

Christmas – What Does It Really Mean

By Anna Laura Brown

Christmas

Christ – “Its the real reason for the holiday to begin with.

Thus it is also the first letter in the word. Remember why we are celebrating this holiday. It is easy to forget this with all the gifts and commercialism but we must remember this.

Happiness – Christmas is a happy time of year. I know I feel happier just by listening to Christmas music and by thinking about the holidays. Everyone else seems happier as well.

Red – one of the color of Christmas. Red candles, red Berries, red flowers, red ornaments, all kinds of red symbolizing Christ’s blood and his sacrifice for us.

Intent – at Christmas everyone has kind hearts and love for one another. Everyone seems to have good intentions at Christmas.

Smiles – Everyone smiles more at Christmas than at other times of the year. I smile just thinking about Christmas.

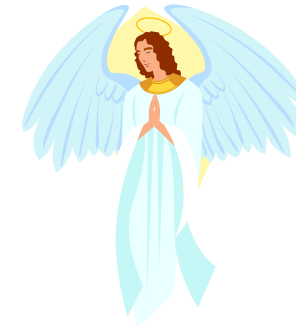
Together – families spend more time in one another’s company and may people seem to act more in unison.

Merry – Not only do we say Merry Christmas but hearts are merrier, and times seem merrier and brighter at Christmas.

Abundant – there is plenty of love and cheer for everyone. Those who have more share more. Everyone is in more of a giving mood and the willingness to share with others of their abundance is more evident.

Sharing – Christmas is a time of giving not only of presents and material wealth, but also of happiness, caring, and the Christmas spirit. Santa Clause himself is a symbol of the sharing and giving spirit of Christmas.

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AT
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December 27, 2009

1st Sunday of Christmas

10:00 AM Gathering (Coffee, Juice, Pastries, & other Goodies served in the Welcome Center)

Welcome/Sign Attendance Pad

Announcements, Opportunities for Ministry

Chiming the Hour

Sandra Smith

*Call to Worship/Hymn #246 (vs. 1) “Joy To the World”

Everyone

Christmas Prayer

*Hymn # 246 (vs. 2 – 4)

“Joy To The World”

Children’s Time

“Why Angels?”

Rev. Smith

Offering of Ourselves and Our Gifts

Offertory

“Christmas Is The Love of God”

Sanctuary Choir

*Doxology #95

Prayer Concerns/Morning Prayer

Prayer Response/Solo

Kate May

Anthem

“More Than Wonderful”

Sanctuary Choir

Christmas Carol Hymn Sing

Hymn # 238

“Angels We Have Heard On High”

Hymn # 220

“Angels From The Realms of Glory”

Special Music

“We Three Kings”

Jolliff Hand Bell Choir

“O Bethlehem”

Written by Ervin Johnson

Hymn # 217

“Away In a Manger”

Special Music

“Jesus, Born On This Day”

Nikki Keegan

Scripture

Luke 1: 26 – 38/Luke 2: 8 - 14

Sermon

Christmas Angel to Visit

Robin Walls

Hymn #251

“Go, Tell It On the Mountain”

* Benediction

Rev. Smith

* Choral Benediction

Hymn #211-Refrain

“Rejoice! Rejoice!
Emmanuel shall come to thee,
O Israel”

**Please offer signs of welcome & love to those around you as you leave the Sanctuary.*

Next week’s scripture

Matthew 2: 1 – 12

Epiphany Sermon

“Seven Looks”

The lovely flowers on the altar today are given

by Bill & Kathryn Brigge

(Christopher’s great-grandparents)

“To the Glory of God and in honor of
Christopher Wolfe’s 10th birthday-Dec 25th.
We love you!”

Welcome Visitors!

We are glad you have chosen to worship here today. You may become a member of Jolliff Church by profession of faith and baptism (if not previously baptized) or by transfer of your membership from another Christian church. Please indicate your interest on the attendance pad or speak to the pastor.

We have a nursery available for children birth – Kindergarten in the Education Building (brick building.) Childcare volunteers will lead the children to the Nursery and Children’s Church following Children’s Time.

Children’s Church for Grades 1 – 5

Children’s Church has become a wonderful interactive worship for children. All children in grades 1 – 5 are invited to attend. Kids will be led over to the Education Bldg following Children’s Time.

Children’s Bulletins

Child-friendly bulletins for 3-6 years & 7-12 years that coordinate with the Pastor’s sermon are available. Please ask an usher for one for your child.

Opportunities for Ministry

This Week – December 27

Today: NO Youth Meeting
Wed: 7:00 PM CEAHOW Group Meeting Fellowship Hall
(Child care provided for Sunday School & Worship Services)

Mark Your Calendars...

**The Church Office will be closed December 24 – January 1.
Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!**

**Jolliff Day School will be closed December 23 – January 3.
Happy Holidays—The Jolliff Day School Staff**

Jan	5	Soup/Salad Kitchen for Oasis Ministries	
	7	6:00 PM First Thursday Night Family Dinner of 2010	
	8	7:00 PM Women's Prayer Circle	Kirmes' Home
	9	8:00 AM United Methodist Men's Breakfast	Fellowship Hall
		1 – 3 PM Parkinson's Support Group	Fellowship Hall

2010 Offering Envelopes

2010 Offering Envelopes will be available for pick-up TODAY-Sunday, December 27. You will find them in the Welcome Center. If you have not had Offering Envelopes in the past and would like to begin using them, or if yours are not in the Welcome Center on the 27th, please advise the Church Secretary, Emma James @ (488-2784) or secretary@jolliffumc.org and she will prepare a set for you.

