

MORE TO LIFE THROUGH GOD

Fear Not...

"Fear not! Do not be afraid!" The angel spoke these words to Zachariah, to Mary, to Joseph, and finally to a group of shepherds on a hillside near Bethlehem.

"Do not be afraid; for behold I bring you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord"
Luke 2:10-11

Fear has a way of binding our stomachs up in knots, paralyzing our thinking, inducing panic. Fear causes us to worry, and it can capture our hearts when we see ourselves caught in a whirlpool of disasters beyond our control.

In the Sermon on the Mount Jesus talks about tiny, defenseless sparrows in the context of fear and worry:

"Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink... Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they?"
Matthew 6:25-26

In another place he reassures his followers:

"Don't be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows." Matthew 10:29, 31

Fear can create a downward spiral in our lives. During this Christmas 2012 the entire world is caught in the grip of an economic down-spiral. Houses are being foreclosed on. People are losing jobs. Factories are closing. Food costs in some countries have risen. Jobs are cutting back on pay to their employees.

More and more you glimpse a kind of bleak fear in people's eyes. Will I lose my house? My job? What will become of us if this recession deepens into a depression? How will I feed my family? How can I get my kids/family gifts this Christmas?

Though it's been quoted so often that it's become a cliché, Franklin Delano Roosevelt spoke these words to a nation at the depth of the Great Depression:

"Let me assert my firm belief that the only thing we have to fear is fear itself -- nameless, unreasoning, unjustified terror which paralyzes needed efforts to convert retreat into advance." 1st Inaugural Address, Washington D.C., March 4, 1933

Fear can grip us, choke all faith out of our hearts. Fear also drives economic depression. Fear causes companies to contract and people to stop buying. It causes runs on banks and panic on Wall Street. FDR reminded a nation that fear itself constitutes a large part of the problems we face.

It was as true in 1933 as it was on the first Christmas.

For on that first Christmas, the world was in desperate times, too. A census is being conducted in order to raise already high taxes. Murderous, paranoid Herod the Great is king of the Jews. It is winter on Bethlehem's hillsides, and cold. Inside a cave in the town sit a poverty-stricken carpenter and his young wife. Far from home, chilled to the bone. She is in labor. Her child will be born in a stable, of all places. Mary probably wondering why am I in this situation to birth a king?

And then she recalls an echo of the angel's words to her, *"Do not be afraid, Mary..."*
Luke 1:30

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DECEMBER 2012



PENTECOSTALS OF BILLINGS

SERVICE TIMES

SUNDAY

10 AM

5:30 PM

WEDNESDAY- 7 PM

SATURDAY

PRAYER- 7 PM

Dec. 9- Children's
Christmas Program

Dec. 16- Adult
Christmas Program

Dec 26- Christmas
Fellowship @ Fudds

2335 Lewis Ave
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Continued "Fear Not..."

A mile or so away on a windswept hillside outside of town, shepherds are huddling together, when all of a sudden the sky lights up and an angel proclaims:

"Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord." Luke 2:10-11

Fear not is heard from the angel above. The shepherds' fear is turned to joy as they hear news that a Savior is born. The Messiah! In Bethlehem, the city of David himself!

The shepherds head down the hillside into Bethlehem and go searching for the stable in where the Savior lays.

A Savior is one that comes to rescue people in danger, protect those who are threatened by harm, and shield his people from the troubles that surround them. That is what Saviors do! That is what Jesus came to do for us.

Do not be afraid because God has sent a Savior to us -- Jesus Christ the Lord. He is the One who will:

- *"Never leave us or forsake us."* Hebrews 13:5
- *"Supply all our needs according to his riches in glory."* Philipians 4:19
- *"Add to us all the things we need as we seek him and his Kingdom."* Matthew 6:33

Most of the world doesn't know the true meaning of Christmas. A lot believe it is about gifts under a tree and a spirit of good cheer, with Christmas dinner and family around the table. As good as all that may be, it isn't the true meaning of what Christmas is about.

