

T'was the World Before Christmas

T'was the world before Christmas and all through the Earth,
Death ruled each life from the moment of birth.
Old Satan continued his plotting and scheming
But there were a few of God's children who never stopped dreaming.
Hatred, sorrow and all manner of strife
Spilled out of the abyss and into each life.
What was God's answer; how would this all end?
Is there any hope at all that He might still be our friend?
We once stood before Him naked and "good",
But now we hide, cringing and covered in blood.
Day after day and night after night,
God waited and watched till the timing was just right.
And the one who watched with Him, so close and so true,
When it came His time, knew just what to do.
Make me like one of them, Father, He said
And I will pour out the best of your love till I'm dead.
Make me like one of them, Father, but send
Your spirit to make me alive once again.
Make me like one of them, Father, let it be
So all of your children can be just like me.
And so, it is written that Jesus was born
On a night in Bethlehem by angels adorned
And the moral of this story should be very plain
The world before Christmas will never be again.



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WELCOME!

<u>Sunday</u>	Bible Class- 9:30 a.m. Worship- 10:30 a.m.
<u>Tuesday</u>	Ladies Bible Study- 10:00 a.m.
<u>Wednesday</u>	Bible Study-7:00pm

All the churches of Christ greet you.
ROMANS 16:16

Today's Sermon: **The World Before Christmas**

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Scripture: Ephesians 2:1-9

ANNOUNCEMENTS / UPCOMING EVENTS...

- **Ladies Class: Tuesday, January 9th, 10am. We will be studying Day 4 of the first chapter.**
- **Midweek Bible study Wednesday at 7pm here at the building.**

Next Potluck: January 15th. Theme: **NEW** try a new recipe for the new year!



- ✓ **NEW CHURCH BUILDING!** We now have a new shelter for worship and fellowship. **Thank you** to all who helped with the moving (BIG JOB!) and planning for future upgrades to our building. Our sign is beautiful!
- ✓ Darlene will be traveling to Philadelphia for GI testing on her own, leaving directly after worship today, returning on Tuesday. She needs to go there again the 27th and 28th. Doug and Darlene will be leaving for Florida for a few days after that. Doug will fly home to have his kidneys tested to see if they are healthy enough to donate. Then he will fly back to FL to drive back up with Darlene.
- ✓ Lani will be going home to NM for the holidays.
- ✓ As we are all aware, our new building came with two vans, a 2001 Dodge, which needs new batteries, and a 2004 Ford, all inspected and in working order. We also need to install a baptistery in this building, as there is none. After worship today we will have a discussion about what to do with the vans and when to install the baptistery. Then we will vote and make our decisions. There will be snacks and coffee available.

PRAYERS...

- The recent shooting at Aztec High School in NM took place where Lani went to school. Please pray for families and friends of the victims.
- Pray all goes well with **Doug Elsbree** and his brother **Mark**.
- Please remember **Kiley and Thomas** in prayer. Also pray for their grandmother, **Judy Brotzman**, as she cares for her husband.
- Pray for **Darlene** as she has tests in Philadelphia this week. Also pray for Doug and her as they care for their pet dog, Jada, who is very ill with cancer.
- Pray for **Andrea Lentz** who has a mass on her lung.
- Ben and Jill Wright's grandson, **Levi**, who was born several weeks prematurely, is home with his family now.
- Pray for **Kevan Barry's** safety during his last week of deployment. He returns stateside on Tuesday.
- **Pat Gutherie** is preparing for open heart surgery soon to repair or replace two valves. Pray that surgeons are successful in repairing them.
- **Kelly** will be having surgery on January 8th to repair a hernia.
- Pray for **Joshua Dunn**, who is suffering from stage 4 lung cancer. Pray experimental treatment continues to help him.
- Pray for **Vicki Joice** as she continues Herceptin treatments for breast cancer. Also pray for relief from lymphedema.
- Sandy and Arthur's neighbor, **Erin Beiber** has metastatic breast cancer. She has asked for prayers as she comes to terms with the reality of her cancer and says she needs God to help her through it.

If you have any prayers or news that you would like included in the bulletin, please contact Sandy Barry :

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