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President's Address: Greetings to All!



Special points of interest:

- President's Address
- Jesus vs Santa
- Christmas Symbols
- Advent Reading Plan
- Pray with us
- Cold, Flu or COVID

Well, we have almost made it to the end of another year. What a challenge 2020 has been. Through it all, God has provided his Holy Spirit to comfort us with the many changes that have been felt. We are praying for those who have empty chairs at their homes. We pray for President-Elect Joe Biden and Vice President-Elect Kamala Harris and their staff. With all the changes, we must remember that Jesus is the Center of all our joy.

We thank you GOD for keeping us and protecting us always. We thank him for sending his angels of

protection to shield us from hurt, harm and danger. Jesus is not only the reason for this Christmas Season, but rather the reason for every season. We know that Christ was not born on December 25th but rather in the spring of the year. It is important that we acknowledge the significance of His birth and the love that He has shown for each of us. Please pray for those who have no homes, trees, or even families to share with during this holiday experience. Pray for those who feel alone and think they have nothing to celebrate. Remind them of the love of this Christ that we serve.

As we move into the dawn of a New Year, we have hopes of a renowned celebration for our churches, our district, and our country. We celebrate the King of King and Lord of Lords who has guided and protected us throughout time. So, on behalf of Consolidated Baptist District Women's Auxiliary, I wish all of you a very Merry Christmas and Blessings throughout this coming year. Please continue to stay safe and in the will of the only one who can keep us, Jesus the Christ!!!

Blessings and Love!!
Valerie Ray Taylor

As the Christmas season envelops us with all its glory, may we, as did the Wise Men, seek a bright, particular star to guide us in our celebration of the Savior's birth. May we all make the journey to Bethlehem in spirit, taking with us a tender, caring heart as our gift to the Savior.

President Thomas S. Monson- 2013 Christmas Devotional

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UNTO US A
CHILD
IS BORN
UNTO US A SON
IS GIVEN
ISAIAH
9:6





Jesus is Better than Santa



Santa lives at the North Pole.

JESUS is everywhere.

Santa rides in a sleigh

JESUS rides on the wind and walks on the water.

Santa comes but once a year

JESUS is an ever present help.

Santa fills your stockings with goodies

JESUS supplies all your needs.

Santa comes down your chimney uninvited

JESUS stands at your door and knocks.. And then enters your heart.

You have to stand in line to see Santa

JESUS is as close as the mention of His name.

Santa lets you sit on his lap

JESUS lets you rest in His arms.

Santa doesn't know your name, he says "Hi little boy or girl, What's your name?"

JESUS knew our name before we did. Not only does He know our name, He knows our address too. He knows our history and future and He even knows how many hairs are on our heads.

Santa has a belly like a bowl full of jelly

JESUS has a heart full of love.

All Santa can offer is HO HO HO

JESUS offers health, help and hope.

Santa says "You better not cry"

JESUS says "Cast all your cares on me for I care for you.

Santa's little helpers make toys

JESUS makes new life, mends wounded hearts, repairs broken homes and builds mansions.

Santa may make you chuckle but

JESUS gives you joy that is your strength.

While Santa puts gifts under your tree

JESUS became our gift and died on the tree.

It's obvious there is really no comparison.

We need to remember WHO Christmas is all about.

We need to put Christ back in Christmas.

Jesus is still the reason for the season.



"THE 12 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS" CAROL

From 1558 until 1829, Roman Catholics in England were not permitted to practice their faith openly. Someone during that era wrote this carol as a catechism song for young Catholics.

It has two levels of meaning: the surface meaning plus a hidden meaning known only to members of their church. Each element in the carol has a code word for a religious reality which the children could remember.

The partridge in a pear tree was Jesus Christ.

-Two turtle doves were the Old and New Testaments.

-Three French hens stood for faith, hope and love.

-The four calling birds were the four gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke & John.

-The five golden rings recalled the Torah or Law, the first five books of the Old Testament.

-The six geese a-laying stood for the six days of creation.

-Seven swans a-swimming represented the sevenfold gifts of the Holy Spirit--Prophecy, Serving, Teaching, Exhortation, Contribution, Leadership and Mercy.

-The eight maids a-milking were the eight beatitudes.

-Nine ladies dancing were the nine fruits of the Holy Spirit--Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness, Gentleness and Self-Control.

-The ten lords a-leaping were the ten commandments.

-The eleven pipers piping stood for the eleven faithful disciples.

-The twelve drummers drumming symbolized the twelve points of belief in the Apostles' Creed.