The True Christmas message is this: God manifested Himself in flesh to come to this earth and save you from your sins, to lift your burden and ease your fears. A Savior who is Christ the Lord, God Himself!

Christmas is when we turn our thoughts to God and how He came down to be with us. There are so many people who don't understand the real reason for Christmas. It's not the gifts, the parties and time with the family - it's about Divine Love.

Invite some friends and family to join us for the Adult Christmas Program December 16, 2012.

May God's blessing be on you and your's this Christmas season.



SAINT IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Mahlon Lambright



- 1. Where are you originally from?** I am originally from Clark, Missouri out of the Amish community.
- 2. How did you come to find God?** I was homeless, alcoholic, and about to take my life, because life wasn't worth living. It was then when I was on my knees I said, God I can't live anymore like this. And some way, somehow, I ended up in a church that taught and preached the word of God like I'd never heard before, or had experienced.
- 3. How old were you when you were baptized in Jesus Name?** 31
- 4. How old were you when you received the Holy Ghost?** 31
- 5. What is your favorite scripture in the Bible?** ACTS 19:2
He said unto them, have ye receive the Holy Ghost since ye believed?
- 6. What has God done in your life, just this past year, that is a testimony to you?** Despise my failures, my struggles, and trials that I go through, God still blesses.
- 7. Do you have any hobbies?** Hunting and fishing or just being outdoors.
- 8. Favorite type of food?** Meat and potatoes



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CHURCH PRAYER REQUESTS

Minnie Hampton
Tyler Sapp
Louie & Dale Dauenhauer
Michael Kruger
The Ehler family
Marty McFate
Carol Penrod
Galen Walter
Susan Sifuentes
The Woeppel family
The Plainfeather/Black Eagle family
The Lost Souls in Billings



If you have a prayer request that you want posted for others to pray for please submit them to my email: coonfare03@yahoo.com



December 2012

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
						1. Christmas Practice 6-7 PM Prayer
2	3	4	5 AC Practice 6-6:45	6	7 Men's Bible Study Children's Program Rehearsal	8 Outreach Christmas Practice 6-7 PM Prayer
9 Children's Christmas Program	10	11	12 AC Practice 6-6:45	13	14 Men's Bible Study Christmas Practice 6-8:30	15 Christmas Practice TBA
16 Adult Christmas Program	17	18	19	20	21 Men's Bible Study	22 Prayer
23 AM Service only	24	25	26 Christmas Fellowship Fudds @ 7	27	28 Men's Bible Study	29 Prayer
30 AM Service only	31 7 pm New Year's Eve Service/ Meal					

RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Holiday Brunch Casserole

Ingredients:

- 4 cups frozen shredded hash brown potatoes
- 1 pound bulk pork sausage, cooked and drained
- 1/2 pound bacon strips, cooked and crumbled
- 1 medium green pepper, chopped
- 2 cups (8 ounces) shredded cheddar cheese, divided
- 1 green onion, chopped
- 1 cup reduced-fat biscuit/baking mix
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 4 eggs
- 3 cups 2% milk



DIRECTIONS:

In a large bowl, combine the hash browns, sausage, bacon, green pepper, 1 cup cheese and onion. Transfer to a greased 13-in. x 9-in. baking dish.

In another bowl, whisk the biscuit mix, salt, eggs and milk; pour over the top. Sprinkle with remaining cheese. Cover and refrigerate overnight.

Remove from the refrigerator 30 minutes before baking. Bake, uncovered, at 375° for 30-35 minutes or a knife inserted near the center comes out clean. Let stand for 10 minutes before cutting. Yield: 12 servings.