Christian Sympathy is extended to Viola George, Rose George, and their families in the death of Lawrence George on December 22, 2009. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all at this time.

Prayer Concerns

Jolliff Church Family:

Allan Vanderploeg (chemo/doing well), Nita Eason (recovery/knee surgery), Shirley Baucom (hypertension & testing), Kyle Skrobiszewski (Juvenile Diabetes), Frances Delk, Anne Hill (more surgery), Frank Williams, Bill Brigge, Nathan Dashiell (Juvenile Diabetes), Sarah Peacock (recovering), Tyler Walls (autism), Michael May, Ruby Baker, Edith Jones

Jolliff Church Shut-ins:

Vivian Collins (home), Justine Dingus (home), Doris Leigh (home), Mary Moss (home), Eleanor O'Grady (Ches Health/Rehab), Lucille Phelps (Dom Village-Ches), Virginia Price (Beth Shalom/Auburn Dr.), Shirley & Marjorie Rountree (Home), Martha Sadler (Sentara Nur Care/Ches), Virginia Snoddy (Home), Cleo Townsend (NC)

Jolliff Church Friends & Relatives:

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| 1. James Williams (lung cancer/Betty F's son) | 2. Byron Harrell (job/Sherry M's nephew) |
| 3. John May (recovery/surgery) | |
| 5. Diann Flanigan (heart Cath/12/17/09-Sandy K) | 6. Emmarene Brown (98yr old/broken hip/Harry B) |
| 7. Steve Y & Carol Richey-Yowell (recovering/home) | 8. Mark Sawyer (ALS/Pam B) |
| 9. Robert Anderson (terminal cancer) | 10. Joseph Dempsey (toddler w/speech/growth prob) |
| 11. Bud Potts (prostate cancer/Robin W's dad) | 12. Jane Moss (recurrent cancer) |
| 13. Cathy (needs kidney) & Jerry (donating) Robins | 14. Bruce Johnson (lost job/Dawn B) |
| 15. Adison Billiot (micropremie/Robin W) | 16. Gene Houck (hospice/Jeff's mom) |
| 17. Robyn Linner (breast cancer/Dawn B) | 18. Susan (Justine D's neighbor) |
| 19. Albert Neilson (emerg surg/Diane O's dad) | 20. Courtney & Jadence Balch (Kelly P) |
| 21. Eleanor O'Grady (oxygen) | 22. TW Price (Monica B's brother) |
| 23. Ursula, Patsy (cancer/friends of Monica B) | 24. Mark Godwin (cancer/Monica B) |
| 25. Laurel Reeves (cancer/Monica B) | 26. Michael Wolfe (Christopher's dad) |
| 27. Carol B (cancer/Sandy C's friend) | 28. Bruce Sawyer (nephew of Darrell & Marilyn W) |
| 29. Dan, Paula, & Baby Courtenay (hole in heart) | 30. Dashiell extended family |
| 31. George Matson (uncle of Christopher & Yvonne) | 32. Mary Blanchard & Connie/niece(Shirley B) |
| 33. Pauline (domestic violence/Ellen H) | 34. John Hetrick (25yr old w/rare cancer) |
| 35. Carol Russel (Gene B) | 36. Marta Garrett (recovery/breast cancer) |
| 37. Megan Wiggs (11 yr old/motocycle accident) | 38. Dale Flick (cancer/Virginia Laughter) |
| 39. Harold Gordon (complications/diabetes/Mike G) | 40. Charles Hawthorne (bone cancer/Pam S) |
| 41. Connie Johns (Bobby B's daughter) | 42. John & Janet (Janet's mother very ill) |
| 43. Frank Brittingham (cancer/Rose G) | 44. Debbie Cuthriell (Shirley B's daughter) |
| 45. Jackie Sandt (cancer/Jeff H's sister) | 46. Lindsey Gaskins (hospice) |
| 47. Debbie & Eddy Hill (breast cancer/Jerre G) | 48. Lola Faye Smith (Patsy P) |
| 49. Monica Smith (cancer/Karen H) | 50. Doug Edwards (lungs) |
| 51. Susan Vest (possible cancer/Donna H) | 52. Jermaine George & family (Viola G) |
| 53. Elijah, Daisy, & Annie (Holderman's grandkids) | 54. Camille/family/Paula & husband (Rose G) |
| 55. Jean Munn (hospice/Gary's mom) | 56. Carol Hornbeck (diabetes) |
| 57. Joan & Jimmy Powell | 58. Lester Scarborough (Erving G's brother) |
| 59. Liz Currie (colon cancer) | 60. Donna Lavin (cancer) |
| 61. Amy (lupus) & Zachary (cancer) Ozmon | 62. Amy & Alexis Williams (Carolyn W) |

63. Mary Gray (Erv's mom)

64. Martina Natoli

Do you have a friend or family member on our Prayer List? Can you bring us up to date on them? Share any news with our Lay Leader, Joan Blair (686-9255) or drop a note in the offering plate. Thank you.