Advent Reading Plan: The Wonders of His Love

This free Advent form Living Free Indeed is about searching the Scriptures like the wise men, journeying to the nativity scene and beyond, in order to refresh our hearts in the Gospel before a new year. Trace the redemptive story of Jesus in the Bible, watch His promised arrival come to completion and await His second return with renewed hope. Visit www.livingfreeindeed.com

the Wonders of His Love

AN ADVENT BIBLE READING PLAN:

Christ is coming

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| Day 1 | Isaiah 9:2-7 |
| Day 2 | Isaiah 11:1-5 |
| Day 3 | Isaiah 7:10-14 |
| Day 4 | Micah 5:1-5 |
| Day 5 | 2 Samuel 7:12-16 |

Christ is here

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| Day 6 | Luke 1:26-33 |
| Day 7 | Luke 1:34-38 |
| Day 8 | Luke 1:46-55 |
| Day 9 | Matthew 1:18-25 |
| Day 10 | Luke 2:1-7 |
| Day 11 | Luke 2:8-12 |
| Day 12 | Luke 2:13-20 |
| Day 13 | Matt. 1:1-17 |

Christ will give

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| Day 14 | Romans 6:20-23 |
| Day 15 | Galatians 4:1-7 |
| Day 16 | 1 Timothy 1:15-17 |
| Day 17 | Titus 3:3-7 |
| Day 18 | Philippians 2:6-8 |

Christ will return

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| Day 19 | John 14:1-6 |
| Day 20 | Daniel 7:13-14 |
| Day 21 | Revelation 1:4-7 |
| Day 22 | Revel. 3:20-22 |
| Day 23 | Revel. 22:12-13 |
| Day 24 | Revelation 22:16-17 |
| Day 25 | Revelation 22:20 |

Christmas Symbolism



Star represents the bright star that shone the night Jesus was born. "Where is the new born king of the Jews? For we have seen his star in the east, and have come to worship him." Matthew 2:2



Candy cane represents the shepherd's staff. Christ is also called the Good Shepherd. And there were in the same country, shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. Luke 2:8



Gifts represent the gold, frankincense and myrrh. ...And when they opened they had opened their treasures, they presented him gifts: gold, frankincense, and myrrh. Matthew 2:11



Evergreen tree represents the eternal life. 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. John 3:16



Christmas carollers represent the multitude of angels that sang on the night Jesus was born. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest..." Luke 2:13-14



Christmas candles and lights represent the light that Jesus has brought to the world. To give light to them that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace. Luke 1:79



Holly Berries represent the blood that Christ shed for us. For this is my blood of the new testament which is shed for many remission of sins. Matthew 26:28



Nativity scene represents the scene in the manger where Jesus was born. And she brought for her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger, because there was no room in the inn. Luke 2:7



Christmas wreath represents the crown of thorns that Jesus wore when he was crucified. The soldiers made a crown of long, sharp thorns and put it on his head... John 19:2



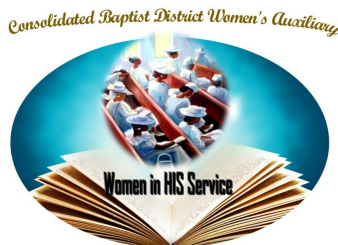
Christmas Bells represent the call of mankind to worship the Lord. For the Son of man came to seek, and to save that which was lost. Luke 19:10

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Pray with us....

Merciful and Loving God, we pray for Dr. Kevin Cosby, our military, the first responders and those on the front line during this pandemic. We ask your blessings for President-Elect Joe Biden and Vice President-Elect Kamala Harris and the current Executive Office, for cooperation during this transition period and for a peaceful transfer of power. We pray for healing and unity of our land and that Your will be done. Amen.

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Is it a cold, the flu, or COVID-19?

| | Cold | Flu | COVID-19 |
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| Common Symptoms | Runny nose, sinus congestion, mild cough caused by postnasal drip. | Fever, chills, muscle aches and fatigue. | Fever, dry cough, shortness of breath, loss of taste or smell. |
| Uncommon Symptoms | Fever, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing. | Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing. | Sneezing, runny nose or sinus congestion. |
| Onset | Gradual, within 1-3 days of exposure. | Sudden, within 2-4 days of exposure. | Within 2-14 days of exposure. |

If your symptoms are mild-stay home.
If you suspect COVID-19, get tested.

The flu shot will help you stay well this season.
Although there are similarities in the symptoms, remember the one major difference: there's a vaccine for the flu.



Health Note: Disposal of Unused Medicines

Is your medicine cabinet filled with expired medications or drugs that you no longer use? How should you dispose of them? Here are some safe alternatives to disposing of those drugs or medications.

Guidelines for Drug Disposal

Do not flush prescription drugs down the toilet unless the information specifically instructs you to do so.

Take advantage of community drug take back programs that allow the public to bring unused drugs to several central locations for proper disposal.

If no instructions are given and no take back program is available in your area, throw the drugs in the household trash, but *first*

- 1) Take them out of the original container and mix with an undesirable substance, such as used coffee grounds or kitty litter.

The medication will be less appealing to children and pets, and unrecognizable to people that may go through the trash.

- 2) Put them in a sealable bag, empty can, or other container to prevent the medication from leaking or breaking out of the garbage bag.
- 3) Scratch off all identifying information on the prescription label to make it readable.
- 4) Do not give your medications to your friends or family.

CVS, in partnership with Kentucky, has a new safe disposal program. Lexington units are located at 2000 Harrodsburg Rd and 3097 Todds Road. Call your local or county government household trash and recycle service to locate a take-back program in your community.