

# A Child Is Born

## A Time for Sharing

Doug Akeson, Pastor Christian Life Center

Christmas has, is and should always be an important day and time in each of our lives. Isaiah 9:6 says "For unto us a child is born" which denotes the human nature of Christ and goes on to say "Unto us a Son is given" which denotes the divine nature of Christ. Christ was very God and very man. This is the birth which we celebrate at Christmas, the birth of our Saviour and Lord Christ Jesus.

So many have taken the "Christ" out of "Christmas" and substituted Him with an "X". They have made Christmas only a commercial holiday and forgotten the true meaning of Christmas.

I pray that we, a nation founded on God would get back to having Christ in Christmas and therefore, celebrating the true meaning of Christmas.

I pray that we as a people would experience the true meaning of Christmas within each of our hearts and lives so that we might have that peace within which the Saviour Christ Jesus brings.

This is a special time of year, also, when we need to acknowledge those who are alone and minister to that need by taking the time to share a little of our lives and time with them. We need also to use this time to share with and grow closer to our loved ones.

Have a very special Christmas this year and make it a very special Christmas for those around you. May God bless each at this special time of year.

## Let's put Christ back in Christmas

Don Reiber, Heppner Seventh-Day Adventist Church

A somewhat time-tattered saying is: Everyone complains about the weather, but nobody does anything about it. If we adapt this to Christmas, we might come up with: Many-bodys complain about the commercializing of Christmas, but few-bodys do anything about it.

One commercial gimmick is to start a Christmas account at a bank in January and add to it each month. How about starting a "Christ account" in January and add to it each month? Then next Christmas use it as you think Christ would use it, benefiting persons in real need. (Not too much of our gift-giving is meeting a real need). Incidentally, this should be above and beyond the normal tithes and offering given for religious and charitable purposes.

Would this not be a step towards putting Christ back in Christmas? Who knows? The idea might even "snowball".

## The glory of the Lord shone about

By Paul Ripley, First Christian Church

On the night of Christ's birth "the glory of the Lord shone about (the shepherds)" (Lk. 2:9). In like manner our lives are bathed in the radiance of heaven. David affirmed, "The Lord will lighten my darkness" (II Sam. 22:29), and Paul wrote, "God who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts" (II Cor. 4:6). Christmas morning, when the air is crisp with December's frost and a merry sparkle is in the trees, startled with a million gleams gathered from the sun just looking over the hills of Heppner and brightening the frozen dew. Our town is flooded with gilded beams that build a stairway with gentle slope across the plains and up to the door-step of heaven, where there is a rush of glories that dazzle, and a maze of beauties that bewilder, and a witchery of magnificence that confounds the imagination while thrilling and throbbing the heart with adoration and ecstasy. It must have been such a morning that awakened the Judean hills and set all nature singing, and the music of heaven to playing, and the pulse of universal joy to throbbing, when the Christ was born. It must have been such a morning when, after the star choristers had hushed their acclaims, and the angels of the annunciation had left the startled shepherds on, and impatient wing, swept back to the cradle of the newly-born Lord, that the glad news was scattered throughout the valleys, and over the mounts and down the slopes, and across the Jordan. "For unto you is born this day, in the city of David, a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord."

Have a wonderful Christmas and a loving New Year.

## Can anything good come out of Nazareth?

By Isa Brown, Ione United Church of Christ

The town of Jesus' origin was the slum, the ghetto of his land. His parents were plagued with problems from the onset of conception. His mother was forced to make an extremely difficult trip at full-term pregnancy. She gave birth far from anything warmly familiar in the rudest of settings. The delivery room left much to be desired, and her child started his life under threat of death. This entire story has powerful overtones of crucifixion.

