

NOLAN FREEWILL BAPTIST CHURCH NEWSLETTER



MERRY CHRISTMAS

DECEMBER 2012

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Christmas Prayer



Remember Why We Celebrate the Season

The holiday season can bring us much joy and much stress, so having a Christmas prayer in your pocket can help remind you that the season is a time of celebration and peace.

God, thank you for sending your Son to us. I know this time of year we often forget why we celebrate. We tend to be so caught up in planning for parties and gift giving that we forget why we are doing all of these things in the first place. Let me not forget the struggles and strife that Mary and Joseph faced in bringing your son, Jesus, into the world.

Yet, Lord, let me not forget the blessings you bestowed on them. You gave them a great gift of a child and you blessed them with shelter in a time when it seemed they might not have anywhere to stay. And then you brought our Savior into this world to two loving parents and believers who awaited his presence.

I cannot imagine your sacrifice, Lord, but I know that I am blessed by it. I know that every day I feel your presence and look around the world in wonder at your creation. So, this year as I decorate the tree, this year as I sing Christmas carols, let me not forget that Christmas is so much more than gifts and lights. Provide me with the presence of mind to keep me rooted in faith this season.

And let the world find the blessings I have found in you. As cliché as it may sound, let there be peace on earth this season. Let us have the hope and love in our lives that you brought us through the birth of Jesus.

Thank you, Lord. Thank you for bringing my Savior into the world, and thank you for your blessings on my life. Amen.

DECEMBER PRAYER

LIST

Alice Tackett-back injury
 Rush Runyon
 Bonnie Casey
 Keith Curry-lung problems
 Frank Hawkins-lung cancer
 Kim Hensley—hurt back
 Lonnie Francis
 Jeremy Murphy—accident at work
 Betty Jane Givens-kidneys
 Jerry Wolfe
 Nick Childers
 Alma Runyon
 Irvin Hensley
 Katie Elkins
 Wesley Dove
 Adam & April and the Baby
 Floyd & Zelda Dove
 Fern Jude
 Lydia Spradlin
 Nellie Caudill
 Kendra Spradlin
 David Cantrell
 Robert Cantrell
 Donnie Jarvis & Family
 Charles Spradlin
 Steve Workman
 Jean Grace
 Linda Farley
 Donita & Norman Black
 Jenny Stepp
 David Daniels
 Austin Blackburn
 Joey Bogar-kidneys
 Pearl Williamson-Skilled Nursing
 Darrell Staton-heart & lungs
 Lonnie Francis
 Albert Smith
 John Hunt-cancer
 Dover & Mary Staten
 Kyle Lovern & Family
 Tina Chafin
 John Mullins
 David Burgett
 Bob & Gladys Smith
 Jamie Gillman- Hip Surgery

Marie Evans & Family
 James & Naomi Stollings
 Vicki Lovern
 Louise Hughes
 Ricky Burgett
 Emily Huff

SHUT-INS

R.S. VanHoose
 Katie Elkins
 Harry Reed
 Bob & Gertie Reed

COLLEGE KIDS

Maranda Maynard
 Lara Miller
 Carissa Stratton
 Joey Hatfield
 Adam Workman
 Britney Maynard
 Bethany Workman
 Chris Fletcher

ALSO REMEMBER

Work of the Lord
 James Bragg Family
 Ronnie Goff Family
 Robby Venturino Family
 Names in Prayer Box
 Nolan Academy & Teachers
 Youth & Youth Leaders
 Lost Family Members
 Lost Friends & Family
 Children & Grandchildren
 Military Men & Women
 Leaders of the World
 Weak Church Members
 People in hospitals & Nursing Homes
 All of the people working on the school



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CHRISTMAS PLAY

The annual Christmas play will be on December 15th. Sorry I don't have the details.

