



**CHRISTMAS 2014**

*Merry Christmas!*



We pray that you will have a  
**GLORIOUS**  
and  
**MOST WONDERFUL Christmas!**

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*"For unto YOU is born this day in the city of David  
a Savior, Which is Christ the Lord."*

*Luke 2:11*

What a blessing the above statement from the Angel of the Lord was to the ears of the shepherds 2000 years ago when the announcement of the birth of the Christ child was given to them. As good Jews they had been looking forward to the coming of the Messiah for years. Their ancestors taught them the prophecies of the promised Messiah, and without a doubt, every generation looked forward to the announcement of His birth. But now, "this day," the Savior was born! Can you imagine the excitement that must have filled the hearts of those lonely shepherds on the hillside outside of Bethlehem? Verse 16 of the same chapter says, *"they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger."* After the Angels left their presence and went back to heaven the shepherds could not wait to go see Jesus in the manger.

How do we respond to the birth of the Christ-child? Oh, it may not be on the same level of the shepherds, and probably could not be, given all of the circumstances. But when we consider all that the incarnation means to us and our salvation, we should have a high level of joy and gratitude when we remember that Christ came into the world to save us from our sins.

Over the past several weeks I have been saying from the pulpit and over the radio that Christmas is the "CELEBRATION OF JESUS CHRIST." And, in reality, that is what it is all about. It makes no difference what day Christ was born. The fact is that He WAS born and 33 1/2 years later He went to the cross and bore our sins in His body! *TO GOD BE THE GLORY!*

During the Christmas season this year, take every opportunity you can to CELEBRATE JESUS CHRIST. In doing so you will be a great witness for Christ and the opportunity to share the Gospel will abound.

On this Christmas of 2014 Nancy and I pray that you and yours will have a most wonderful time CELEBRATING JESUS CHRIST. In doing so, you will be blessed beyond all measure.

Have a GLORIOUS and MOST WONDERFUL Christmas!

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