

## A GIGGLE A DAY...

*“A merry heart doeth good like a medicine:”*  
*Proverbs 17:22*

### **FUNNY THOUGHTS TO PONDER...**

1. Hold on. Let me overthink this.
2. It's weird being the same age as old people.
3. Just because I'm awake doesn't mean I'm ready to do things.
4. I'm not arguing, I'm explaining why I'm right.
5. I don't mind getting older but my body is taking it badly.
6. 90 Percent of being married is yelling "WHAT" from other rooms.
7. Being *twenty* in the 70's was more fun than being *seventy* in the 20's.
8. Being a trophy husband is exhausting.



Bert and Ernie are two Christians who have lived very good and healthy lives. They die and arrive in heaven. Walking along one of the golden streets and marveling at all the paradise around them, Ernie turns to Bert and says, "Wow, I never knew heaven was going to be as good as this."

"Yeah," says Bert. "And just think, if we hadn't eaten all that oat bran, we could have gotten here ten years earlier."



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## **DECEMBER 2025 NEWSLETTER**



## 'Twas The Night Before Jesus Came...

'Twas the night before Jesus came and all through the house

Not a creature was praying, not one in the house. Their Bibles were lain on the shelf without care in hopes that Jesus would not come there.

The children were dressing to crawl into bed, not once ever kneeling, or bowing a head. And Mom in her rocker with the baby on her lap, was watching the Late Show while I took a nap.

When out of the East there arose such a clatter, I sprang to my feet to see what was the matter. Away to the window I flew like a flash, tore open the shutters and threw up the sash!

When what to my wondering eyes should appear, but angels proclaiming that Jesus was here! With a light like the sun sending forth a bright ray, I knew in a moment that this was THE DAY!

The light of His face made me cover my head; it was Jesus! returning just like He said. And though I possessed wordly wisdom and wealth, I cried when I saw Him in spite of myself.

In the Book of life which He held in His hand, was written the name of every saved man. He spoke not a word as He searched for my name, when He said, "It's not here" my head hung in shame.

The people whose names had been written with love, He gathered to take to His Father above. With those who were ready He rose without a sound, while all the rest were left standing around.

I fell to my knees, but it was too late; I had waited too long and thus sealed my fate. I stood and I cried as they rose out of sight; Oh, if only we had been ready for our Lord tonight.

In the words of this poem the meaning is clear, the coming of Jesus is drawing near. There's only one life and when comes the last call, we'll find that the Bible was true after all!

## The Amen Corner

- The lions never get out of the road of the man who waits to see the way clear before he starts.
- When thou prayest, rather let thy heart be without words than thy words without heart. – John Bunyan
- To be prepared for war is one of the most effectual means of preserving peace. – George Washington
- Victory at all cost, victory in spite of all terror, victory however long and hard the road may be; for without victory there is no survival. – Winston Churchill
- Facts are stubborn things; and whatever may be our wishes, our inclination, or the dictated of our passions, they cannot alter the state of facts and evidence.
- Everything I meet with seems to carry this voice with it: "Go thou and preach the Gospel; be a pilgrim on earth; have no particular or certain dwelling!" My heart echoes back: "Lord Jesus, help me to do or suffer Thy will! When Thou seest me in danger of nesting, then in pity, in tender pity, put a thorn in my nest to prevent me from it." – George Whitefield
- An infidel said, "There is one thing that mars all the pleasures of my life." "Indeed!" replied his friend. "What is that?" He answered, "I am afraid the Bible is true. If I could know for certain that death is an enteral sleep, I should be happy; my joy would be complete! But here is the thorn that stings me. This is the word that pierces my very soul-if the Bible is true, I am lost forever!"

