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The Twelve Days of Christmas

Most of us have heard this song for the better part of our lives. Over the years, there have been many conflicting views as to the origin of this song. I assume we may never know for sure, but I have always favored the view that the song originally was intended to teach certain Biblical truths to young people.

There was a period in England when Christians were not able to practice their faith openly, so they had to find other ways to pass on their beliefs. The song The Twelve Days of Christmas is one example of how they did it.

The song goes:

"On the first day of Christmas my true love gave to me..." The "true love" represents God and "me" represents those who are Christians and have received God's gifts.

- "Partridge in a pear tree" represented Jesus Christ who died on a tree as a gift from God.
- "Two turtle doves" were the Old and New Testaments, another gift from God.
- "Three French hens" represented faith, hope, and love.
- "Four calling birds" spoke of the 4 Gospels that tell the story of salvation.
- "Five golden rings" spoke of the first 5 books of the Bible.
- "Six geese a laying" spoke of the days of creation.
- "Seven swans a swimming" spoke of the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit.
- "Eight maids a milking" spoke of the 8 beatitudes.
- "Nine ladies dancing" spoke of the 9 fruits of the Spirit
- "Ten lords a leaping" spoke of the 10 Commandments.
- "Eleven pipers piping" spoke of the eleven faithful disciples.
- "Twelve drummers drumming" spoke of the 12 Apostles.

Then I got out my calculator. How many gifts were there? If one arrives on the first day, three on the second, six on the third, ...by the last day there's a **grand total of 364 gifts**. That's one for every day of the year!

Now at last I understood. "My True Love" was no mere earthly lover but my Heavenly Father. The gift of His Son was sufficient for every day of my year.

I hope each of you have a blessed, healthy and Merry Christmas. Jesus remains the Reason for the Season.

In Christ,
Bro. Bobby

Merry Christmas



LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING

“Need it be said why the week before Christmas is chosen? Is not the festive season, when families and friends exchange gifts in memory of The Gift laid on the altar of the world for the redemption of the human race, the most appropriate time to consecrate a portion from abounding riches and scant poverty to send forth the good tidings of great joy into all the earth?”



FINANCIAL REPORT FOR NOVEMBER

Church	Regular	Special
Bethany	0	
Blue Spring	2,060.48	
Buffalo	0	
Cadiz	931.20	
Canton	927.05	250.00
Cerulean	0	
Crossroads	0	
Delmont	256.72	
Donaldson Creek	740.28	
East Cadiz	906.60	
Hurricane	400.00	
Liberty Point	868.87	
Locust Grove	616.00	
Maple Grove	400.00	
New Hope	193.45	
New Jerusalem	0	
New Light	50.00	
Oak Grove	210.04	
Ponderosa	390.2	
Rock Front	200.00	
Rocky Ridge	366.00	
South Union	206.80	
Wallonia	0	
Misc. Income	600.00	
Total	10,323.61	250.00
		10,573.61
Interest NOW Acc.	3.51	
Deaf Ministry		250.00
Mev Fredenburg Assoc. Missions Fund		
Subtotals	10,327.12	250.00
Total income		\$10,577.12
Monthly expense		\$10,765.26

Regular Fund	
Beginning Balance	44,058.96
Interest Received	3.51
Gifts	10,339.01
Trans- Contingency Fund	(100.00)
Trans- OMC	
Trans- Building Maintenance Fund	(100.00)
Trans- Mev Fredenburg Fund	
Expense Checks Written	(9,856.88)
Ending Balance	\$44,344.60
Treasurer: Louise Fuller 11/25/21	



December Calendar Of Events

- 6- Mission Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- 9- Pastor/Staff/Spouse Christmas Dinner, 6:30 p.m.
- 24- Christmas Eve
- 25- Christmas Day
- Office Closed December 23-January 1
- Reopen Monday, January 3, 2022



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