

# MORE TO LIFE THROUGH GOD

## *Peace On Earth*, By April Coonfare



“Peace on earth, goodwill to men!”

According to headlines around the world, there is no peace that exists here on earth, “Nurse Killed and Stabbed at Texas Hospital”, “Iran shooting and bombing kills 33”, “Homemade bomb kills six near Indian Nuclear Plant”, “ Suspects Captured in deaths of Kansas mom, children”.

It is pretty hard to believe that there is peace on this earth with all the news and headlines in front of our eyes. How can we believe and celebrate peace this time of the year with violence and fear surrounding us?

We forget or don’t realize that while the story of Jesus’ birth was precious and great, there was also headlines that were in effect then when Jesus entered the world.

- Taxes Displace Family Awaiting First Child
- Poor Family Takes Shelter in Barn
- No room in the Inn for Newest Bethlehem Citizen
- Superstitious Shepherds See Great Light—Report Strange Sounds on Hillside
- King Hatches Paranoid Plot to Murder Unlikely Rival
- Family Flees Neighborhood to Protect Child
- Many Babies Senselessly Murdered by Rampaging Army
- Long Journey Ends in Gift Exchange

This is the way God chose to come to earth -- not as a conquering king, but as one of us. Not in a royal position away from human struggle, but in a feed trough in the middle of it. God anchored himself to the common, everyday things of our world so we could survive it.

When you read or see the headlines, remember this: Jesus came to ensure our peace by taking part in our disturbed world. The headlines of today are the headlines He lived long ago. More than a sentimental journey, Christmas is a reminder that God loved us so much that he wrapped himself in flesh, and came to face human challenge so we could find peace in him even when we can’t find it in this earthly life.

“Peace on earth, goodwill to men!” This is God’s blessing to his troubled children. So don’t just look for God’s grace in the twinkling lights and the sweet smiles of happy children at Christmas. Hear the bad news of the headlines and be reminded: Jesus has lived beneath those same headlines so that we wouldn’t always be bound to them.

***“The rising sun will come to us from heaven to shine on those living in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the path of peace.”***

***—Luke 1:78-79***



**December 2013**

**PENTECOSTALS  
OF BILLINGS**

**SERVICE TIMES**  
SUNDAY  
10 AM  
5:30 PM

**MONDAY  
PRAYER- 7 PM**

WEDNESDAY  
7 PM

**December 31st  
New Years Eve  
Service 7 pm**

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## Nativity Christmas

Come and enjoy our children's Christmas Program on  
December 15th at 10 am.



**W**hen Charles Wesley wrote “Hark the Herald Angels Sing” in 1739, he had the angels proclaim: *“Glory to the newborn King; peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!”*

And what did Wesley think should be the consequences of that message? “Joyful, all ye nations, rise.” The Prince of Peace had come. “Light and life to all he brings.” “Born that we no more may die; born to raise us from the earth, born to give us second birth. Hark! The herald angels sing, Glory to the newborn King!”

When Wesley wrote that hymn, England was going through a desperate, hopeless time. Unemployment, poverty, illness, alcoholism and crime were widespread. Wesley and his brother, John, believed the answer for their nation was Christ’s life-changing message. Changed lives would bring a changed nation.

Wesley’s Christmas song rang true: “Light and life to all he brings.” Some historians have written that England didn’t have a revolution (as did France) mainly because of the message the Wesley's preached and sang.

## CHURCH PRAYER REQUESTS

Will Welch  
Minnie Hampton  
Tyler Sapp  
Louie & Dale Dauenhauer  
Michael Kruger  
The Ehler family  
Marty McFate  
Carol Penrod  
Galen Walter  
The Woepfel family  
The Plainfeather/Black Eagle family  
The Lost Souls in Billings  
The Sermon family  
Our Nation



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



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**Joy of the Season**

2013 6:00 PM  
DECEMBER 22ND SUNDAY

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# December

**S M T W Th F S**

1	2	3	4	5	6 Men's Bible Study 6:30 am	7 Ladies Holiday Social 1 pm
8	9	10	11	12	13 Men's Bible Study 6:30 am	14 Kids Christmas Practice  Senior Social 2 pm
15 Kids Christmas Presentation 10 am	16	17	18 Christmas Fellowship 6:30 pm Pizza Ranch	19	20 Men's Bible Study 6:30 am	21 Christmas Practice 4 pm
22 "Joy of the Season" 6 pm	23	24	25 Merry Christmas! <i>No midweek service</i>	26	27 Men's Bible Study 6:30 am	28

29	30	31 New Years Service
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Join us on Sunday mornings from now until Christmas for...

