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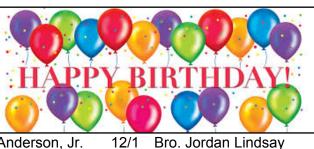
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Faith in Christ

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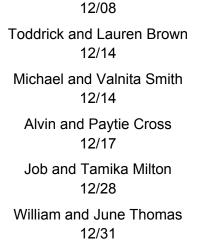
December 10th Faith to Discern Acts 3:1-12

December 17th **Faith to Persevere** Acts 14:8-11, 19-23

December 24th Faithful Seekers of the King (Christmas) Matthew 2:1-12

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Fredrick and Cynthia Horn



January 6, 2018 Blanket Drive Distribution





Merry Christmas:

Christmas is an event planned by God; in fact, God orchestrates all of the sequence of events that makes the Christmas story. It was at the right time; it was the right season. God sent His only begotten Son into the world. Galatians 4: 4-5 But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law, (5) To redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons.

You see, God so arranged things here on the earth and in our lives to operate in times and seasons. Listen, God by his providence governs the world, and He has pre-determined particular things in our lives and events in our lives to take place at particular times.

And yet, my brothers and sisters, God is in control of time, but God is not controlled by time. God always moves on time. He sent His only begotten Son into the world and He came at the fullness of time.

Christmas is not only about time and season, but it's about giving the right gift. This Christmas season two things are important to me, two things top my list: First, finding that right gift for the right person; and secondly, making sure it's at the right price. You see my gift will convey my message.

I remember my first Christmas after getting married; I was so excited about purchasing my first Christmas gift for my wife. I was young in marriage, and in the military. I went to the base commissary, searching for the right gift. I purchased an electric can opener. Man, I was so excited. I remember wrapping it and placing it under the tree. On that Christmas morning, I got it from under the tree and gave it to her. Well, after that Christmas day, I learned the difference between buying a gift for the house and buying a gift for your wife. Your Christmas Gifts convey messages.

Secondly, the gift must be the right price. Listen, the most expensive gift may not necessarily be the right gift. But it is the feeling behind the gift that is priceless. It may not measure up to the material expectations of our modern mind, but the love that it bears is incomparable.

Will your gift be the right gift or the right price? Well, this year, just like every year, millions of people, both children and adults, will open millions of gifts. Some of the clothes will fit and some won't fit. Some will be the right color, and some will be the wrong color. Some gifts will be kept, and some will be returned or exchanged.

But there is one gift that meets everyone's need, one gift that will never wear out, one gift that will never break or need repairing. This gift that is appropriate for a small child, or a teenager, or an adult, or a senior adult. This gift is right for a boy or girl, man or woman, it makes no difference. The gift we all need, the most valuable gift of all is the gift of Jesus. He is what Christmas is all about.

John 3:16 (KJV) 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.

When you give a special gift to someone you love, you want the gift and timing to be just right. I mean, you don't give an engagement ring to your girlfriend while eating french fries at McDonalds, or during half time at a ballgame. When you give your gift, you try to orchestrate things so that everything is right.

Listen, the whole world has been bitten by sin, and "the wages of sin is death" (Rom. 6:23). God sent His Son to die for the whole world. The difference between perishing and living, between condemnation and salvation, is faith in Jesus Christ; this is the gift of Christmas.

Merry Christmas!

Pastor and Lady Herring, Sr.



Father God, in the precious name of Jesus, we pause again to lift this petition on behalf of our Pastor. First and foremost, we thank You that he has remained faithful to his calling, and Pray that You who began an excellent work in him will perfect it. Father, we ask that You work in him that which is well pleasing in Your sight, and whether he plants or waters, we pray that You give the increase. Oh God, we Pray that he continuously hears Your voice, and the voice of a stranger he will never hear. Keep him filled with the spirit of wisdom, the spirit of knowledge, and the spirit of counsel. Father, as we end this Prayer, we pray for his helpmeet and their family; we ask that You continue to bind them with Your blessings and that they not grow weary in well doing. We close this Prayer and count these things already done, in the name of Jesus The Christ. Amen and Amen.

P. Cross

The Christmas Story

In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. (This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria.) And everyone went to his own town to register.

So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.'

Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, 'Glory to God in the

highest, and on earth peace to men on whom his favor rests.'

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, 'Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about.'

So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.