UpComing Events:



December 9 AM - Children's Christmas Program

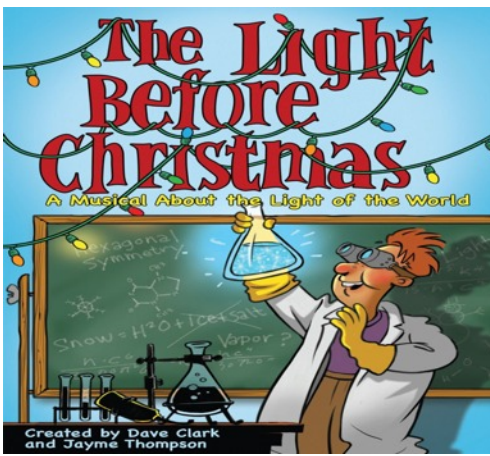
December 16 PM - Adult Christmas Program

December 26- Christmas Fellowship @ Fuddruckers/West End

December 31- New Year's Eve Service/Meal

January 29- Annual Business Meeting 7 PM

February 8-10 - Dr. James Hughes- Marriage Seminar



CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

WHEN: December 09, 2012
 WHERE: Pentecostals of Billings
 TIME: 10 AM

Marriage, Family, and Relationship Seminar with Brother James Hughes

WHEN: February 8-10, 2013

WHERE: Pentecostals of Bilings

Why should you attend? Well, marriages either get better or they get worse. There is never a stand still. Gain ways to make it a better marriage. This seminar will also equip you to minister to those that are around you that may be suffering in their relationship and they turn to you for advice. Most people turn to their friends, long before going to a counselor. Brother Hughes will give you insights based on sound biblical principles.

Biblically based marriages is a big key in a successful long marriage. Putting God and His Word in the middle of your marriage will help your marriage to grow significantly. This is for all aged married couples, engaged couples, and everyone and anyone that would like to improve their relationship skills.

Mark your calendar now!

SPIRITUAL WARFARE PRAYER

In the next coming months I am going to be adding a prayer tool for those expanded prayer times in your life that can change your life, the church and all you do.

These tools will help you to push back darkness and go push forward in your walk with God.

Mark 1:35 *“And in the morning, rising up a great while before day, he went out, and departed into a solitary place, and there prayed.”*



WORDS OF INSIGHT

Excellent Spirit

“Thou gavest also thy good spirit to instruct them, and withheldst not thy manna from their mouth, and gavest them water for their thirst.”

Nahum 9:20

Warfare Prayer by Binding and Loosing

Binding: Forbidding, to prohibit

Loosing: Permitting, to permit

Bind: Spirit of Perverse:

- **Wounded Spirit:** Proverbs 15:4
- **Evil Actions:** Proverbs 17:20,23
- **Doctrinal Error:** Isaiah 19:14; Roanes 1:22,23; 2 Tim. 3:7,8
- **Chronic Worrier:** Proverbs 19:2
- **Twisting The Word:** Acts 13:10; 2 Peter 2:14
- **Child Abuse:** Eph. 6:4; Colossians 4:21
- **Filthy Minded:** Proverbs 2:12-15
- **Atheism:** Proverbs 14:2; 19:3; Romans 1:30
- **Foolish:** Proverbs 1:22; 19:1



Joy to the world - why?

By Edward Sowden

*Joy to the world, the Savior reigns!
Let men their songs employ;
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains
Repeat the sounding joy,*

I love Christmas carols! Singing about Jesus coming into the world. Singing about the birth of a Saviour. But hold on, why do I need saving? There is all this talk of Jesus coming to rescue us but rescue from what?

The Answer: Sin.

The Bible tells us that we all fall far short of God's perfect standard of living. We read that we all try to run life our own way and in doing so reject God. A letter to the church in Rome makes it very clear:

“There is no one righteous, not even one; there is no one who understands, no one who seeks God. All have turned away” (Romans 3:10-12)

“For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God” (Romans 3:23)

This rejection of God, known as sin, creates a barrier between God and us. So this is where Jesus comes in. He came to earth on the ‘first Christmas’ as a human. He was fully God and fully man. Then he grew up living a perfect life of obedience to God (that we all fail to do). Then he died on the cross, taking on all our sin and the sins of the world. He died and was buried. Then he rose from the dead and offers forgiveness from sin and eternal life with God, a renewal of our relationship with God.