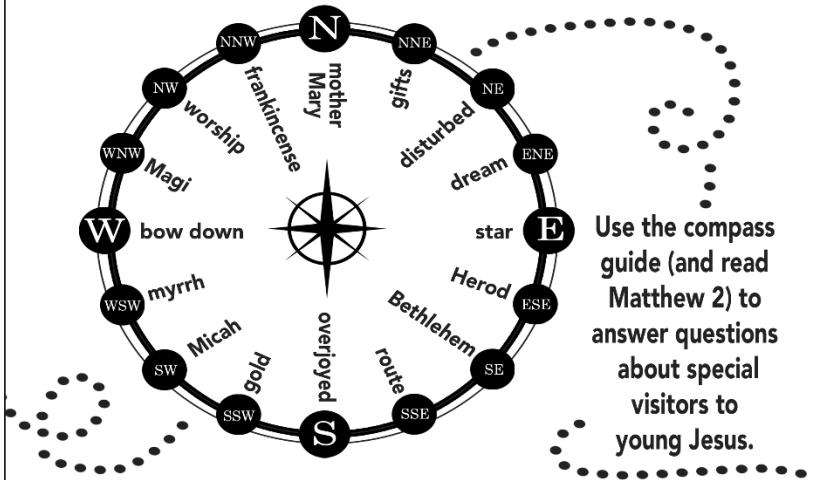


## THE POWER OF PRAYER

There is an Eye that never sleeps, beneath the wing of night;  
There is an Ear that never shuts, when sink the beams of light.  
There is an Arm that never tires, when human strength gives way;  
There is a Love that never fails, when earthly loves decay.  
That eye is fixed on seraph throns; that arm upholds the sky,  
That ear is filled with angel songs; that love is throned on high.  
But there's a power, which man can wield, when mortal aid is vain,  
That eye, that arm, that love to reach, that listening ear to gain.  
That power is prayer, which soars on high.  
Through Jesus to the throne, and moves the hand  
which moves the world, to bring salvation down.



# Puzzle!



Use the compass guide (and read Matthew 2) to answer questions about special visitors to young Jesus.

- Who was king at the time of Jesus' birth? \_\_\_\_\_ (ESE)
- Who came from the East to worship the one born king of the Jews?  
\_\_\_\_\_ (WNW)
- How did King Herod feel about Jesus' birth? \_\_\_\_\_ (NE)
- Which prophet did the chief priests and teachers of the law quote when King Herod asked where the Christ would be born? \_\_\_\_\_ (SW)
- In what city would Christ be born? \_\_\_\_\_ (SE)
- King Herod lied to the wise men, telling them to search and report back so he, too, could do what to Christ? \_\_\_\_\_ (NW)
- What did the Magi see in the east and follow to find Jesus? \_\_\_\_\_ (E)
- When the star stopped, how did the Magi feel? \_\_\_\_\_ (S)
- Who else did the Magi see with Jesus? His \_\_\_\_\_ (N)
- Before they worshiped the child, what did the Magi do? \_\_\_\_\_ (W)
- Name the three treasures the Magi brought for Jesus.  
\_\_\_\_\_ (SSW) \_\_\_\_\_ (NNW) \_\_\_\_\_ (WSW)
- These three treasures were all brought for Jesus as \_\_\_\_\_ (NNE)
- What warned the Magi not to return to Herod? A \_\_\_\_\_ (ENE)
- The Magi had to return to their country by another \_\_\_\_\_ (SSE)

Answers: 1. Herod; 2. Magi; 3. disturbed; 4. Micah; 5. Bethlehem; 6. worship; 7. star; 8. overjoyed; 9. mother Mary; 10. bow down; 11. gold, frankincense, myrrh; 12. gifts; 13. dream; 14. route

# Starry stones

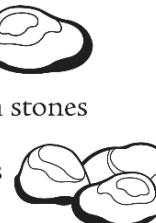


Share the good news of Jesus' birth in a creative way.



#### What you need:

- Newspaper
- Bible
- Smooth, clean stones
- Pencil
- Oil paint pens
- Adult help



#### What you do:

- In a well-ventilated area, cover a work surface with newspaper.
- Read Luke 2:1-20 and choose key people and places to draw.
- In pencil, sketch one drawing on each stone.
- Follow directions on paint pens to fill drawings with color. Let dry.
- Hide stones for younger siblings to find, set out a new stone each day or order them in a row and tell the Nativity story.