M. Taylor

THE INSPIRATION CORNER Honoring Our Heroes

In 1776 when the United States was first formed, government officials thought of ways to protect this great land so different branches of the military were formed. The Army, Navy, and the Marine Corp were founded in 1775; the US Coast Guard was founded in 1790 and the Air Force in 1947. Throughout the years, many people have fought to defend this great nation against both foreign and domestic threats. At the first anniversary of the end of World War I, "Armistice Day" was celebrated on November 11, 1919. Congress passed a resolution in 1926 to make it an annual celebration, and

On Sunday, November 12th, Mt. Bethel Missionary Baptist Church, facilitated by Dea. Anthony Davis, honored all members that served in the military. Dea. Davis opened with a prayer followed by a powerful rendition of the national anthem sung by Sis. Sherrica Frazier. Sis. Jacole Davis read all the names of the members who have served: 36 members have transitioned to glory; 54 veterans are still living; and 9 members are currently on active duty status.

in 1938, Veterans Day became a national holiday.

Deacon Davis then closed out the ceremony by inviting all the military members over to the Family Life Center for tokens of appreciation and read a poem of "Thank you to all Military members." Today when you see a "retired" or "active" member of the armed forces, say "Thank you," give a simple nod of the head, or lightly touch your heart and let them know how grateful you are for their service. On behalf of all of us we would like to say "Thank You" to every soldier for your dedication and hard work in protecting the United States of America; a special thank you to Pastor Herring for allowing this ceremony to take place; and to Deacon Davis and his committee for leading the ceremony.



HAPPENING



Installation Service of Pastor E. Carlene Rosier-Tillery Corinthian Baptist Church of Fairbanks. Alaska

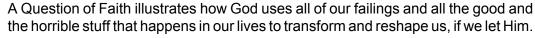
On Sunday, November 12, 2017 Rev. E. Carlene (Rosier) Tillery answered the call as the Under-shepherd of Corinthian Baptist Church of Fairbanks. The Installation Service was performed by Pastor Joe W. Blackburn, of Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church, who licensed her as a Deacon and later licensed her to preach the gospel. Her journey has come full circle; her father, Rev. Walter H. Rosier, Sr., would be proud as he prophesied this day many years ago. She has the full support of church and community.

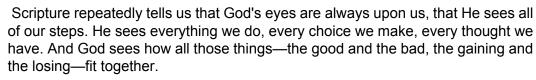
BLANKET DRIVE

Help someone stay warm this winter! Share the gift of Love - A new or clean gently used blanket to someone in need. During the month of December, a donation container will be placed in the hallway. Remember this is the "Season of Giving," so give the gift of love to some deserving soul. For more information, please contact Sis. Lynette Greene.



"A QUESTION OF FAITH" - Movie Review





In this film you will see Psalm 34:17 illustrated "When the righteous cry for help, the LORD hears and delivers them out of all their troubles." Forgiveness also plays a big part in this story, represented by Mark 11:25: "If you hold anything against anyone, forgive them, so that your Father in heaven can forgive you."

This is a very good movie for Christians to see. Some cast members are Richard T. Jones and Kim Fields. It opened in the movies on September 29, 2017. I hope that you can find it in the movies, on your fire stick, Netflix, or at the Redbox.



THANK YOU

Sis. Janice Jones would like to "Thank You" for your assistance in providing Turkeys for the Thanksgiving Basket. Your Gifts of love enabled the Pantry Ministry to provide ten families with baskets for the Thanksgiving Holiday.





Can You Trust God While You're Going Through?

As you were riding in your car today did you see someone asking for food? Maybe asking for work or money? That could have been you. Right where you are Press Rewind! Thank the Lord for watching over you all night. Thank Him for forgiving your sins. Thank Him for loving you in spite of all your wrong. Beloved, the same way God has always taken care of you, is the same way He will continue to take care of You (*Job 33:12-Behold, in this thou art not just: I will answer thee, that God is greater than man*) If you stop long enough you will always find something to thank God for.

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Can You Praise While You Wait? Can you celebrate God even though things appear bleak? (*Psalms 9:1 - I will praise thee, O LORD, with my whole heart; I will shew forth all thy marvellous works*) There is something that happens when you begin to

praise the Lord. Believe it or not, praise not only pleases God but it also strengthens you. The more you praise, the more you take your focus off of the problems.

Whatever you are going through, God is greater than it and He is mightier than the adversary. You Can Trust God In A Deadly Situation! (*Psalms 46:1 - God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble*) It matters not what you are going through because God can see you through any deadly situation if you can trust Him! The question is not can God see me through, but can I trust God while going through?

RAINES VIKINGS HEAD COACH WINS BATTLE TO WALK AGAIN

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. -- Raines Vikings head coach Steven Bellamy's track team had a terrific season in 2017. The Vikings won a state and national championship. Off the track, Bellamy, however, was in a serious battle for his health.

