

THE BAPTIST
BIBLE TRUMPET
FROM
FAITH BAPTIST CHURCH

*Cry aloud, spare not, lift up thy voice like a trumpet
and show my people their transgression...*
Isa. 58:1



*For if the trumpet give an uncertain sound,
who shall prepare himself to the battle?*
1 Cor. 14:8

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The Pastor's Paragraph

The Christmas season is usually the "big event" of the year. May I suggest reflecting on the benefits and blessings of the past 11 months, and looking forward to the opportunities and obligations of the new year. May I also suggest emphasizing the spiritual aspects of Christmas, and less on the commercialism of Christmas. Jesus is still the reason for the season.

Say, have you ever read your Bible from cover to cover? May I recommend doing that in 2021. If you will contact me, I will send you a "daily Bible reading guide", and you can read the entire Bible through next year. From Genesis to Revelation in one year.

—Pastor Cole

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Keeping Christmas

Are you willing to forget what you have done for other people, and to remember what other people have done for you; to ignore what the world owes you, and to think what you owe the world; to put your rights in the background, and your duties in the middle distance, and your chances to do a little more than your duty in the foreground; to see that our fellow men are just as real as you are, and try to look behind their faces to their hearts, hungry for joy; to own that probably the only good reason for your existence is not what you are going to get out of life, but what you are going to give life; to close your book of complaints against the management of the universe, and look around you for a place where you can sow a few seeds of happiness – are you willing to do these things even for a day? Then you can keep Christmas.

Are you willing to believe that love is the strongest thing in the world – stronger than hate, stronger than evil, stronger than death – and that the blessed life which began in Bethlehem nineteen hundred years ago is the image and brightness of the Eternal Love? Then you can keep Christmas.

And if you keep it for a day, why not always? But you cannot keep it alone.

—Henry Van Dyke

I Wish You a Merry Christmas

On this Christmas we bring you good tidings of great joy: pardon for all sin, comfort for all trouble, and life for the dead. Shall we now take this Christ into our hearts?

The time is passing. This is the closing of the year. How the time speeds by! Put your hand on your heart – one, two, three. Three times less it will beat.

Life is passing like gazelles over the plain. Sorrows hover like petrels over the sea. Death swoops like a vulture from the mountains. Misery rolls up to our ears like waves. Heavenly songs fall to us like stars.

I wish you a merry Christmas, not with worldly dispensations, but merry with gospel gladness; merry with pardoned sin; merry with hope of reunion in the skies with all your loved ones who have preceded you.

In that grandest and best sense, a merry Christmas!

-T. Dewitt Talmage

TO MY PASTOR

Dear Pastor:

You often stress attendance at worship as being important for a Christian, but I think a person has a right to miss now and then. I think every person ought to be excused for the following reasons and the number of times indicated:

- Christmas (Before or after) - 1
- New Year's (Party too late) - 1
- Easter (get away for the day) - 1
- July 4 (National holiday) - 1
- Labor Day (Need rest) - 1
- Memorial Day (Visit hometown) - 1
- School closing (Kids need break) - 1
- School opening (One last fling) - 1
- Family reunion (Mine – wife's) - 2
- Sleep late (Saturday activities) - 4
- Death in family or friends - 4
- Anniversary (2nd honeymoon) - 1
- Sickness (at least 1 for each member of the family) - 5
 - Business trips (a must) - 3
 - Vacation (three weeks) - 3
 - Bad weather (ice, snow, etc.) - 6
 - Ballgames (recreation needful) - 4
- Unexpected company (we have a lot) - 5
 - Time change (spring and fall) - 2
 - TV Specials - 3

Pastor, that leaves two Sundays per year. So, you can count on us to be in church on the fourth Sunday in February and the third Sunday in August, unless providentially hindered.

Sincerely,
(signed) Ima Faithful Member

TRICKY TRIVIA

This Month's Question:

Question: In Matthew chapter one, the angel came to Joseph with the plan for the birth of Jesus. One of the names for Jesus would be Emmanuel. What does that name mean?

Answer to last month's question.

In last month's "Tricky Trivia" question we asked:

What woman mentioned in the book of Acts, was raised from the dead? She had a good Christian testimony and was known for the garments that she sewed?