## Bible in a Year December's Edition

December 1: I Corinthians 9-11  
 December 2: I Corinthians 12-14  
 December 3: I Corinthians 15-16  
 December 4: II Corinthians 1-4  
 December 5: II Corinthians 5-9  
 December 6: II Corinthians 10-13  
 December 7: Galatians 1-3  
 December 8: Galatians 4-6  
 December 9: Ephesians 1-3  
 December 10: Ephesians 4-6  
 December 11: Philippians 1-4  
 December 12: Colossians 1-4  
 December 13: I Thessalonians  
 December 14: II Thessalonians  
 December 15: I Timothy  
 December 16: II Timothy  
 December 17: Titus -Philemon  
 December 18: Hebrews 1-6  
 December 19: Hebrews 7-10  
 December 20: Hebrews 11-13  
 December 21: James 1-5  
 December 22: I Peter 1-5  
 December 23: II Peter 1-3  
 December 24: I John 1-5  
 December 25: II John - Jude  
 December 26: Revelation 1-3  
 December 27: Revelation 4-8  
 December 28: Revelation 9-12  
 December 29: Revelation 13-16  
 December 30: Revelation 17-19  
 December 31: Revelation 20-22

Congratulations!

# Christmas Begins with Christ



The Magic of  
Christmas  
is not in the presents  
but in  
*His* presence

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 24-Hour Day of Prayer		2 <b>Fast</b> 9:00am Bible Study 6:30pm Prayer Meeting Youth Magnify Room, College & Career, & Mission Group <b>5:30pm Budget Committee Meeting</b>	3 Women of Broadus - Narroway Dinner Play 	4	5  To Winston Salem to visit Barbara Tucker
7 8:30 am Sunday School 9:30 am Worship 4:45 pm Choir Practice 6:00 pm Worship 	8 24-Hour Day of Prayer	9 10:00 am Brookdale	10 <b>Fast</b> 9:00am Bible Study 6:30pm Prayer Meeting College & Career, Youth Magnify Room, & Youth Choirs <b>*Jamaica Donations Due*</b>	11 11:30 am – 1:30 pm Law Enforcement Lunch <b>*Deadline for gifts to WA Christmas Ministry*</b>	12	13
14 8:30 am Sunday School 9:30 am Worship 4:45 pm Choir Practice 6:00 pm Worship	15 24-Hour Day of Prayer <b>10:00am Women of Broadus Brunch</b>	16	17 <b>Fast</b> 9:00am Bible Study 6:30pm Prayer Meeting Youth Magnify Room, College & Career, & Mission Group	18	19	20 8:30am Deacons Pack Christmas Pokes 
21 8:30 am Sunday School 9:30 am Worship 6:00 pm <b>Christmas Program &amp; giving out Christmas Pokes</b>	22 24-Hour Day of Prayer	23	24 <b>Fast</b> 9:00am Bible Study 6:30pm Prayer Meeting College & Career, Youth Magnify Room, & Youth Choirs	25 	26 	27
28 8:30 am Sunday School 9:30 am Worship 4:45 pm Choir Practice 6:00 pm Worship/Baptism	29 24-Hour Day of Prayer  Youth to Gatlinburg!	30	31 <b>Fast</b> 9:00am Bible Study 6:30pm Prayer Meeting College & Career, Youth Magnify Room, & Youth Choirs <b>*Voting during PM Service*</b>			 Senior Citizen's Trip to be announced later!



