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WFMCC Weekly

Comfort and Joy



"And Mary said:

"My soul glorifies the Lord
and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,
for he has been mindful
of the humble state of his servant.

From now on all generations will call me blessed,
for the Mighty One has done great things for me-
holy is his name."

.....Luke 1:46-49

Dear Friends

Last Sunday was quite a day! Service Sunday morning was wonderful with the WFMCC Praise Band starting us off and concluding with an awesome Cantata Sunday night. I know I've said it before, but we are so blessed to have such wonderful musicians, soloists, trios, hand chimes, and now, actors. Yes, I said actors. Karen did a great job with the play that accompanied the Cantata. Believe me, as one who directs One Act Play, these guys were great! Overall, it was a great day and night.

As we near our celebration of the birth of Christ, I ask that you consider joining your church family for our candlelight service at 11:00 pm on Christmas Eve. This would be a great way to take a few moments from the rush of Christmas shopping and ponder what Christmas means to us as Christians.

I hope that each of you have a glorious and merry Christmas!

This from Pastor Mary.....

".....all this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: 'The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel,' which means, 'God with us.'" Matthew 1:22-23

I have encouraged you all to pray your way through Advent to receive Christ in a new way this Christmas. I notice there are times that it is difficult to pray though....and times that one just wonders: what should I pray about/for or what if I don't feel like praying? During those times if we just say the name 'Jesus' much comfort can come to us. A favorite hymn of mine is: "Jesus, Jesus, there's just something about that name...." And, you know, there really is. God appeared to Joseph through an angel and told Joseph to name his child Immanuel, God with us, so we could be constantly reminded of God's presence all around us at all moments of our lives. Looking through as many Christmas hymns as I could find, I found many names we, God's children, have used for Jesus over time to find comfort, joy, peace, grace, hope....love. As you read the names for Jesus, consider which one God has provided for you this week...one of them will speak directly to you and be specifically helpful for a situation or feeling you may be facing. Repeat it several times as a prayer, wrap your mind around it, let it seep into your heart, and discover what God wants for you: Immanuel, Son of God, Wisdom, Lord, Adonai, God's Son, Love, Root of Jesse's Tree, Key of David, Dayspring, Desire, Lord God of Hosts, King of Glory, King of Kings, Savior, Virgin's Son, Lord of All, Word of God, Rose, Messiah, El Alma, God the King, Newborn King, Child, Christ the King, Jesus, King, Perfect Child, Christ the Savior, Lord Jesus, Lord God Almighty, Master, Brother, Holy Child, A Vene, El Alma, Dominum, King of Angels, Babe, Son of Heaven, Everlasting Lord, Bien Mio, Incarnate Deity, Infant, Godhead, Regem Angelorum, Nino Lindo, Le Divin Enfant, The Bud, Radiant Boy, Gift of God, The Flower, God Ever-With-Us, Holder Knabe, Son of Righteousness, Prince of Peace, Holy Child, Morning Star, Heaven Sent Helper, Love's Pure Light, Tender Babe, Wonder of Wonders, Dear Little Boy, True God, Light Eternal, Boy-Child, Love Incarnate, Mi Dios, Love Divine, Crown of Gladness, Child of the Manger, La Vida, King of Israel, Love, God's Bright Star, Hijo

de Dios, Salvation.....Love in Christ, Mary

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If your birthday is in December and isn't listed here, please send the info to me at racketwarrior@sbcglobal.net

- Dorothy Mann 12/8
- Kathy Carr 12/14
- Sheryl Bishop 12/15
- Jeri Wilkes 12/19
- Linda Hoagland 12/28
- Don Gamlin 12/28
- Kandi Faulkenberry 12/30

1. End of the Year Giving

The end of the year is fast approaching, and we would like to encourage you to consider giving to the building fund before we begin 2009. We have several projects in the works such as tree trimming and stump removal. If you give before December 31, you can take that off your income taxes as a charitable deduction and help your church at the same time. Please give as you feel God leading you.

2. Christmas Eve Service

Be sure and join us on Thursday, December 24th at 11:00 pm for our Christmas Eve Service. Pastor Mary will be here as we celebrate the birth of Christ in our traditional candlelight service.

3. Membership Class

Are you interested in becoming a member of WFMCC? If so, contact Barbara Mann at racketwarrior@sbcglobal.net, or call the church phone, 940-322-4100 and leave a message. We are planning a membership class in the early part of January, so let us know if you are interested, and we will get back to you with the dates.

4. Anniversary Sunday

We will be celebrating our 22nd anniversary on January 18, 2009. Former WFMCC pastor, Rev Margaret Walker, senior pastor at Exodus MCC in Abilene, Texas, will be our guest pastor on that day. We will have more

information as we get closer to the date, so stay tuned!

5. Thanksgivings and Prayer Requests

Add your Thanksgivings and Prayers Requests to the Prayer Book in the foyer at church or email them to racketwarrior@sbcglobal.net

Thanksgivings for... VIP Choir; cantata; my family; peace and joy; Jody, Seth, and Cole.

Prayers for ... my son on his 38th birthday; David Hernandez and family; Steve Cash and his family; travel mercies for my nephew, Adam Trent, leaving for Iraq; travel mercies for Trish and her parents; Becky and Patricia; discipline, grace, praise, coolness, calmness, collectedness; Sean, Addison, Kerry and Jen.

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