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How to Have a Happy Christmas

"One gives freely, yet grows all the richer; another withholds what he should give, and only suffers want. Whoever brings blessing will be enriched, and one who waters will himself be watered." Proverbs 11:24-25

Christmas is officially here. Though it may not look or feel like it outside, we feel the joy and togetherness this time of year brings. However, even though family time and togetherness fill our hearts, it is no secret that there is one thing we look forward to more than almost anything...presents!!

We plan all year what we want for Christmas. We may ask for things we need, things we want, or anything in-between. One thing remains the same no matter what the request: we have hopes of receiving it on Christmas morning.

Yet, if we desire only to receive, we become greedy and selfish. Perhaps that is why Solomon tells us that for us to be refreshed and strengthened; we must refresh and strengthen others. We live in one of (if not the) most prosperous countries in the world. We are blessed to work good paying jobs and live in well-furnished houses. While we may never be billionaires nor live in large mansions, we still can give. As we consider the New Year approaching and the things we want out of it, we wonder how we can be blessed. Solomon says the only way to be blessed is to bless others.

Jesus should always be our example in all that we do (1 Peter 2:21). Rather than asking "What would Jesus do?" perhaps we should ask, "What did Jesus do?" Jesus rarely received anything in his ministry on Earth. Rather, Jesus gave and gave abundantly. He gave healing to the sick. He gave life to the dead. He gave his live for ours. Now he freely gives to us salvation if we will reach out and receive it through obedience to his will and on his terms.

So, what can we give? Perhaps it is in our ability to give monetarily to those who are in need. Perhaps we can give our time to the church or other good works. One thing we can all give is our life to Jesus Christ in obedience to his gospel and obedience to his commandments every day of our lives. He gave his life for me. Should I not be willing to give mine for him?

PRAYER REQUEST:

Selma Boyd, Ernestine Taylor, Edna Vance, Lester & Ann Clark, Sue Reeves, Kevin Watson, Melba Young, Jeanie Young, Melinda Vance, Odell Grissom, Virgie Leonard, Paul Holland, James Randolph Jernigan, Doyle Fults, Nora Fann, Shirley Tenpenny

SHUT INS:

Rita Reed, Mabel Robertson, Houston Henry, Oleta Bullard

NURSING HOMES & ASSISTED LIVING: *MEMBERS

ADAMS PLACE: Nora Fann*

DIVERSICARE OF SMYRNA: Jean Nickens* **NHC**: Lizzie Bush, Geri Melton*, Sue Reeves*, **STONES RIVER MANOR**: Margaret Davidson*,
Jeweldean Hall*, Virgie Leonard*, Ernestine
Taylor*, Laura Wiser*, Lillian Whitworth, Edna
Vance*

MILITARY:

Tony Berry

Mark Your Calendar

Visitation Meal:

Team 1: January 8
Team 2: January 15

Men's Breakfast @ IHOP, January 10

NEWS & NOTES

 New class beginning Sunday mornings in classroom 101. (Large Classroom)

Subject: God's Patterns in the Bible **Discussion Leader:** John Pickard

- We have received cards from Laura Wiser, Richard and Wanda Jones, Oleta Bullard and Nora Fann
- You are invited to a NEW YEAR'S
 EVE party at the home of Mike and
 LaNita Bowman, starting at 7 pm.
 Please bring finger foods & drinks.
 There will be fireworks and LaNita's
 world famous donuts!
- A combined Senior Saints & Youth Group game night is planned for Saturday, January 21st at 5 pm. We will have a meal of salad, soup and desserts before games. There is a sign-up sheet in the foyer. Please list what you plan to bring and indicate if you need a ride. Come join us for an evening of food and fun. Please see Larry Benson or Joshua Houston if you have any questions.
- East Main church of Christ will have a Young Men's Seminar (grades 5-12) on February 4, 2017. See the flyer on the bulletin board for details.

*check out the bulletin board for activities and weekly updates.

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday

Morning Worship9:00 amBible Classes10:15 amEvening Worship5:30 pm

Wednesday

Ladies Morning Bible Class (Sept-May) 10:00 am Evening Bible Classes 6:30 pm

ELDERS MINISTER

B.K. Ham Ron Harper

Jim Hatfield Jon Holland

Keith Short

ASSOCIATE MINISTER

Andy Mitchell Randall Phifer Joshua Houston

DEACONS

Rick Acklin Rick Corum
Larry Benson Andy Melton
Michael Bowman Brian Melton
Craig Buckner Alan Pepper
Joe Byars Wendell Wilson

To Our Honored Guests...

We are happy you chose to worship with us today! Please stay after our assembly so that we can get acquainted with you and your family. We invite you to come back as often as you have opportunity!

We were honored by your presence!

FOR THE RECORD

December 18, 2016

Sunday AM worship 176

Bible classes 139 PM worship 127

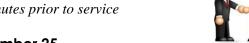
Contribution \$6,130.00

Wednesday PM Bible classes 132
Wednesday AM Ladies Class (Sept-May) ---

When county schools are closed due to inclement weather A.M. ladies class will be cancelled

GREETERS

Please be at the door 30 minutes prior to service



December 25

Andy & Lisa Mitchell

January 1

Bobby & Jackie Sims