5<sup>th</sup> – Olivia (Mahaffey) Stephenson, Pam Sossamon

6<sup>th</sup> – Julie Barbee, Michael Stirewalt, Barbara Tucker

11<sup>th</sup> – London Santana

12<sup>th</sup> – David Beaver

13<sup>th</sup> – Leah Gurley

14<sup>th</sup> – Steven Barbee, Jim Pritchett

15<sup>th</sup> – Rick Campbell, Bill Heilig, Landon Reily

17<sup>th</sup> – Brenda Drye, Danny Jacobs

18<sup>th</sup> – Alyssa Maggard

21<sup>st</sup> – Brianna Furr, Walt (Cooter) Thomas

22<sup>nd</sup> – Randy Furr, Richard Hurt

23<sup>rd</sup> – Everette Dunlap

24<sup>th</sup> – Linda Blackwelder, Renay Dunlap, Lorene Gurley, Rhea Thigpen

27<sup>th</sup> – Debbie Greenway

28<sup>th</sup> – Dorothy Kennedy, Diane Thompson



12<sup>th</sup> – Gary & Vickie Bollinger

30<sup>th</sup> – Billy & Elizabeth Sehorn

## A LETTER TO GOD

by Sharon Lee Roberts

Dear God,

I'm sitting under the soft glow of colored Christmas tree lights, with the smoothing aroma of pine filling the room and me. The hectic part is over now; the racing heart as I stood in a long line waiting to pay for my last present; the frantic wrapping as I wondered if I'd have enough scotch tape to finish all the packages.

This morning at 2:30 my wide-eyed daughter came in to wake us and tell us she thought it was time to get up and open our presents... which we did. It was wonderful watching our son and daughter eagerly tear open the Christmas paper, beaming at the surprises within.

But now, God, as I sit alone, I want to thank you for the gifts You've given me, not only at this Christmastime, but each day of the year.

How easy to take for granted the food that fills our table, always in plenty, never in want; the health my family enjoys without thinking about it, while running, playing, doing.

And a gift I'm especially thankful for, God, is sight, for without it how would I be able to admire your masterful craftsmanship? I am in awe of Your majestic mountains, blue skies filled with elusive clouds, the trees and the springtime blossoms, snow covering a winter pond, and the smiles on my children's faces ... those two children who are Your special creation for me.

Thank you, God, for friendship, special neighbors You must have put there just for me, and for my husband's love and care.

And, God, this is Christmas, so I want to thank You for the nicest gift of all ... Your Son. Your Jesus ... and now, my Jesus. Thank you.





Dear Broadus Family;

Merry Christmas in our Lord Jesus from myself, Ashley, Lydia, James, Levi and Hope; and the best New Year you've ever had in your life in Jesus' name.

Again, we know the world and its words and sayings this time of year; time flies; Lord all the memories; too much to do; such a rat race; Jesus is the reason. One I would like to add to this; if Jesus had not been born, there would be no Christmas! How true! There would be no holiday (holy day). I wonder if lost, ungodly, wicked people that celebrate Christmas ever wonder about that? Do they even know that all the celebrations they have, all the get togethers, the gift giving, the feasts, the decorations, their partying, and drinking, would not even exist if Jesus had not been born into the earth in Bethlehem that first Christmas? What about all the Jew haters that celebrate Christmas? What a hypocrisy that is! Celebrating a day, getting off work, getting paid for it and yet, despise the lineage that gave us the Son of God that the holiday is named after and He was a Jew. They should refuse everything about the holiday if they really believed what they say they believe. What do you think?

Merry Christmas, Happy New Year, stay faithful to Him and all His ways and I'll see you at His House hallelujah!

I love you,

## **VERSE OF THE MONTH**

Delight thyself also in the Lord: and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart.

Psalm 37:4

## **THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH**

Most people don't mind suffering in silence as long as everyone else knows about it!?

## **PASTOR'S THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH**

(All Pastor's thoughts are original.)

Grumbling always leads to discontentment in the soul.

## **THOUGHTS TO PONDER**

1. A car guy is a regular guy but much cooler!
2. An engineer solves problems you didn't know you had in ways you can't understand.
3. Better days always come after the storm.
4. It's weird being the same age as old people.
5. In my defense I was left unsupervised!
6. Today I choose joy!
7. Those in your 70's, you have survived the 60's twice!
8. Fate whispers to the warrior, you cannot survive the storm; the warrior whispers back, I am the storm!

