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December 2020 Edition

It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year

Remember that song? Andy Williams recorded it back in the early 60's. The song began with the words... *"It's the most wonderful time of the year, With the kids jingle belling, and everyone telling you be of good cheer, It's the most wonderful time of the year."*

Many people look forward to the Christmas season, and truly believe it is the Most Wonderful Time of the Year. However, the year 2020 has presented us with many challenges. Not only the Covid-19 pandemic, but this year's presidential election has revealed we are a more divided country than we thought. But also, riots, rally's, virtual everything, the closing of schools, churches and restaurants... How can it be??? *The most wonderful time of the year?*

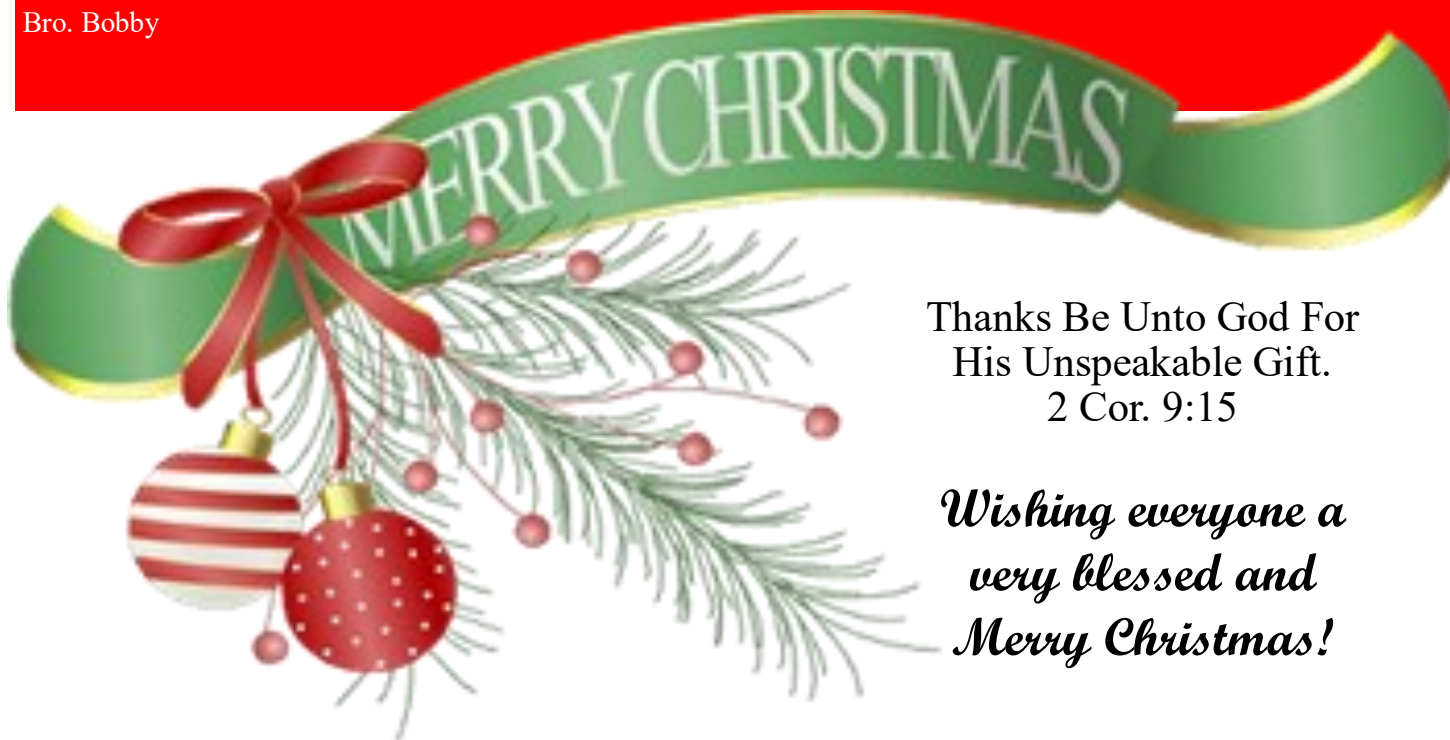
I found a study conducted by OnePoll. They surveyed 2,000 Americans who generally celebrate the holidays. The survey aimed to examine how the holidays might be different this year as a result of the unprecedented events of 2020. According to the survey, surprisingly two out of three Americans feel as though this Holiday Season will be more meaningful than ever before thanks to the COVID-19 pandemic. Apparently, more than anything else, this year has shown us that life is not only short but unpredictable. The survey went on to reveal that 56 percent of those questioned had already started their holiday preparations back in September; maybe because of boredom, maybe because of hope.