Too often we can be comfortable in our own little world. We compare ourselves to murderers and thieves and think we are good people. But you and I still reject God in thought word and deed, putting idols before God, living for our own selfish ambition rather than the glory of God.

So this Christmas sing about our saviour with repentance and joy. Knowing that you have sinned but thankful that God sent Jesus to forgive you, to save you!

*God rest ye merry, gentlemen
Let nothing you dismay
Remember, Christ, our Saviour
Was born on Christmas day
To save us all from Satan's power
When we were gone astray
O tidings of comfort and joy,*



Check out **SOLD OUT Youth Group
Pentecostals of Billings on Facebook!**

YOUTH CHRISTMAS PARTY (POST-CHRISTMAS)

January 11th 2013

Meeting at the church @ 7pm-11pm

Going to Buffalo Wild Wings- Youth Dept.

Paying for wings, please have youth bring \$5 for drink or whatever else they want.

White elephant gift exchange , games and dessert back at church after dinner.



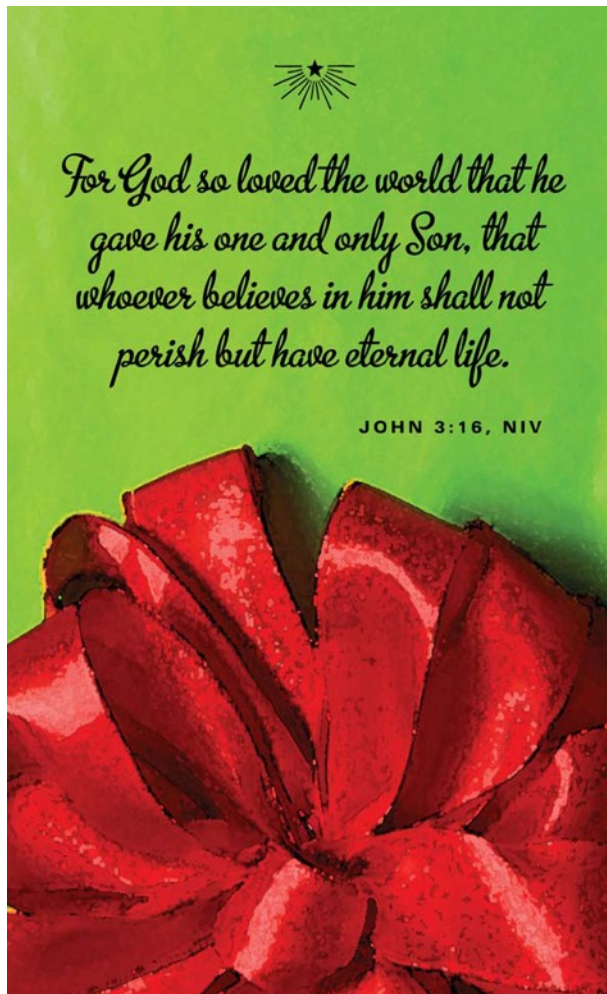
DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 2-David Walks
- 3-Adena Trevino
- 5-Don Ness
- 7-Bud Allen
- 10-Ron Hoerner/Manuel Sifuentes
- 13-Gretta Henrickson
- 14-Becky Jordan
- 17-Barbara Lafontaine
- 21-Sandra Coonfare/Regina Sermon
- 24-Shonna Walks
- 29-Hunter Allen
- 31-Jarel Gopher



5- Pat & Ellie McFate

If you would like a Bible study simply give us a call. In your bible we will show you where the Lord commands us, that we are to be born again.



For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

JOHN 3:16, NIV

Ponder This...

“Blessed is the season which engages the whole world in a conspiracy of love.”
—Hamilton W. Mabie

“The birth of Christ is the central event in the history of the earth — the very thing the whole story has been about.”
—C.S. Lewis

“We find a delight in the beauty and happiness of children that makes the heart too big for the body.”
—Ralph Waldo Emerson