The Christmas story is far from a comfortable one, yet it is comforting. Nor is it pretty, as we often envision it, yet it is spectacular in its majesty. The trials of the Holy Family were monumental, yet they prevailed solely through faith and courage. They were alone with God. There was no other support, and it was only through trial that they came ultimately to resurrection. Christmas and Easter are inseparable in the Christian faith story and in all of our stories. As we go through the fire, we find the faith in God essential to ultimate wholeness—at-one-ment with the Divine—in which there is no end. This is the powerful message and sacred legacy that came out of Nazareth.

## Taking time for Christmas

Don Boyce, United Methodist Church

The Christmas season finds us very busy with hustle and bustle as we busily prepare for Christmas Day. Life can become very hectic as we take the necessary time and effort to prepare for the traditional celebration of Christmas; the gift buying, the card sending, the dinner preparations, the traveling to distant cities, the tree decorating, the mailing of packages, etc.

In the midst of our preparations we might ask ourselves, "Will we take time for Christmas?" If we wish to truly celebrate the birth of Christ we will need to be as intentional in our "celebration" as we are in our "preparation" for Christmas. Here are some suggestive ways in which we might "Take Time for Christmas." 1) Take time for prayer, silence, meditation or reflection on Christmas. We can take our example from Mary who "pondered these things in her heart." 2) Attend a service of worship. The church of your choice is helping many prepare a room in their hearts for the Christ Child. Take the time to attend worship with your visiting family, friends and neighbors. 3) Take time to say a word of prayer or grace or thanks before you devour the Christmas dinner. Let the children have an opportunity to say what they are thankful for this Christmas. If you are alone, take a moment of silence to reflect upon the blessings that are yours and are so easily forgotten. 4) Take time to give something to someone else; a gift, a smile, a "Thank You," an ear to listen, a tear to share, a hand to hold. By giving of yourself to someone else you will discover the beautiful miracle of Christmas.

How will you take time for Christmas? These thoughts are only suggestive. What other ideas might you have? Hopefully by taking the time for Christmas there will be room in our hearts to receive the gift of Christ into our homes and lives. I leave with you these lines by Helen Lowrie Marshall, her gift to us in poetry:

This year I would keep Christmas  
Would hold it fast and keep  
This miracle of love within my heart;  
Would let its warm, life-giving glow  
Through all my being seep  
Till it becomes of me a living part  
This year I would keep Christmas,  
Would have its guiding star  
Lead me toward the Christ Child and His way,  
Would show that light to others  
Who are traveling from afar  
And make each day a blessed Christmas Day

## The men from Heaven

Father Tony Bullman All Saints Episcopal Church  
The Man From Heaven

"The word became flesh and lived for awhile among us, we have seen His glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth." (John 1:14)

We have seen His glory. Five words with staggering implications. What is God like? How can an infinite and holy God reveal Himself to finite and sinful man? The greatest thinkers of the world have been grappling with questions like this for over 3000 years, without reaching any final conclusions.

The Old Testament Prophets spoke about what God was like, but when Jesus came down from heaven and was made man, He revealed God so perfectly that He is described as "The image of the invisible God." (Colossians 1:15). "The radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of His being." (Hebrews 1:3). When the disciples wanted to be quite sure about God, Philip said to the Lord, "Show us the Father, and that will be enough for us." (John 14:8) And Jesus replied "Anyone who has seen me, has seen the Father" (John 14:9).

We hear so much about communication problems these days. God solved the problem perfectly. What could be more meaningful than the birth of a baby-growing into boyhood and manhood, sharing love and compassion, knowing loneliness and hatred, suffering pain and agony and finally death? He ate, drank, slept, walked. Was weary, sorrowful, rejoicing. He wept and He laughed. He knew hunger and thirst and sweat. He talked, He toiled, He prayed, so that there was no difference between Him and other men save only this, that He was God and had no sin. Dear friends, that is what Christmas is all about, the birth of a child in Bethlehem almost 2,000 years ago. Not just an ordinary man, but God revealed to us in his only begotten Son, Jesus Christ. What will be your response? Will Christmas just be another holiday season, or will it take on a new meaning? As the poster says, "Jesus is the reason for the season". May the Lord bless you in this Christmas season. Begin it right by worshipping Him in His church, the church of your choice.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

CIRCUIT COURT OF OREGON  
MORROW COUNTY  
STATE OF OREGON, Acting by

and through the Director of Veterans Affairs, Plaintiff

V.