There was no pandemic, or presidential election during the birth of Jesus that first Christmas, but it wasn't an easy time either. Like many young couples in 2020, Joseph and Mary's wedding plans were put on hold, not because of a pandemic, but because of a pregnancy. Because of a census, they were forced to travel a great distance late in Mary's pregnancy. As they traveled, do you think they thought... *"it's the most wonderful time of the year!"* Or did the events of the past months leave them questioning... where is God in all of this?

The answer to this question is the same answer to the question we started with: It is the Most Wonderful Time of the Year? Yes! But not because what is happening around us, but because of what HAS happened before us. Joseph and Mary were given basically, no better information about the trials of their day, than we are of ours. The words of another great song come to mind... TRUST and OBEY for there's no other way, to be happy (in Jesus) than to trust and obey. It is the most wonderful time of the year, because Jesus has come to seek and to save. Let's tell the world about it.

In Christ service,

Bro. Bobby



Thanks Be Unto God For
His Unspeakable Gift.
2 Cor. 9:15

*Wishing everyone a
very blessed and
Merry Christmas!*

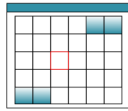


**We Can Do More
Together!**
2021



**Thank you for your
donation of Backpacks
for children in need this
Christmas!**

**Our association collected
101 backpacks**



Calendar Of Events



Mission Board Meeting
12/7/20, 7:00 p.m.
Cancelled

Executive Team Meeting
12/7/20, 6:00 p.m.

**Due to COVID-19
regretfully the Pastor/Staff
Christmas Dinner
has been cancelled.**

**Office Closed for the
Christmas Holidays
December 24-January 3
Reopen 1/4/2021**

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR NOVEMBER

Church	Regular	Special
Bethany	153.00	
Blue Spring	1,526.56	
Buffalo	0	
Cadiz	842.16	
Canton	723.76	250.00
Cerulean	368.00	
Delmont	322.15	
Donaldson Creek	723.48	
East Cadiz	728.04	
Hurricane	400.00	
Liberty Point	679.69	
Locust Grove	541.00	
Maple Grove	300.00	
New Hope	209.81	
New Jerusalem	0	
New Light	50.00	
Oak Grove	432.30	
Ponderosa	515.00	
Rock Front	200.00	
Rocky Ridge	317.00	
South Union	164.75	
Wallonia	0	
Misc. Income	800.00	
Total	9,996.70	250.00
		10,246.70
Interest NOW Acc.	5.60	
Deaf Ministry		250.00

Subtotals	10,002.30	250.00
Total income		\$10,252.30
Monthly expense		\$12,722.88

Regular Fund	
Beginning Balance	38,246.39
Interest Received	5.60
Gifts	10,181.70
Trans- Contingency Fund	(100.00)
Trans- OMC	
Trans- Building Maintenance Fund	(100.00)
Trans- Mev Fredenburg Fund	
Expense Checks Written	(12,328.08)
Ending Balance	\$35,905.61
Treasurer: Louise Fuller 11/25/20	

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Lindsay Carter- 12/1
Bobby Sellers- 12/4
John Mitchell- 12/7
Leah Chalfin- 12/12
Joe Johnson- 12/19