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A Sunday school was putting on a Christmas pageant which included the story of Mary and Joseph coming to the inn. One boy wanted very much to be Joseph. But when the parts were handed out, a boy he didn't like was given the part, and he was assigned to be the inn-keeper instead. He was pretty upset but didn't say anything to the director.

During the rehearsals he thought what he might do the night of the performance to get even with his rival. Finally on the night of the performance, Mary and Joseph came walking across the stage. They knocked on the door of the inn, and the inn-keeper opened the door and asked them gruffly what they wanted. Joseph answered "We'd like to have a room for the night."

Suddenly the inn-keeper threw the door open wide and said, "Great! Come on in and I'll give you the best room in the

house!" For a few seconds the poor Joseph didn't know what to do. Thinking quickly, he looked inside the door past the inn-keeper then said, "No wife of mine is going to stay in a dump like this. Come on Mary, let's go out to the barn."

And once again the play was back on-track.

For many of us Christmas tends to get a little off track. Christmas becomes all about finding the right present--or at least the right deal on a present.

Right now, many who read this article are decorating trees and houses with festive lights and garland. Some are planning holiday trips to be with family while others are planning meals for family who will be visiting from out of town. Please remember to put Jesus at the center of your Christmas.

Please remember that we celebrate what the world can never understand with its wonderland of lights and over packaged commercialism.

Remember the words of the angel to the shepherds: "For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior who is Christ the Lord." (Luke 2:11) The glory of Christmas is that the glory of the Lord has been revealed in a baby who became a man and who died on a rugged cross as the atonement for human sin.

Carole and I wish you all a joyous and blessed Christmas and a Happy New Years.

The shepherd loves the sheep!
Pastor Brian



DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Lisa Frazier	2nd
Kay Ray	2nd
Wanda Kent	2nd
Mert Carter	11th
Margaret Dillon	13th
Katie Wren	14th
Nancy Dorbandt	15th
Sadie Grace Beverage	17th
Ricky Bumgardner	18th
Deanna Beckstrand	20th
Quentin Beckstrand	20th
Nancy Locky	23rd
Jeanette Green	28th

ANNIVERSARIES

Dennis & Tina Spearman	1st
Ricky & Lisa Clement	1st
Kevin & Diana Lott	15th
Randy & Jeanette Green	22nd



Charlie's Chats

Thanks to all of you who have been so deligent in working on the Christmas program. We only have 2 more rehearsals until we present *Silent Night, Holy Night* so please make every effort to attend choir rehearsal on Wednesday night!

I'm looking forward to our annual Candlelight, Carols & Communion on Christmas Eve. It is always such a special, worshipful service for the entire family.



**Christmas
Eve
Candlelight
Service**

**December 24th
5 p.m.**

A time of reverence and
celebration with your
family



SUNDAY SCHOOL

catch the
Excitement!

9:30 a.m.



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2012 Week of Prayer for
International Missions
Dec. 2-9

OUR CHURCH'S GOAL:
\$1,500



**Children's Christmas
Party**

Saturday, December 8th
from 1 to 3 p.m.
In the Fellowship Hall
for K - 5th Grade



**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED**

FOR
Children's Church
Toddler Nursery
Food Bank Helpers



**WELCOME
to our
church
family**

Haley Byrd & Trenton



**YOUTH
CHRISTMAS
PARTY**

**Friday, December 14th
at 5 p.m.
for Grades 6 - 12
At the Church**

WEEKLY EVENTS

Sunday

Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship	10:45 a.m.

Wednesday

Fellowship Supper	5:30 p.m.
Children's Worship	6:30 p.m.
Youth Worship	6:30 p.m.
Prayer Meeting	6:30 p.m.
Praise Choir	6:30 p.m.



**SILENT NIGHT
Holy Night**

Presented by
The Praise Choir
**Sunday, December 16th
At 10:45 a.m.**



**Sr. Adult
Christmas Party**
**Saturday,
December 15th
From 2 to 4 p.m.
In the Fellowship Hall**