NOLAN CHRISTIAN ACADEMY WILL PARTICIPATE IN THE CHRISTMAS PARADE

The Nolan Christian Academy will be participating in the Christmas Parade at the **Great White Way** in Williamson, WV on Dec. 1st, 2012. The parents and children will prepare a float with the theme **From the Cradle to the Cross not a moment was lost**. Treat bags with a card with the church and school information attached will be tossed out to those attending the parade. This helps in witnessing and getting the word out about the Nolan Church and Nolan Christian Academy.

Approximately 1,200 treat bags will be given out at the Christmas Parade. The school would like to thank all those that donated candy, money or whatever to make this year's Christmas event a success. If you are able please support the children and the school by attending the parade. If you are not able to come, please remember them in your prayers as they attempt to be a witness to those in attendance.

POINSETTIA

Everyone, it's that time of year again....Everyone who would like to do so, bring a Poinsettia in memory of a loved one who has gone on to be with the Lord. Just bring a potted Poinsettia and place it up front around the pulpit area. It always looks so pretty with all the flowers that everyone brings.



FOOD BASKETS

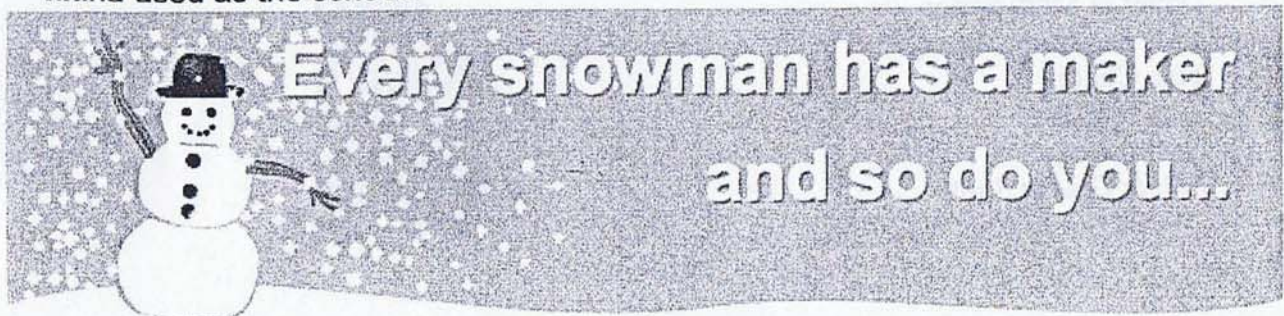
We will be taking up non perishable items for the Christmas food baskets. Please bring your items in and place them in the box which will be placed in the foyer.

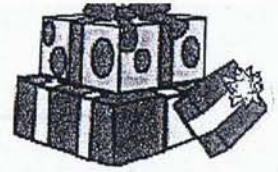
We will also still take non perishable food items every week for the Helping Hands Food Pantry at Delbarton.

We had an anonymous donor give \$500.00 for the food pantry. Thank you so much.

CHRISTMAS DINNER

This year the Church will not be hosting a Christmas Dinner due to the facility being used as the school.





WATCH NIGHT SERVICE

Our annual watch night service will be held on December 31st at 7:00pm. There will be a break at mid service for refreshments and fellowship in the auxiliary building. We need snack trays, cheese balls, chips, dips, crackers, desserts and soft drinks. The church will provide sandwiches. After the break, we will return to the service and at midnight we will pray out the old year and welcome in the New Year. Plan to attend and share in the worship service and fellowship.

SCHOOL NEWS

The workers will soon be ready to start putting siding on the school. We want to say thank you to the Sunday School for donating \$2,000.00 towards purchasing the siding for the school.

THANK YOU

We want to say a big thank you to Sis. Margaret Preece for doing all the Christmas decorations in the foyer and at the front of the church. Sis. Margaret you did a great job.

GOOD NEWS

Bro. Gary and Sis. Edith's granddaughter Emily Huff had her surgery in Atlanta and is doing well. The Wellman family would like to thank everyone for your prayers and firmly believe that is why Emily came through the surgery so well. She is home now where she is recovering. The Lord surely has blessed Emily.