Back in March, the 53-year-old was falling at track practice and he even fell out. Bellamy decided to go see his doctor on March 9. Bellamy said the doctor immediately noticed something was wrong with him and sent him to the emergency room. The doctors did an MRI and X-rays. The X-rays revealed Bellamy's C-3 and C-4 vertebra had collapsed. They were pressing up against his spine and nerves, which explains why he had been falling in practice.

The doctor then asked him to put down his crutch and walk, but he couldn't. Within days, Bellamy was on the operating table. His doctor told him if had he waited one more week, he would have been paralyzed for life. Bellamy said he didn't know how to handle the news. He broke down because it was his second bout with paralysis. But Bellamy fought through it and his boys never left his side.

Shortly after the emergency surgery, it was on to four weeks of grueling rehab. Bellamy said what made him fight through it was he had to get back to his team. Back in August, Bellamy agreed to try and walk for the first time in months in front of our cameras. It was a risky decision, but one that inspired his players.

For the first time since February, Bellamy walked without his crutch and unassisted. His players said it should teach them to never take



anything for granted and that with faith, all things are possible. Eight months since he had the emergency surgery, Bellamy is doing well. He said he can walk but still uses his crutch as a safety precaution.

Author: Christopher Porter First Coast News 11:23 PM EST November 16, 2017

Copy and paste the link below into your web browser to watch the entire story.

http://www.firstcoastnews.com/sports/raines-vikings-head-coach-wins-battle-to-walk-again/492535006

ANNUAL HOMECOMING, NOVEMBER 19, 2017

Mt. Bethel celebrated Homecoming the third Sunday in November. The theme for the occasion was "The Power of Praise," but God has a way of showing up and inserting what He knows we really need, which was "Grace and Truth." It was shared earlier in the week during Bible study, when Pastor Herring taught on "Grace and Truth." During both services (Rev. James Hayes, 8:00 am, and Pastor Corey Williams, 11:00 am), the same phrase, "Grace and Truth," was preached; John 1:14: "And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth". The reality is you can't have one without the other. **Truth** is an unyielding kind of thing. You can't get it to change its mind, nor can you persuade it to be something other than what it is. **Grace** is relationshiporiented. It opens the door for forgiveness, for acceptance in spite of our faults. It is what can soften the blows of reality and truth. Yet **Grace** cannot stand without **Truth**.

Dea. William Cherry, Chairman, and Dea. Kenny Harris, Co-Chairman, along with Districts Six through Ten, made this celebration unforgettable. Many members both past and present, along with visitors, family and friends, felt the warmth of the occasion throughout the services.

HUNGER FIGHT 2017

There are times in our life where we wonder where our next meal will come from simply because we do not have enough food to eat or we have a choice to make from either paying a bill or buying groceries. Due to the vision of Sherri Porter she created an organization called Hunger Fight whose mission is to provide nutritious meals to children and families deemed food insecure and hungry in the surrounding First Coast community.

This organization has held "packing events" in different areas of the First Coast since its inception, and this year 12 members from Mount Bethel, led by our very own Sister Randall, have participated in the packing events for the last four years. This year's event was held at the Prime Osbourn Center on November 4th and the group managed in two hours to pack twenty boxes which held 42 bags of oatmeal per box which in turn will create 3,360 meals for families throughout the First Coast.

The fellowship among our fellow members along with other churches and businesses that come out to these types of events is what makes it fun and enjoyable. It is also humbling because you never know if this could be you one day in need of a meal like this to survive. Sister Randall and Brother Bell were asked by the Dean to give a brief summary as to why we are here assisting, and he wanted to relay to our Pastor a special thank you because he knows that he can always count on Mount Bethel to show up to this event. The group would like to give a special thank you to Sister Randall and Pastor Herring for bringing this to our attention each year and allowing us to experience for two hours the fun, enjoyment, and camaraderie of attending these packing events each year.

Statistics according to Hunger Fight

- As of 11/06/2017 a total of 3,973,174 meals have been packed. This problem is not unique to any one region, state, city or town.
- 1 in 7 Americans don't have access to enough food as hunger has NO boundaries. Many people believe the problems associated with hunger are confined to small pockets of society, certain areas of the country, or certain neighborhoods, but the reality is much different. Hunger affects all social economic status.
- Right now, millions of Americans are struggling with hunger. These are often hard-working adults, children and seniors who simply cannot make ends meet and are forced to go without food for several meals, or even days.
- 41% of households served by food organizations have at least 1 working adult in the household
- 25% of adults interviewed during a Hunger study have attended college or a technical school
- More than 6.4 million children are living in food-insecure households
- The lack of adequate nutrition affects cognitive and behavioral development as well as physical growth, resulting in irritability, fatigue and difficulty concentrating
- Limited resources prevent 42 Million Americans from getting enough food
- 69% have to weigh between paying their electric bill or purchasing food
- 29% are Children (Duval County), 19% are elderly on a fixed budget, less than 9% are homeless



