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"Thoughts on Christmas"

When I was a small child, my grandparents often said that they would be glad when Christmas was over. I could not understand that then, and I cannot understand that now.

I love the Christmas season. I love the spirit of generosity that seems to overtake us more at Christmas than at other times. I love al the talk about peace and he extra effort that we seen to exert to promote peace. I love very reference to good will among us. I love the sights and sounds of the Christmas season.

It is interesting that we are in universal agreement that generosity, peace and good will are the essence of the spirit of Christ. As Christians, we are especially sensitive to this great truth. We also know that the spirit of Christ is not seasonal. It is designed for every day and for all seasons.

The world hears about the spirit of Christ. But it is up to us as Christians to show the world what that spirit is by demonstrating it in our lives for all to see. The Bible says, "if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his" (Romans 8:9).

The Spirit of Christ is truly the spirit of giving. God so loved the world that He gave His Son (John 3:16). The Son loved and gave His life as a ransom for all (Matthew 20:28). And what is the best gift? It is perfectly fine to hand a persona a gift wrapped in pretty paper. There is joy in giving and receiving such gifts. But these are small tokens. The greatest gift of all is the gift of self as we reach out in love and warmth to give of our very selves in caring concern for others.

The spirit of Christ is the spirit of good will. This spirit is not selective. It is not designed for a special few who happen to be easy to love. The love of God embraces the world—so must ours. Such love is best characterized by our constant attempts to affect in a good way our fellow human beings. It may express itself in a bag of groceries, a simple word of encouragement or some time spent helping another person bear the burdens of the day.

And peace - yes, that too. "Blessed are the peacemakers" (Matthew 5:9). "Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord" (Hebrews 12:14).

It is the privilege of all Christians to preserve what is the very best of the Christmas season and share it at all seasons.

> Norman Miller The Family Bulletin December 20, 1990

PRAYING FOR THE SICK

Ben Fulks went to the Good Shepherd ER on Tuesday with chest pains. They did keep him and did a stress test on Wednesday. He is home. Juanita Henegar had her gall bladder removed on Wednesday at ETMC in Tyler. She did well and is home. Pearl Honea remains in ETMC in Pittsburg. Continue your prayers for Emma Martin who is taking radiation treatments. Ernest Clay spent two days in the hospital recently. He will soon have surgery on his neck. Carla Barnes continues with treatments. Ralph Wilson, a former member here, suffered a stroke last week and is in Titus Regional Rehab in Mt. Pleasant. Please pray for Anthony & Debbie Nelson. Anthony's mother, Edna, passed away recently. Debbie is the sister of our Duane Wooten. Please add Dale Mixon to your prayer list. He has been diagnosed with colon cancer and is the grandfather of Wanda Carson's grandchildren. Please pray for the following: Faye Alford, Catherine Allen, Tommy Awtry, Wayne Awtry, Colby Babcock, Glen Baird, Nelda Banks, Carla Barnes, Tom Belew, Marlene Bohr, Bettye Brantley, Ann Clevenger, Desiree Corbello, Colby Cox, Maggie Cox, Terry Cox, Julie Craig, Roy Ethridge, Lib Ellett, Dee Frankford, Beth Fuller, Faye Galloway, Betty Grainger, Kathy Hayes, Patsy Hopkins, Pearl Honea, Corrine Jacobsen, Jean Johnston, Glenn Justiss, Kenneth Kesterson, Olov & Patricia Lindkvist, Nettie McCoy, Emma Martin, Janiece Miller, Dale Mixon, Jeri Morrow, Diann Mueller, Howard Nett, Jim Parker, Will Parks, Will Pendergrass, Colleen Prahl, Don Prahl, Lloyd Puckett, Wanda Purdy, Barbara Richburg, Ronny Scott, Ethel Slade, Phil Saunders, Jeffery Sweet, Jeremy Sweet, Julia Sweet, Royce Sweet, Elija

Taleno, Sid Tietz, Jimmy & Bobbie Walker, Vickie Warden, Imogene White, Patsy Winkler.

GAME NIGHT

Game night will be held on Friday, December 15th, beginning at 6:00, in the fellowship area. Everyone is invited to bring their favorite snack & game.

MINISTERS' RECEPTION

We will honor our ministers, <u>Tim & Mark</u>, this coming Sunday evening, December 17th, in the fellowship area. If you would like to contribute to the gift baskets please see <u>Donna Mays</u>, <u>Billie Traylor</u> or <u>Jeannie Williams</u>.

PRAYER SISTERS

If you would like to participate in the Prayer Sisters program, there is a sheet in the foyer to fill out and deposit in the box. For any questions, see <u>Rita Veale</u>.

OUR VISITORS LAST SUNDAY

We had the following visitors with us this past Sunday: Marlene Bohr, Daingerfield; Mary & Sydni Brown, Longview; Fred & Wanda Crist, Sulphur Springs; Gary, Amanda & Jase Luensmann, Diana; Keith Russell, Gilmer.

HOLIDAY SERVICE SCHEDULE

On Christmas Eve, Sunday, December 24th, we will not have an evening worship service. We hope and pray that our families enjoy their time together. On New Year's Eve, Sunday, December 31st, we will have our regular service followed by a fellowship together with snacks and games.

WHITE CHRISTMAS

Our White Christmas is moving right along and we want to thank everyone who contributed money and also those who provided food for our boxes. Also, to <u>Betty Boyd</u> and <u>Diane Smith</u> who helped with it all, thanks so much!

FAREWELL RECEPTION

Next Wednesday, December 20th, following services, we will have a farewell reception honoring our <u>Dean Tapparo</u>. He will be moving to Washington to be near his son and family. We love him and will miss him very much. He and <u>Bev</u> moved here over 20 years ago. <u>Dean & Bev</u> were both vital parts of this church family. Since <u>Bev's passing</u> he made the decision to move.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Dec. 15-Game Night

Dec. 17-Ministers' Reception

Dec. 25-Christmas

Dec. 30-Ois & Deborah Kennington's 50th

Wedding Anniversary Reception

Dec. 31-New Year's Eve Fellowship

"Youth Stuff"

DEVO

Due to the holidays, there will be no devos until 2018.

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