*the christmas experience*

## RECIPE OF THE MONTH



### Sticky Buns~ Christmas Breakfast

#### Ingredients:

22 Rhodes Dough bake and serve frozen rolls {thawed just enough so they can be cut} Yes, you need 22, not the entire package of 36.  
1 small package of Butterscotch Pudding {3.5 ounces}  
1 stick of butter  
3/4 cup brown sugar  
1 tsp. ground cinnamon  
1 Bundt cake pan  
Cooking spray

#### Directions:

Step 1: Let the Rhodes dough thaw {but don't let them start to raise} and cut them into thirds. My MIL cuts hers in half, but we prefer them to be smaller so we cut them into thirds. Feel free to do what you prefer!

Step 2: Melt your butter in a small bowl

Step 3: Mix together the pudding mix, the cinnamon, and the brown sugar in a separate bowl.

Step 4: Spray your bundt pan with cooking spray

Step 5: Roll each individual piece of dough in the butter and then in the sugar mixture until well coated and set in the bundt pan evenly. {Continue until all pieces are covered and in the pan} You may need a little more butter or dry mixture depending on how heavy you coat your dough}.

Step 6: Sprinkle remaining dry mixture over the top of your dough {if you have any left}, and drizzle remaining butter on the top also. I even make sure to melt a little extra butter if I'm completely out.

IMPORTANT STEP: Step 7: Let your dough sit in a warm spot for about 20 minutes. I usually put mine in my oven on 100 degrees for a little bit to warm up the dough. This step is especially important if your dough is still frozen in spots. But, beware, you don't want to let your dough raise during this process, you just need to make sure that your dough is thawed completely.

Step 8: Cover your bundt pan with tin foil or cling wrap and stick in the fridge overnight.

TIP: I made the mistake of putting mine in my outside fridge once, and it was terrible because it was too cold out there. The dough was still frozen in the morning. {Now you can see why I do step 7 now}. But I also tell you this so that you don't place your dough in your fridge in the spot that may get frozen. I know that a few fridges tend to freeze food, and you don't want this to happen to your dough.

Step 9: When you wake up, preheat your oven to 350 degrees and bake for 40 minutes.

Step 10: After your sticky buns are done, flip your bundt pan upside down onto a tray letting the delicious syrup drizzle down the sticky buns. {This is why I LOVE my silicone bundt pan}. I have never had a problem with them sticking!

Step 11: Let cool slightly and serve!



#### Up Coming Events:

**Dec. 7th~ Ladies Holiday Social**

**Dec. 14th~ Senior Social - 2 pm @ church**

**Dec. 15th~ Children's Christmas Program 10 am Service**

**Dec. 18th ~ Christmas Fellowship @ Pizza Ranch**

**Dec. 22nd~ "Joy of the Season" Celebration 6 pm**

**Dec. 25th~ Christmas Day**

**Dec. 29th~ 10 am service only**

**Dec. 31st~ New Years Eve Service**

**Jan. 26th ~ 10 am service only; Heritage Focus**



## LADIES CHRISTMAS SOCIAL

Come enjoy great food and fellowship  
December 7th from 1pm-3pm.

4880 Dovetail Avenue

Contact Dusty Ruff for more details

952-221-2597

## Finding Joy In Contentment and Obedience

By Gail MacDonald



*Now in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And having come in, the angel said to her "Rejoice, highly favored one, the Lord is with you; blessed are you among women!"*

*But when she saw him, she was troubled at his saying and considered what manner of greeting this was. Then the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary for you have found favor with God. And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bring forth a son, and shall call His name Jesus."*

*Luke 1:26-31*

Mary, the mother of Christ, best exemplified the model woman. She was young and must have possessed enormous inner strength. Imagine the trust she must have had in God in order to cooperate with such a miracle as the birth of Jesus. She must also have had great strength to accept the gossip, to affirm Joseph, and to keep the entire event and its origin a secret; Mary kept all these things and pondered them in her heart. Luke 2:19

I am amazed when I think of Mary's performance! She played a crucial role in presenting the Messiah to the world, but she kept quiet about it. A woman like that grows and becomes useful, through not necessarily noticed....

