.



On Nov. 9, 2010, I was to be arrested for the MDA in order to help raise money for Jerry's kids and the fight against muscular dystrophy. I was to be "arrested" at 1:00 at the church and taken for incarceration to the Outback Steak House. Marsha was eagerly awaiting the arrival of the police to watch me get handcuffed. We arrived at the church early and passed the time reading. One o'clock came and went and no officer of the law arrived. I called around 1:20 and was informed that they had such a large crowd arrested at noon that it had caused them to run late. Being such a good citizen, I drove myself to the Outback and turned myself in. While filling out the paperwork my cell rang. A police officer was at the church and wanted to know where I was. I explained that I had turned myself in.

I want to thank everyone who helped with my bail. Together we added nearly \$600 to the \$65,000 raised in Houston County. May a day soon arrive when the work of the MDA is no longer needed.

Another member of our church, Mike Hurlbert was also arrested. He was driven from Perry to the Outback and got a steak dinner courtesy of

the Outback and was driven back to Perry. He raised \$300 in bail to help MDA.



Both men are to be congratulated for doing their civic duty.

DEC. ELDERS & DEACONS

The Elders and Deacons scheduled to serve in Dec. are: Elders: Scott Nolde & Tony Hicks and Deacons: Barbara Hicks, Jerri Bosarge, Mike Hurlbert and Nicole Hicks.



LUNCH BUNCH

The Lunch Bunch met on Nov. 10th at 2:00 at Ole` Times Country Buffet. Those in attendance were: Corey & Juanita Gunnin, Darrell Vandervort, Lois Crawford, and Winona Smith. We really missed those who could not join us and hope you can be with us the next time we get together. We will meet again on Dec. 8th at 2:00 at Ole` Times Country Buffet.

REGIONAL ASSEMBLY November 12-13, 2010

Our church was recognized in several areas at the Regional Assembly in Macon.

- We were a leader in Church Growth with 16 new additions.
- We were a leader in the support of the whole church through the Disciple Mission Fund.
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- We had an increase in worship attendance.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Come and see what you are missing in Sunday School. We have a class for you if you would like to come.



CWF GRACE

The CWF Grace Group met on Nov. 18th. Eleven ladies attended. After a short business meeting, Brenda McReynolds presented an interesting and thought provoking program entitled "Filling Our Spiritual Space". Refreshments were served by our hostess, Billie Milliken.

Our Yard Sale-Bake Sale-Christmas Bazaar was a great success. We made a profit of \$719.00. We appreciate everyone who donated items, moved chairs, baked or came and purchased things. Thank you!



CHRISTIAN MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The Men's breakfast will try to begin again in January.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Following the December 12th Christmas Fellowship Dinner, the Youth will be presenting their Christmas play called **Christmissed?**. They did an outstanding job last year. Please plan to come see this one.

NURSERY ATTENDENTS

Dec. 5	Angie Hebenstreit
Dec. 12	Gidget Hurlbert
Dec. 19	Jo Smith
Dec. 26	Juliet Nolde

HEARTS TO HEROES

If you bring items for Hearts to Heroes, please put them in the Narthex. If the items are for the Safe House, Feed My Sheep or the church pantry, PLEASE label the items and leave them in the Fellowship Hall.

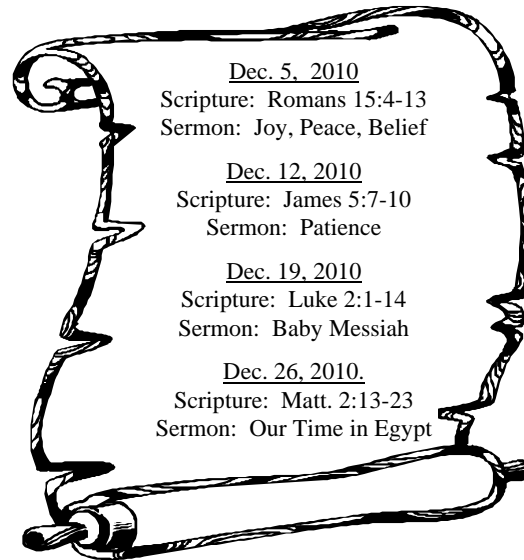
Please help us by labeling the bag or items you would like to donate!