Kim Kettering

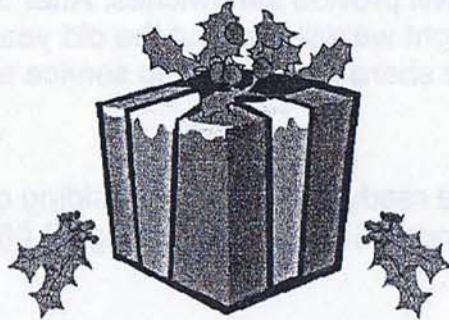
Sadly after several years Sis. Kim lost her brave battle with cancer and passed away on Dec. 17, 2012.

Sis. Kim was the daughter of William F. "Bill" Lowe and the late Sue Lowe of West Union, South Carolina. She is survived by 2 brothers Steve Lowe of Texas and Billy Lowe of Ohio and one sister Cindy Robinson of Texas and 4 granddaughters. She is also the niece of Bonnie Teeters and Edith Wellman.

She was an artist and a postal worker.

Victory was won and she is in Heaven now. Her faith in God is what kept her going and she really loved the Lord.

Sunday School – Sun. – 10:00 am
Morning Worship – Sun. – 11:00 am
Ladies Aux./Master's Men – 1st & 3rd Mon. – 7:00 pm
Prayer / Youth Meeting – Wed. – 7:00 pm
Business Meeting – 3rd Wed. – 7:00 pm



The Christmas Present

I heard a knock on my door one Christmas Eve
 As I looked out my window, a man I could see
 He was cold and seemed so lonely
 And he was upon a bended knee.

He asked, "Can you spare anything for me to eat?"
 I opened up the door and as I helped him in
 He looked up at me with such a peaceful grin.
 As he drank down some coffee and had a bite to eat
 I put more wood on the fire so he could warm his feet
 Over there by the fireplace he warmed his tired hands
 I wonder where did he come from,
 This quiet, white haired man?

But I wasn't at all afraid of his peaceful ways,
 You see, this man dressed in poor,
 almost as poor as me As he left, |
 he turned and thanked me for all I had done
 But he forgot to take his gloves, so out the door I run.
 He was gone in the blizzard and I couldn't hardly see,
 So I took his ole gloves back to the house with me

Just a little after midnight, I awoke in the dark;

There wasn't a bit of fire, just glowing cinders
A little spark,
And where I'd placed his gloves by my little Christmas
tree

There laid a brand new pair
And a Christmas Card for me.
And it read. . . .

You gave me shelter and food to keep me warm;
You even tried to bring me my old gloves in the storm,
So here's you a new pair, . . . the finest ever seen . . .

As an angel of the Lord,
I'll be sure to tell the King. . . .
Merry Christmas . . .



May God fill your home with peace
and your heart with quiet wonder
at the miracle of Jesus.





DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- Dec. 5 R.S. VanHoose
- Dec. 5 Gertie Reed
- Dec. 6 Kayla Sword
- Dec. 8 Katie Wellman—16 yrs old
- Dec. 13 Jacob Young
- Dec. 17 Jonathan & Chad
- Dec. 20 Karen Etters
- Dec. 21 Angela C. Slone
- Dec. 22 Brenda Sue Wolfe
- Dec. 28 Zephie Runyon
- Dec. 30 Gustie Smith



DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- Dec. 17 Ray & Mildred Taylor — 63yrs.
- Dec. 6 Adam & Mary White— 4yrs.

Anniversary Wishes

May the good Lord see and
 bless you,
 On your anniversary day.
 May He always be your
 companion,
 And guide you on your way



DEC. SPIRITUAL BIRTHDAYS

- Dec. John Taylor—39 yrs.
- Dec. 8 Sharon Francis—11yrs.
- Dec. 9 Lexie White—11yrs.
- Dec. 17 Mary White—12yrs.
- Dec. 19 Brenda Wolfe—8yrs.
- Dec. 19 Jerry Wolfe—8yrs.
- Dec. 29 Wallace Weddington— 39yrs.
- Dec. 31 Justin Spradlin—22yrs.
- Dec. Anna Belle Weddington— 30yrs.



