

The Echoes

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"And the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us." John 1:14

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year

Every year, it seems, the pressures of our materialistic society mount yet another onslaught on our lives, and while the spirit is willing the flesh is definitely weak bringing frustrations and sometimes guilt to our spiritual psyche.

Some are adamant that because the exact date of our Saviors birth is not known we should not celebrate it on the 25th of December, yet I find the idea of never recognizing His birth even more disconcerting.

Think about it! Without the miraculous conception of Mary and her willingness to participate in God's plan: without the angelic announcement of the work of the Holy Spirit and without the obedience of Joseph, this birth

could only have been by human means, not supernatural from our heavenly Father.

We don't seem to have any difficulty with coupling the visit of the shepherds and the wise men to the manger, yet an exhaustive study of scripture indicates the wise men arrived a couple of years after the birth of Jesus.

Scripture indicates they came "to the house" where He was and honored the "young child" with their wonderful gifts; the value of which probably financed the families flight to Egypt.

Regardless, the season, I believe, should be celebrated with joyous thanksgiving and a merry heart, for God's precious gift to the world, without which there could be no forgiveness of

sin, no cleansing, no hope, no future inheritance and no heavenly destiny, came in the fullness of time!

Regardless of the actual date, the Fathers plan was executed perfectly, His grace was extended to all who would receive the finished work on the cross and our future is sealed, in Him!

As for the coming New Year; it signals yet another chapter in our lives and service to Him.

True happiness is only found in our Fathers revelation to us of His love and through obedience to 'His way of doing things.' Therefore, with all my heart and all my being, I wish you and yours a very Merry Christmas and the happiest of New Years. Editor

New Years Eve Youth Bash

Spend two days with friends from camp. Bring in the New Year with PRAISE!

For the first time ever, a Mini Winter Youth Camp for ages 12 to 18 years old at our National Camp Grounds, Camp Moriah

Friday December 31, 2010 Saturday January 1, 2011.

Activities during the day and early evening: fireworks that night: all night worship service as we sing and praise God to bring in 2011.

We need adult workers for counselors, kitchen help and prayer warriors!

Come expecting an all out life changing, earth shaking, souls saved, powerful move of the Holy Ghost!

Check in starts at 10 a.m. on Friday.

\$20 per camper; which will cover 4 meals and rental of the campground.

Download your camp form on www.fgci.us or contact Rev. Liz Major at 573 247-0497.

Missions Report

Brothers and Sisters we are glad to be able to let you know we were able to get food into the hard hit area of Oaxaca. As you can see in the picture, we loaded a pickup with beans, rice, oil, and sugar until they were afraid to load more and we started the journey up the mountain. There were some thirty places where the road was covered by slides, some with rocks so big they had to dynamite them out of the way!

The people were so glad to see us! We held several services, and traveled dangerous roads to reach other churches where we distributed the food.

We also took stocking hats made by the ladies group in our church for them. Though it continued to rain while we were there the people walked great distances to be in the services. The Lord touched many as we ministered.

Bethany Henry ministered to them in song, and John Meyers preached. Lance Nichols testified, and we just were so blessed. We even sang them a song as a quartet.

God has miraculously preserved these people and being able to help feed their families, at this time, has touched and changed so many of their lives; and they are praying for our churches here in America.

Just a prayer reminder; Our pastor's wife there, has recently had surgery and is struggling to recover. Please pray for Luisa! Your prayers and support make touching these people's lives possible.

Bro. Auburn Packwood



NOTICE!

Several of you have contacted me regarding the process of submitting information for the Echoes each month.

It's important that any such submission be received no later than the 20th of the preceding month. We try to mail before the first of the month, but holidays, deadlines with the printer, and of course dealing with the post office effects each mailing; not to mention my personal travel schedule.

The best form is through our e-mail address with attachments, but of course you can send your submission to our post office address. All will be prayerfully considered

Some months I'm deluged with articles, other times I'm scrambling for enough to fill the newsletter.

Also it would be helpful if you would promptly notify both Donna and I of your changes of address. The guaranteed return of each newsletter can get quite expensive.

Our bulk rate is a little over .17 cents per copy, but all returns are currently .44 cents and probably rising. We can mail three for the cost of one return and some months we have fifteen to twenty returns. We really want to be a good steward of God's ministry tools and the funds it takes to use them.

Your comments and suggestions are also appreciated in addition to your constant prayers.

Thank you for your support.
Editor

New Members, Advancements & New Churches

Mississippi:

Rev. Vincent Starks, Exh.

Missouri:

Rev. Laverne Fay Harris, Exh.

Rev James P. Pettus, Lic.

Oklahoma:

Rev. Bobby Jo Pinley, Lic.

Rev. Laura Jean Prewitt, Lic.

Painted Highway Ministries Has A New Web-site

The Wrights may be contacted through their new web address: www.paintedhighwayministries.com or their new phone number 336 269-9823.

Bro. Wright tells us, "we would love to minister to churches with the idea of helping them reach out into their community in 2011."

"For those churches with small budgets, we have income that takes care of our needs; all we ask is that our travel expenses be taken care of. A free-will offering is optional."

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California State Superintendent Appointed

Rev. Forest Hagood of Bakersfield, California was recently appointed Superintendent of the 'golden state' by FGCI's General Superintendent Rev. Gary Thomas.

Now begins the real work of building the fellowship in yet another state as our national fellowship continues to grow and expand.

"If God be for us, who can be against us!"

Reminder

As we approach the end of yet another year in the service of the King, be reminded that renewals will be coming up right after the first of the year.

Yes, I know it's early, but why not get a head this time around and get yours in early? I'm sure our sec/treas. Would appreciate it! Just a thought.

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The Real Christmas Story!

“Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: When as his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost. Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not willing to make her a public example, was minded to put her away privily.

But while he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying Joseph thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost. And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name Jesus: for he shall save his people from their sins....

And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed ... and all went to be taxed, every one into his own city. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David:) to be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child.

And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. And she brought forth her first born son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn

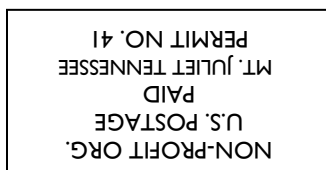
And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us. And they came with haste, and found Mary and Joseph and the babe lying in a manger. And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child. And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds.”

Matthew 1:18-21 - Luke 2:1-7, 15-18 KJV

“Behold a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel” which being interpreted is, God with us.” Matthew 1:23

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