Example:

Church Pantry
Local Food Pantry
Safe House
Hearts to Hero

Church Pantry Needs

Large divided foam plates	Dessert plates
39 gal. Trash bags	Coffee
Creamer	Sugar




SAFE HOUSE NEEDS

Bleach & Lysol
Cleaning Supplies
Carpet Fresh
Towels
Blankets
Paper Towels
Socks (all sizes)
Comforters
Twin/Full Sheets
Cold Medication
Bathroom Tissue

You may never be able to put a face to your prayers and your giving; you may never be able to call their names, But God sees your heart and feels the love you pass on to the hurting...and He is pleased.

December 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Christmas Carols Quiz answers: 1. (12) 2. (1) 3. (11) 4. (4) 5. (10) 6. (2) 7. (9) 8. (3) 9. (8) 10. (5) 11. (7) 12. (6)			1	2	3	4 Warner Robins Christmas Parade Bob & Gladys Fentem
5 Chi Rho/CYF 4:00	6 Board Mtg. 7:30	7 8:00 Breakfast at Cracker Barrel Bible Study 7:00 Gavin Edmondson	8 2:00 Lunch Bunch	9 <i>Mary Smith</i>	10	11
12 6:00 Christmas Fellowship Dinner Youth's Christmas Play	13	14 8:00 Breakfast at Cracker Barrel Bible Study 7:00 <i>William Griffith</i>	15 <i>Margaret Hicks</i>	16 CWF Grace Christmas at Brenda's 6:00	17 <i>Ted Cook</i>	18 <i>Olivia Gowin</i> <i>Matthew Thompson</i>
19 Chi Rho/CYF 4:00	20	21 8:00 Breakfast at Cracker Barrel Bible Study 7:00	22	23 <i>Kyle McReynolds</i>	24 Christmas Eve Service 7:00	25 
26	27	28 8:00 Breakfast at Cracker Barrel Bible Study 7:00	29	30	31 <i>Haley Crofutt</i> <i>Austin Hurlbert</i> <i>Hunter Hicks</i>	

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THE JOY OF GIVING

Reggie's brother gave him an automobile as a Christmas present. On Christmas Eve Reggie came out of his office and saw a street urchin admiring his shiny new car. "Is this your car, Mister?" he asked.

Reggie nodded in affirmation, "My brother gave it to me for Christmas." The boy was surprised. "You mean your brother gave it to you and it didn't cost you anything? Boy, I wish..." He hesitated. Reggie knew what he was going to wish for. He was going to wish he had a brother like the one Reggie has. But what the lad said was far beyond Reggie's expectation. "I wish," the boy went on, "that I could be a brother like that."

For a few seconds words failed Reggie and then he impulsively added, "Would you like to take a ride in my automobile?" "Oh, yes, I'd love that." After a short ride, the boy turned towards Reggie. His eyes were glowing and he said, "Mister, would you mind driving in front of my house? Reggie smiled a little. He thought he understood what the lad wanted. He wanted to show it off to his neighbors that he could ride home in a big automobile, but Reggie was wrong again.

"Will you stop where those two steps are?" the boy asked. He ran up the steps. In a little while Reggie heard him coming back, but he was not coming fast. He was carrying his little brother who was physically challenged. He sat him down on the bottom step, then sort of squeezed up against him and pointed to the car. "There she is, Buddy, just like I told you upstairs. His brother gave it to him for Christmas and it didn't cost him a cent. And some day I'm going to give you one just like it...then you can see for yourself all the pretty things in the Christmas windows that I've been trying to tell you about."

Reggie got out and lifted the lad to the front seat of his car. His brother whose eyes were gleaming with joy climbed in beside him and the three of them embarked on a memorable holiday ride.

That Christmas Eve, Reggie learned what Jesus meant when he said, "It is more blessed to give..."

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