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WFMCC Weekly

Anticipation and Hope!

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

...Isaiah 9:6

Dear Friends

Sorry this is late, but I wanted to get it out with the message from Deon, below.

"As we gather with friends and family let us all say a prayer for those who cannot be with us, for their safety and well being. When we think of all the things we have to be thankful for let us remember to be thankful that we live in a country which allows us to be anything we want to be. Most of all we are thankful for our chosen families, for you truly make our life richer and we love you all most ardently. May your travels be safe and your day be filled with joy. Happy Thanksgiving." Well said, Deon!

This from Pastor Mary.....

"Behold, I will again do a marvelous work among this people, a marvelous work and a wonder." Isaiah

These words of the Prophet Isaiah are so true.....even today.....even in the face of whatever your life circumstances, God will perform marvelous works and wonders in our lives! That is good news. Advent season is upon us. Advent follows the time we have spent together in thanksgiving for all things, rediscovering the

wonders all around us. Now we will spend time together preparing for The Wonder of All Wonders. As we move through the Advent season together, I thought it would be helpful to know the meaning behind the things we will see, hear, and experience, as we await receipt of the Ultimate Gift. Advent is the beginning of the Church year in most Western traditions beginning the fourth Sunday before Christmas Day and ending on Christmas Eve. The primary sanctuary color of Advent is purple, the color of penitence, fasting, and royalty....a color to remind us to prepare to receive the royalty of Christ the King. The word Advent means "coming" or "arrival." The focus on the entire season is the celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ. Advent is marked by a spirit of expectation, anticipation, preparation, and longing. There is a yearning for deliverance from the evils of the world as first expressed by Israelite slaves in Egypt as they cried out from their bitter oppression. God hears our cries and promises us a hope of deliverance. It is that hope, however faint at times, and that God, however distant God sometimes seems, which brings the world the anticipation of a King who will rule with truth and justice over us, God's people, and over God's creation. I pray your Advent experience will be one that prepares your hearts so completely that you will receive The Gift of All Gifts this Christmas in a new, intense, deep, and fulfilling way.....Love in Christ, Mary

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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. Tristan's Baptism

Martha and Kathy would like to invite everyone to the baptism of their grandson, Tristan, Saturday, December 6 at 5:00 pm. The ceremony will be held at the church and officiated by Rev Margaret Walker of Abilene.

6. November

Birthdays

*If your birthday is
in November and isn't listed
here, please send the info to
me at*

racketwarrior@sbcglobal.net

Neil Goerz 11/1

Wendi Mull 11/10

Dwight Marcus 11/11

Georgeana Latham 11/20

Debby Johnson 11/23

Laura Nix 11/23

Jessica Walker 11/25

3. Deck the Halls

Join us Friday, December 5 as we get together to decorate the sanctuary for Christmas. The festivities begin at 6:30, and there will be lots of fellowship as well as hot chocolate and goodies.

4. Christmas Cantata

Mark your calendars for December 14 at 6:30 pm. That's the date for this year's Christmas Cantata. So make plans to be here and be inspired by our wonderful Voices In Praise choir, as they sing in the Christmas season.

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... joy and peace; my family; God's grace.

Prayers for ... Velinda, after her fall; equality; Trish's health; safe travel.

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