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I'll Be Home For Christmas

"For here we have no lasting city, but we seek the city that is to come." Hebrews 13:14

Recently, I got my parent's old Christmas records out of storage and began making mp3 files of them so that we could play them again around the Christmas holidays. Bing Crosby's classic rendition of "I'll Be Home for Christmas" came on. Its melancholy sound filled the air.

I pictured the war-weary allied troops hearing this song the year it was recorded in 1943, listening to it on their radios at night, spellbound by the sound; longing to be back at home with their loved ones.

*I'll be home for Christmas,
you can plan on me.
Please have snow and mistletoe,
and presents on the tree.
Christmas Eve will find me,
where the love light gleams.
I'll be home for Christmas...
if only in my dreams.*

Does any other version of the song capture the sense of sadness to the same degree that he did?

Believers in Christ are soldiers engaged in war (Ephesians 6:10). And deep within us there is a longing that nothing can suppress. We want to be home. It's great to know that we are on the winning side, but we often get weary of the fight.

Hebrews 13:14 encourages us to remember and find strength in the fact that "we seek the city that is to come." It's a losing battle to pursue lasting satisfaction in this life. The words "Here we have no lasting city" drive us to only source of contentment: the promise that Christ is always with me (Matthew 28:20) and that He's bringing me home to a place where love, joy, and satisfaction never end.

Alex Crain



For our national leaders and world leaders as they lead their respective nations.

For our troops in Afghanistan, Bosnia, Korea, Iraq, Liberia, Haiti and other places.

For the "people in the box"-- the lost in our families and community.

For those who are being martyred and persecuted for Christ in our own time

For marriage to stand in our laws as God ordained it.

For the church in Siliguri and Naresh Chhetri and Ashok Basfor

For the churches in Honduras and Haiti who partner with us in the gospel

Jim Young (Terri Young's husband) declining.

Kensley McCray now home after another surgery at Cincinnati Children's this week.

Chris Blume (Jo Ann Miller's nephew) at home requiring 24/7 care after surgery for gastrointestinal problems.

Cole Dever finally had his appendix removed at Nationwide Children's this week.

Peggy Hollback recuperating at home from transplant. Some good days, some not so good.

Garnet Lindeman is stable for now, living at Nancy's house.

Henry Mason now at home, current treatments taking a toll on him, a lot of coughing and weight loss

Kara Jo McCray in KDMC this week for surgery

Larry Stewart at Heartland for rehab for a broken arm

Carol Vice (former teacher at Clay and friend of Penny Ball) diagnosed with cancer

Brandi Gampp home now recuperating from a bout with pneumonia

Jim Rapp in ICU after severe reaction to medications.

Cathy Ramey awaiting surgeries planned for Jan and Feb

Martha Oberly involved in serious auto accident in Tampa, 4 weeks ago. Surgeons estimate a total of 17 to surgeries to fix her burns.

Steve Miller confined to home due to low white blood cell count. Treatment should resume this Thursday.

EVENTS AT SUNSHINE



12/13

Teen Caroling

1/15

Bookmobile at Sunshine

Singing Tonight

This evening at 6 pm all are invited to come and enjoy a time of singing before our evening Bible study. See Nick Davis for details.

Companion Quilt

If anyone has a block to go in the companion quilt to the centennial quilt or needs a block to do, see Teresa Hayward ASAP. Work on the companion quilt will happen soon.



Coats for Kids in Progress

Another tradition we have at Sunshine is providing coats and hats and gloves for the children in the Minford School district as winter approaches. It takes about \$40 to buy a winter coat, hat and pair of gloves for a child. We are beginning to collect money for this project as of today and continuing through the early days of December. Teachers and administration at the school will be giving us a list of students that they believe need the coats, etc. If you wish to contribute see Eugene Risner, Kristine Coriell or Laryssa Grashel.

Christmas Caroling for the Youth

The youth group will be going Christmas caroling at nursing homes on **December 13** between church services. We will be staying after morning services to make Christmas cards and fill goodie bag. Upon completion we will travel to the nursing homes where we will hand out goodie bags and cards to the residents, we will also be caroling. In advance, please make and bring at least 5 dozen cookies to give to the residents. We will order pizzas and have lunch together at the church. If you have any questions please see Tim Gampp.

Prayer Pals Coming

The ladies of Sunshine are starting a "Prayer Pals" program joining as many of our ladies with our young ladies in a one-on-one prayer partner team. We would like to meet very briefly right after morning services to give information to anyone who is interested in participating in this! If you have a form to turn in, we would like to get those ASAP.