Somewhere in Mary's life she had also made a conscious habit of saying yes to God's love. No fists clenched, no drooping hands. She said; *"I am the handmaid of the Lord; let it be to me according to your Word."* Luke 1:38

# School Survival Kit: 10 Simple Tricks

Take this month and check out some keys that will help make your life easier at school.



1. Keep your Strength Reservoir filled.

How? Daily time in the word and prayer. Seeking and finding encounters with God continually. You'll be strong when you need it. Psalm 18:32-36

2. Beat Sin Temptation.

Whether it's peer pressure or just simply the sin around you: don't lose. If your Strength Reservoir is full you have what it takes to overcome every time. Remember, God has called you a conqueror. Believe it. Live like it. 1 Corinthians 10:13

3. Be an Encourager, not a Slanderer.

Make it hard for others to not like you. Control your tongue. Build people up. They'll like you. Put them down, you'll be making enemies. Proverbs 21:23

4. Maintain a great Attitude and ....Smile.

Remember, in everything you do, do it as if you are doing it for God. If you do it that way, your attitude will be good. If the old stinky attitude creeps in, kill it! No one wants to be around people with bad attitudes. Smile. Smile lots. People like people who smile. Colossians 3:17

5. Don't let Stress eat at you.

Stress during school can mount up. Pleasing parents, pleasing teachers, pleasing coaches, etc. Make sure the peace that passes all understanding is guarding your hearts and minds. How do you do that? Pray for it. Ask for it. When stress comes, take it to God. He'll bring peace, the kind of peace that makes you relax in the middle of school chaos. Philippians 4:7

6. Be The Light.

That's what you are. School is mostly a dark place where the enemy has his way. Be the light there. Do not be ashamed of what you believe. Let people know you first by your actions then by your talk. Matthew 5:14-16

7. Study Hard.

What is school about? Learning. Well, duh! Ok, if that's what it is really all about, then do your best! Study hard and the rest will take care of itself. Laziness will bring a person to ruin! Proverbs 10:4

8. Don't forget to Play.

Did you just read that right? Yep, sure did. Have some fun. Of course, only when the work is done and the fun entails the breaking of no rules or God's laws. School should be fun. All work and no play, well, it stinks! Genesis 2:2

9. Treat your Teachers with Respect.

You'll gain favor with both God and man. Romans 13:7



10. Relationship Priority Reminder: God, parents, friends, dating relationship. In that order. Don't forget it. Keep it that way. If this gets out of whack so will a lot of other things. Matthew 6:33

**Youth Date: December 13th**  
**Christmas Party**

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



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



## December Birthdays

3rd~ Adeno Trevino  
5th ~ Don Ness  
9th~ Derrick Pohl  
10th~ Ron Hoerner  
13th~ Gretta Hendrickson  
17th~ Barbara LaFontaine  
21st ~ Sandra Coonfare  
21st~ Regina Sermon  
24th~ Shonna Walks  
28th~ Madison Ruff  
31st~ Jarel Gopher



## November Anniversary

5th ~ Pat and Ellie Mcfate



## *Ponder This...*



“I have a better Caretaker than you and all the angels. He it is who lies in a manger, but at the same time sits at the right hand of God, the almighty Father. Therefore be at rest.”

—Martin Luther

“Christmas is not a time nor a season, but a state of mind. To cherish peace and goodwill, to be plenteous in mercy, is to have the real spirit of Christmas.”

—Calvin Coolidge

“Life is like a camera: Focus on what’s important, capture the good times, develop from the negatives, and if things don’t work out, take another shot.”

—Source unknown

"God's way of answering the Christian's prayer for more patience, experience, hope, and love often is to put him into the furnace of affliction." ~

Richard Cecil