MAX E. HELLBERG; MARILYN J. HELLBERG; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Farmers Home Administration; RODNEY ALAN VANDEVER; BRENDA JEAN VANDEVER; DEBRA CRAWFORD; THE FEDERAL LAND BANK OF SPOKANE, Pendleton Branch; CREDIT BUREAU OF WALLA WALLA AND MILTON-FREEWATER; GFH FINANCIAL SERVICES CORPORATION; JESUS GONZALES; DORINA GONZALES; KENNY E. ROBERTS; JAMES MCKIM; VERA MCKIM; MANUEL MENDOZA; CARELYN MENDOZA; AURELIO GARCILAZO; FIDELINA GARCILAZO; CANDELAVIO GARCILAZO; JOSE AUGILERA; ROBERT AUGILERA; BARBARA AUGILERA; HARVEY NUNES; JULIE AUGILERA; JAIME AUGILERA; and JOSE ACOSTA; Defendants.

No. 86-CV-88

NOTICE OF SALE

By virtue of an Execution issued out of the above-entitled court in the above-entitled cause to me directed and dated on December 15, 1987, based upon a Judgement rendered and entered in said court on March 20, 1987, in favor of the State of Oregon, Acting by and through the Director of Veterans' Affairs, commanding me to make sale of the following described real property, to-wit:

PARCEL NO. I:

South 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4, Southeast 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 lying South of the Canal in Section 25, Township 5 North, Range 26, E.W.M., Morrow County, Oregon.

Lots 1, 4 and 6 in Block 17 West in Section 25, Township 5 North, Range 26 E.W.M., Morrow County, Oregon.

PARCEL NO. II:

Beginning at the Northwest corner of the Northwest 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4, thence East 400 feet, to the point of beginning, thence South 300 feet, thence East 295 feet, thence North 300 feet, thence West 295 feet, to the point of beginning, all in Section 26, Township 5 North, Range 26, E.W.M., Morrow County, Oregon, to satisfy a Judgment against defendants Max E. Hellberg and Marilyn J. Hellberg for the sum of \$231,871.08, together with interest at 11.5 percent per annum from date of Judgment until paid.

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of said Execution and Judgment and in compliance with the command of said Writ, I will on the 3rd day of February, 1988, at 10:00 a.m. at the front door of the Morrow County Courthouse, Heppner, Morrow County, Oregon, sell at public auction and subject to redemption to the highest bidder for cash in hand all of the right, title and interest which Max E. Hellberg and Marilyn J. Hellberg or any successor had on March 20, 1987, the date of plaintiff's mortgage, and thereafter had in and to the above-described real property or any part or portion thereof, to satisfy said Execution and Judgment and interest, costs and accruing costs.

DATED at Heppner, Oregon, on December 17, 1987.

Roy Drago, Sheriff  
By: Pauline Winter Chief Civil Deputy

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## NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX WARRANTS

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to ORS 311.615 of the service of Personal Property Tax warrants upon the following listed tax payers. Payment of the following listed delinquent taxes with interest and cost of service must be made by January 13, 1988 or said warrants shall be filed with the County Clerk of Morrow County, Oregon, for entry in the County Clerk Lien Record, and shall become a lien upon the title to any interest in real property owned by the person against whom the warrant is issued, and the taxes on personal property embraced in the warrant with interest, penalties and costs applicable thereto, shall continue as a lien on all the personal property of the person assessed as otherwise provided by law. The effect shall be the same as though the people of the county had recovered the judgement against the person charged for the full amount of the delinquent tax covered by the warrant together with interest thereon and cost as provided by law.