MERRY CHRIST-MAS

The season is upon us where many Christians battle with the celebration of Christmas. Many justify it by acknowledging that is the Birthday of Jesus the Savior. Many others say no Christ was born in warmer months because the shepherds wouldn't have been in the fields watching their sheep in the winter. Others argue that Christmas is not in the Bible. What I would like to do with this article is expel some of these myths or truths depending on how you believe. I would also like to settle in many minds once and for all whether Christians should celebrate Christmas and what about Santa Claus and the Christmas Tree.

This post is based largely on my personal beliefs and research and the article on Should Christians celebrate Christmas?

Copy and paste the link below into your web browser to watch the entire story. http://www.equip.org/article/should-christians-celebrate-christmas/

Issue 1 - Is Christmas in the Bible?

The Bible is silent about Christmas and the celebrating of Birthdays. Since the Bible says nothing or forbids a moral principle it is permissible and as long as it edifies (Romans. 13:10; 14:1-23; 1 Cor. 6:12; Col.2:20-23; etc.). **Please read Page 2 of Article ID:DC275 By CRI Statement** which speaks to Pharaoh and Herod and their birthday celebrations.

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Issue 2 - December 25 Celebration

It is probably true that Jesus wasn't born on this date and that there was a pagan holiday celebrated probably around or on that date. However, it appears from my research that "Christmas was established as a rival celebration to the pagan festival (Page 3). What Christians did was to say, "Rather than celebrate in immorality the birth of Mithra, a false god who was never really born and who cannot

save you, let us celebrate in joyful righteousness the birth of Jesus, the true God incarnate who is the Savior of the world." Many feasts given to Israel by God through Moses happen to parallel pagan agricultural festivals. What God did, in effect, was to establish feasts which would replace the pagan festivals...It would appear, then, that in principle there is nothing wrong with doing so in the case of Christmas..."

Issue 3 - What about Santa Claus

".There is no doubt that Santa Claus in its present form is a fairy tale or myth. However, there really was a Santa Claus. "...The name "Santa Claus" is an Anglicized form of the Dutch Sinter Klaas which in turn meant "Saint Nicholas." Nicholas was a Christian bishop in the fourth century about whom we know little for sure. He apparently attended the Council of Nicea in A.D. 325, and a very strong tradition suggests that he did show unusual kindness toward children. While the red-suited old man in a sled pulled by flying reindeer is a myth, the story of a children-loving old man who brought them gifts probably is not.....



What Christmas Is All About

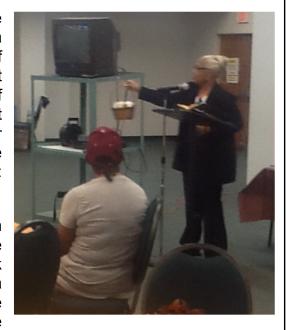
Christmas will always be for us a time to reflect on Christ, The gift God gave to all the world was the gift of His life We know Christmas is not about tinsel, Nor fancy Christmas wreaths, Nor is it about all the decorations, that adorns our Christmas trees And it's not about Holly or Mistletoe Hanging from our doors, Nor is it about the gifts that are left by the jolly Santa Claus Christmas is more than all of this and the only reason why We celebrate Christ's birth together and the wonder of His life So remember as you celebrate, Just what it's all about And invite the Lord to join with you. Instead of leaving Him out For He will always be the reason we celebrate this day, No substitute the world may offer can take that meaning away

M. Taylor

Missionary Women of GOD Workshop

On Saturday, November 11, 2017, the Missionary Society of Mt. Bethel hosted a Missionary workshop entitled "The Spirit of Missionaries." Inspiring Our Facilitator was Sis. Violetra Ward of Julington Creek Missionary Church, retired school principal and author of the book, "Joy Cometh in the Morning." There were two focus verses: Jeremiah 29:11 and Isaiah 40:28-31.

45 Missionaries were in attendance from visiting churches and Mt. Bethel. The workshop began with an Ice Breaker-Block Party. Attendees pulled phrases from a container, and then moved around the room exchanging their phrase up to three



time with others. Each time, the attendee would reflect on how the phase related to her. In addition, two other topics of discussion were "Say Something" and the

"Web Connection." Everyone present was encouraged through the interaction and testimonies.

A delicious luncheon was served and after the benediction, we hugged one another and left with a true sense of renewed Christian purpose.

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