Answer:
Tabitha or Dorcas
(Acts 9:36-42)

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A Pancake Lesson

Dad was preparing pancakes with his sons, Johnny, 5, and Alex, 3. The boys began to argue over who would get the first pancake. Dad saw the opportunity to teach a moral lesson. He said, "If Jesus were sitting here, He would say 'Let my brother have the first pancake, I can wait.'" Johnny quickly turned to his younger brother and said, "Okay, Alex, you be Jesus!"

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Sentence Sermons

- May we not "spend" Christmas or "observe" Christmas, but rather "keep" it.
- The hinge of history is on the door of a Bethlehem stable.
- Our God is the God of the unexpected. Few things could be more unexpected than the King of Heaven being born in a stable.
- We can never truly enjoy Christmas until we can look up into the Father's face and tell him we have received his Christmas gift.
- Rejoice, that the immortal God is born, so that mortal man may live in eternity.
- The magic of Christmas is not in the presents, but in His presence.
- Love the giver more than the gift.

The Miracle of Christmas

*Many were the miracles
The night of Jesus' birth:*

*The wonders in the eastern sky,
The signs upon the earth.*

*Mary was a miracle
By prophets long foretold:*

*A virgin bringing forth a Son,
Amazing to behold!*

*But the miracle of miracles,
The wonder of it all,*

*Was not the virgin Mary,
The stable and the stall;*

*It was that God Himself had come,
Incarnate as a child.*

*That God and sinful man might be
Forever reconciled.*

*Angels from the realms on high
To lowly shepherds came,*

*Proclaiming peace, goodwill to men
And glory to His Name.*

*Wise men saw the star appear,
Announcing Christ the King;*

*To guide them on their journey west,
Their precious gifts to bring.*

*But the miracle of miracles
Was not the eastern star,
The angels near to Bethlehem,
Or Wise Men from afar;*

*It was that God himself had come,
Incarnate as a child,*

*That God and sinful man might be
Forever reconciled.*

-By Eugene L. Clark

The A-B-C's of Christmas

A – is for ANGEL shining bright, telling about Jesus that first Christmas night.
B – is for Bethlehem crowded and old, the birthplace of Jesus, by prophets foretold.
C – is for CATTLE, their manger his bed, the trough for His washing. God's star overhead.
D – is for DAVID, his long ago throne. God promised forever to Jesus alone.
E – is for EAST, where men saw the star, and rode their camels to follow it far.
F – is for FRANKINCENSE, myrrh, and fine gold that the wiseman gave Jesus. (Matt 2:11)
G – is for GOD, who loves everyone so, that He sent us from heaven His own beloved Son.
H – is for HEROD, whose murderous schemes were told to the wisemen and Joseph in dreams.
I – is for INFANT, taken by night with His mother far from that wicked King's site.
J – is for JOSEPH, quiet and just, who obeyed all God's orders with absolute trust.
K – is for KING of the Jews to be "but we will worship Him now" said the wisemen three.
L – is for LOVE that brought Him to earth and made Him forever our brother by birth.
M – is for MARY, His mother, so faithful in believing God who is faithful and mighty to save.
N – is for NIGHT, most holy and still, when heaven proclaimed peace to men of good will.
O – is for OMEGA, it tells Jesus' station, with Alpha beyond and before all creation.
P – is for PROPHETS, who saw Jesus' story, in visions of Bethlehem, Calvary and Glory.
Q – tells how QUICKLY the shepherds who heard, hastened to action the heavenly word.
R – is for REJOICE with God's friends, old and new, Mary, the shepherds, the wisemen and you!
S – means SALVATION prepared by the Lord, in the Savior whom Simeon and Anna adored.
T – says to TELL the good tidings to all, like the shepherds who told of the child in the stall.
U – is for US, for to us God has given the Christ child, born of Mary, the Son sent from heaven.
V – is for VIRGIN from earliest ages, pictured in words and in prophecy pages.
W – is the WONDERFUL, that is the Lord's name, for with wonderful works and words He came.
X – is for XRISTOS, when in Greek it is read, He is our Saviour the angels said.
Y – is for YES to all of God's ways, like Mary whose yes filled her with Spirit and praise.
Z – is the ZEAL that burned in God's Son, from His childhood years until His work here was done.

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