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THOM'S THOUGHTS

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It is almost Christmas! Hooray! Jesus Christ has come to us! No matter what people may say, this **IS** Jesus' holy day. Where do they think those first five letters come from? It is **Christ**'s Day! I have no problem saying Merry Christmas. I often say Blest Christmas. It is His day! Nothing can change the historical reality of that.

But we do not need to argue it with others. We simply need to live it & celebrate it & share it with people. That way they too can truly celebrate what this season is all about. Folks need to know that this wonderful holiday is about Jesus Christ's birth. Christmas is about when God came to us as a human being.

We Americans have no problem saying that Independence Day is about our nation, or that Labor Day is about the worker & the celebration of work, or that Thanksgiving is about giving thanks, or that Memorial Day is about remembering those who have gone before us, and that our other holidays are what they are. Let's make sure that we Christians have no problem with saying that **Christmas is about Christ!**

But let's not shove it in peoples' faces. Let's not fight & argue about it. Let's not divide & despise over it. Let's just share with people all around us what Christmas is truly about:

God is **real!**

God **loves** us totally!

God wants a **relationship** with **each** of us!

God wants to **rescue us** from the things in this life that **hurt** us!

God himself **came to us** at Christmas as Jesus Christ to **bring all this to us!**

These are the things that Christmas is actually, truly, honestly all about. Easter & Pentecost & the other Christian holy-days are also about these wonderful truths. People deserve to know the true & honest meaning of this season. Jesus Christ wants everyone to know these truths.

As part of our Christian Christmas, let's share with everyone we know what Christmas is actually, truly & honestly all about. There is no better Christmas gift we can share with others than this.

Merry, Blest Christmas, my Beloveds!!

In Christ, Thom



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Dec. 24 – Sunday School 9:00 AM
 Worship 10:00 AM

Christmas Eve

Candlelight Service at 6:00 PM

This will be our service of candlelight, music and worship.

Plan on participating in this special service.



Christmas Offering for Regional Ministry

Speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love. Ephesians 4:15-16

Regional Ministry knits the church together by equipping leaders, encouraging congregations, and building relationships.

We will take our Disciples Mission Fund Christmas Offering Dec. 17 & 24.



NEW BIBLE STUDY

We will begin a Bible study of Philippians on January 17th at 10:00 AM. Thom will be leading the study. This is a great way to start off the new year! Plan on attending this study!



PRAYER REQUEST LIST

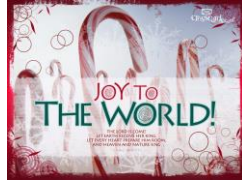
Pray For

Vivian
 Ryan Catlett
 Joseph McDaniels
 Mark Moore
 Jana Rowe & family
 Ramona Adkins
 Pete
 Russ Lyons
 Doris Wise
 Stevie Olson
 Beth Maurer
 Paul Maurer
 Don & Carol
 Kent
 Joey Lombardi

Request

Healing
 Leg healing
 Health decisions
 Cancer surgery
 Death of father
 Health and relationships
 Health and relationships
 Hospice care
 Health issues
 Afghanistan deployed
 Healing prayers
 Healing prayers
 Strength, healing & joy
 Needs prayers
 Deployment

JESUS IS BETTER THAN SANTA



Santa lives at the North Pole.

JESUS is everywhere.

Santa rides in a sleigh

JESUS rides on the wind and walks on the water.

Santa comes but once a year

JESUS is an ever-present help.

Santa fills your stockings with goodies

JESUS supplies all your needs.

Santa comes down your chimney uninvited

JESUS stands at your door and knocks, then enters your heart.

You have to stand in line to see Santa

JESUS is as close as the mention of His name.

Santa lets you sit on his lap

JESUS lets you rest in His arms.

Santa doesn't know your name, all he can say is "Hi little boy or girl, What's your name?"

JESUS knew our name before we did. Not only does He know our name, He knows our address too. He knows our history and future and He even knows how many hairs are on our heads.

Santa has a belly like a bowl full of jelly

JESUS has a heart full of love.

All Santa can offer is HO HO HO

JESUS offers health, help and hope.

Santa says "You better not cry"

JESUS says "Cast all your cares on me for I care for you.

Santa's little helpers make toys

JESUS makes new life, mends wounded hearts, repairs broken homes and builds mansions.

Santa may make you chuckle but

JESUS gives you joy that is your strength.

While Santa puts gifts under your tree

JESUS became our gift and died on the tree.