NAME	DESCRIPTION	YEAR	TAX	INT TO JAN. 15, 88	PENALTY	TOTAL
BROWN, SUSAN G.	MOBILE HOME	84	7.39	2.36		9.75
		85	340.46	78.31		418.77
		86	316.19	34.78		350.97
		87	304.96	2.03	15.00	321.99
						1101.48
HARDWICK CO	MOBILE HOME	87	257.41	1.72	15.00	274.13
MILLER, JUDY	MOBILE HOME	87	25.16	.17	15.00	40.33
HUFFMAN, WM. & MARY	MOBILE HOME	87	62.65	.42	15.00	78.07
OSBORN, DENNIS	MOBILE HOME	87	26.94	.18	15.00	42.12
COLLAZO, JESSIE & LUPE	MOBILE HOME	87	162.53	1.08	15.00	178.61
MOORE, JOHN & MARY	MOBILE HOME	87	45.61	.30	15.00	60.91
PEREZ, ROBERT L. & KAREN	MOBILE HOME	87	134.58	.90	15.00	150.48
HAMPTON, THOMAS & LORI	MOBILE HOME	87	58.75	.39	15.00	74.14
NAVARRO, GORGE	MOBILE HOME	87	130.05	.87	15.00	145.92
POPE, KAROL	MOBILE HOME	87	212.48	1.42	15.00	228.90
WILLIAMS, DWUANE	MOBILE HOME	87	140.55	.94	15.00	156.49
HURLIMAR, STEPHANIE	MOBILE HOME	87	24.89	.17	15.00	40.06
BULLOCK, DUANE & DARLENE	MOBILE HOME	87	191.51	1.28	15.00	207.79
HICKEY, DAN M	MOBILE HOME	87	28.69	.19	15.00	43.88
PALMER, CARL	MOBILE HOME	87	39.05	.26	15.00	54.31
MACHADO, JOHN & DEBORAH	MOBILE HOME	87	159.22	1.06	15.00	175.28
REYNOLDS, ROBERT W.	MOBILE HOME	87	26.94	.18	15.00	42.12
MARTINEZ, FRANCISCO & JUANITA	MOBILE HOME	87	159.96	1.07	15.00	176.03
EDWARDS, DOROTHY	MOBILE HOME	87	109.78	.73	15.00	125.51
NUKALL, DON & ELAINE	MOBILE HOME	87	16.06	.11	15.00	31.17
PRYOR, JARVIS, & DORIS	MOBILE HOME	87	302.08	2.01	15.00	319.09
IVIE, KENNETH, & JEANNE	MOBILE HOME	87	10.22	.07	15.00	25.29
DUMLER, MARVIN & SHARON	MOBILE HOME	87	184.86	1.23	15.00	201.09
WILLIAMS, MILT	MOBILE HOME	87	18.24	.12	15.00	33.36
CENICEROS, MODESTO	MOBILE HOME	87	37.57	.25	15.00	52.82
WEST, ALFRED & OLA	MOBILE HOME	87	187.58	1.25	15.00	203.83
NAVARRO, PEDRO	MOBILE HOME	87	17.27	.12	15.00	32.39
CARRILLO, IGNAGO	MOBILE HOME	87	60.42	.40	15.00	75.82
SNYDER, MILDRED & CINDY	MOBILE HOME	87	55.55	.37	15.00	70.92
STEVENS, LARRY W.	MOBILE HOME	87	12.80	.09	15.00	27.89
FORD, RONALD, P. & MARJORIE	MOBILE HOME	87	87.70	.65	15.00	113.35
CLICK, LOIS	MOBILE HOME	87	25.60	.17	15.00	40.77
ZINTER, ROBERT	MOBILE HOME	87	41.87	.28	15.00	57.15
WESTERN BANK	MOBILE HOME	87	43.04	.29	15.00	58.33

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Margo Sherer  
Morrow County Tax Collector

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