2016 Building/Annex Reservations



We allow our building to be used by community individuals and groups free of charge on a first-come, first-served basis. However, we hold off on making reservations for non-members until our members have had a chance to reserve their dates.

The month of December will be our month to make reservations for the building for 2016. If you anticipate needing the building or annex for 2016, see Delores Gampp right away and make your reservation. Registering for a date starts the first Sunday in December. This does not mean you cannot make a reservation later in the year. It's just a way of giving our members first chance at the dates. Ministry leaders, if you know your dates, get them reserved ASAP through Delores Gampp.

Church Events Calendar

In our church office we have a large calendar on the wall for church events. In order to help us plan and organize ourselves, we would like for all church events (whether they involve using our building or not) to be recorded on the calendar as soon as you know their date. If everyone works with the calendar things will run a little smoother for all of us. Thanks for your cooperation.

Shepherds Prayer

This Thursday evening the elders will be meeting for prayer here at the building at 7:30 pm. If you have requests that you would like to have included in that prayer, please give it to one of the elders ASAP.

Sunday PM Class

This evening **Mike Gampp** will be the teacher for the PM adult class. Next Sunday evening, **Jack and Janie Jennings** will be with us to make a report on Fort Hill Camp.

NEW BEGINNINGS LIKE WINTER SNOW

"I sought the Lord, and He answered me; He delivered me from all my fears. Those who look to Him are radiant; their faces are never covered with shame... Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed is the one who takes refuge in Him. Fear the Lord, you His Holy people, for those who fear Him lack nothing. The lions may grow weak and hungry, but those who seek the Lord lack no good thing."

Psalm 34: 4-5, 8-10

I love new, untouched, fallen snow on the ground and how it covers past old, dirty footprints. It reminds me of God's amazing grace and how it covers all of our deepest, darkest sins – past, present and future. It is so liberating to know that Jesus is the redeemer of all things, and as we come to the Lord, we can be confident that He sees us as His holy, righteous and beloved children, and that our identity comes from Him. Our past sins do not define us, nor do they have any power over us. With shame, fear and sin having been defeated on the cross, we are made new in Christ! We can begin afresh every day.

As we head into another year, we often think about things we want to accomplish, as well as things we may want to change about ourselves, whether it is our attitude, our life style, our morals or our values. What has God been convicting you to change in your life? Does He want you to give up something that may be in the way of your having a closer relationship with Him? Or does God want you to be bold and pursue something that He's put on your heart? Whatever convictions God may be communicating to you, know that He is good, and as you continue to seek Him, He will provide you with everything that you need.

Author Unknown

Those Who Serve

Sun. Morning	12/13/2015	12/20/2015	12/27/2015
Welcome	Jon Coriell	Wayne Gamp	Tom Kelley
Reading	Jared McCray	Jacob Miller	Shane Mougey
Midservice Prayer	Rick Coriell	Shawn Gragg	Mark Risner
Communion	Aaron McCray	Shaun McCray	Eugene Risner
Sermon	Jon Coriell	Jamie Riley	Steve Miller
Closing Prayer	Mark Villinger	Alan Graff	Joel Shepherd
Sun. Evening	12/13/2015	12/20/2015	12/27/2015
Song Leader	Spike Ferrell	Shaun McCray	Aaron McCray
Reading	Dusty Henry	Johnny Beekman	Steve Williams
Communion	Shawn Gragg	Jacob Miller	Mike Gamp
Assist	Eric Miller	Logan Meredith	PJ McGaughey
Prayer	Dewey Cordle	Sam Williams	Derek Miller
Wed. Evening	12/16/2015	12/23/2015	12/30/2015
Song Leader	Gabe Coriell	Matthew Hoskins	Greg Shepherd
Prayer	Derek Miller	Josh Coriell	Don Ramey

Regular Service Times

Sunday

Worship - 10:00 am
Bible Study - 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday

Bible Study - 7:30 p.m.

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What's That Word?

Ten Bible words are defined below. Each one is seven letters long and begins with the letter "S." Scripture references are given to help you, but some translations may use a different word. Solution is on page 2.



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- .. Syrian stringed instrument - Daniel 3:5
- .. The day of rest - Genesis 2:2
- .. Small bird worth a farthing - Matt. 10:29
- .. A type of footwear - Mark 6:9
- .. A type of punishment - Acts 7:59
- .. Red colored dye - Luke 23:11
- .. Small models of a pagan god - Acts 19:24
- .. Hebrew coinage - 1 Samuel 9:8
- .. Babylonian officer - Daniel 3:2
- .. King David's heir - 1 Kings 1-11