It's obvious there is really no comparison. We need to remember WHO Christmas is all about. We need to put Christ back in Christmas. Jesus is still the reason for the season. Yes, Jesus is better, he is even better than Santa Claus!



TWO Snow Daze trips in 2018!

Want to ski, snowmobile, cross-country-ski, snow shoe, go sledding, eat, relax, and fellowship? Talk to Brad and Carol Steele for more information and sign up on the bulletin board in the foyer."



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

9 – Chuck Clute

12 – Laura Olson

16 – Patricia Johnston

30 – Carol Steele



ANNIVERSARIES

7 – Tony & Carol Bilello

19 – Larry & Sena Collier

21 – Joe & Tia McDaniels

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ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

It was the beginning of December. Their trip had gone reasonably well, and the family, ready to return home, had arrived at the airport. The airport had long been known for its winter-weather flight delays, cancellations, long security-check lines, and lost luggage. It had turned a tacky red and green, and loudspeakers blared annoying elevator renditions of cherished Christmas carols.

Going to check in their luggage they noticed mistletoe hanging over the weigh in-scale. Not real mistletoe, but very cheap plastic with red paint on some of the rounder parts and green paint on some of the flatter and "pointier" parts.

The little boy in the family piped up and said, "Why is that mistletoe hanging up there?" Without missing a beat, the father replies, "Well, my guess is so you can kiss your luggage goodbye."

OUR CHURCH CORNER

Outreach Ministries Last Month:

Timothy & Priscilla Fund	\$4830.00
Denver Rescue Mission	\$20.00
Week of Compassion	\$200.00

HPCC STAFF

Pastor	Thom Albin
Ministry Interns	Matthew & Taylor Smith
Activities Coordinator	Carol Bilello
Administrative Secretary	Betty VanArsdol
Keyboardist	Jan Moore
Choir Director	Sally Bishop
Custodian	Jeff Case
Wedding Director	Carol Bilello
Hark Editor	Betty VanArsdol

January 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 New Year's Day Office Closed	2 Hilltoppers Dance Lessons 7	3	4 Butterfly Book Club 7	5 Rays of Hope 7 Lib	6 Epiphany
7 S.S. – 9 Worship – 10 KIDS LIFE – 10 Rays of Hope – 3	8	9 Admin. Team 1:30 Hilltoppers Dance Lessons 7	10 Choir 5	11	12 Rays of Hope 7 Lib	13 Elders 9 Workday 9 & Unhang the Greens
14 S.S. – 9 Worship – 10 KIDS LIFE – 10 Board Meeting Rays of Hope – 3	15	16 Hilltoppers Dance Lessons 7	17 Bible Study 10 Choir 5	18	19 Rays of Hope 7 Lib	20 HARK DEADLINE
21 S.S. – 9 Worship – 10 KIDS LIFE – 10 Rays of Hope – 3 Board Meeting	22	23 Evangelism & Outreach Hilltoppers Dance Lessons 7	24 Bible Study 10 Choir 5	25	26 Rays of Hope 7 Lib SNOW DAZE I	27 Hilltoppers Square Dance 7 SNOW DAZE I
28 S.S. – 9 Worship – 10 KIDS LIFE – 10 Rays of Hope – 3	29	30 Hilltoppers Dance Lessons 7	31 Bible Study 10 Choir 5			



JANUARY SERVING SCHEDULE

January 7, 2018

Elder: Stan Lewis
Lectern:
Deacons: Dave Perryman, Kara Van Horn,
Taran Gingery
Preparer:
Hospitality: Edie Gamet
Greeters: Steve & Laura Olson
Scripture Reader: Mary Ullmer
Kids Life: Kids in Worship

January 21, 2018

Elder: Brad Steele
Lectern:
Deacons: Carol Bilello, Albert Arias, Michele Arias,
Alvin Hawkins
Preparer:
Hospitality:
Greeter: Tia McDaniels
Scripture Reader: Edie Gamet
Kids Life: Kids in Worship

January 14, 2018

Elder: Sally Bishop
Lectern:
Deacons: William Spalding, Ole Linden,
Pam Hohnstein
Preparer:
Hospitality:
Greeter: Beth Maes
Scripture Reader: Debbie Reher
Kids Life: Dena Catlett

January 28, 2018

Elder: Debbie Reher
Lectern:
Deacons: Clair Mamigonian, Ken Smith,
Edward Laso
Preparer:
Hospitality:
Greeter: Ray Stockham
Scripture Reader: Ole Linden
Kids Life: Candy Faber