"The Old Country Church"



There's a place near to me, where I'm longing to be
 With my friends at the old country church
 There with mother we went, and our Sundays were spent
 With our friends at the old country church.

Chorus:

Precious years of memories,
 Oh what joy they bring to me (they bring to me)
 How I long once more to be,
 With my friends at the old country church...

As a small country boy, how my heart beat with joy
 When I knelt in the old country church
 And the Savior above, by His wonderful love
 Saved my soul at the old country church.

How I wish that today all the people would pray
 As we prayed in the old country church
 If they'd only confess, Jesus surely would bless
 As he did in the old country church.

Of't my thoughts make me weep, for so many now sleep
 In their graves near the old country church
 And sometime I may rest, with the friends I love best
 In a grave near the old country church.



Pecan Tassies

Makes: 24 cookies Prep: 30 minutes Bake: 25 minutes



Merry Christmas

Ingredients

- 1/2 cup butter, softened
- 1 3-ounce package cream cheese, softened
- 1 cup all-purpose flour
- 1 egg
- 3/4 cup packed brown sugar
- 1 tablespoon butter, melted
- 2/3 cup coarsely chopped pecans

Directions

1. Preheat oven to 325°F. For pastry, in a mixing bowl beat the 1/2 cup butter and cream cheese until combined. Stir in the flour. Press a rounded teaspoon of pastry evenly into the bottom and up the sides of 24 ungreased 1 3/4-inch muffin cups.
2. For pecan filling, in a bowl beat egg, brown sugar, and the 1 tablespoon melted butter until combined. Stir in pecans. Spoon about 1 heaping teaspoon of filling into each pastry-lined muffin cup. Bake for 25 to 30 minutes or until pastry is golden and filling is puffed. Cool slightly in pan. Carefully transfer to a wire rack and let cool. Makes 24 cookies.

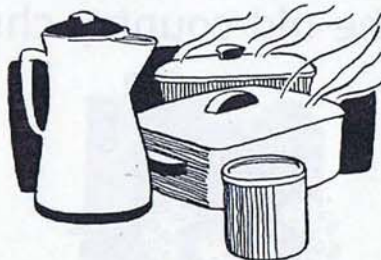
Fudgy Brownie Tassies: Prepare as above, except instead of pecan filling, in a small saucepan heat and stir 1/2 cup semisweet chocolate pieces and 2 tablespoons butter or margarine over low heat until melted; remove from heat. Stir in 1/3 cup sugar, 1 beaten egg, and 1 teaspoon vanilla. If desired, place 1 hazelnut (filbert), almond, macadamia nut, or walnut piece in each pastry-lined muffin cup. Spoon about 1 teaspoon of the chocolate mixture into each pastry-lined muffin cup. Bake in a 325 degrees F oven for 20 to 25 minutes or until pastry is golden and filling is puffed. Continue as directed.

Nutrition Facts

Servings Per Recipe 24
 cookies
 Calories 120,
 Total Fat (g) 8,
 Saturated Fat (g) 4,
 Monounsaturated Fat (g) 3,
 Polyunsaturated Fat (g) 1,

Cholesterol (mg) 25,
 Sodium (mg) 62,
 Carbohydrate (g) 11,
 Total Sugar (g) 6,
 Fiber (g) 0,
 Protein (g) 1,
 Vitamin A (DV%) 0,
 Vitamin C (DV%) 0,

Calcium (DV%) 1,
 Iron (DV%) 3,
 Other Carbohydrates (d.e.) .5,
 Fat (d.e.) 1.5,
 Percent Daily Values are
 based on a 2,000 calorie diet



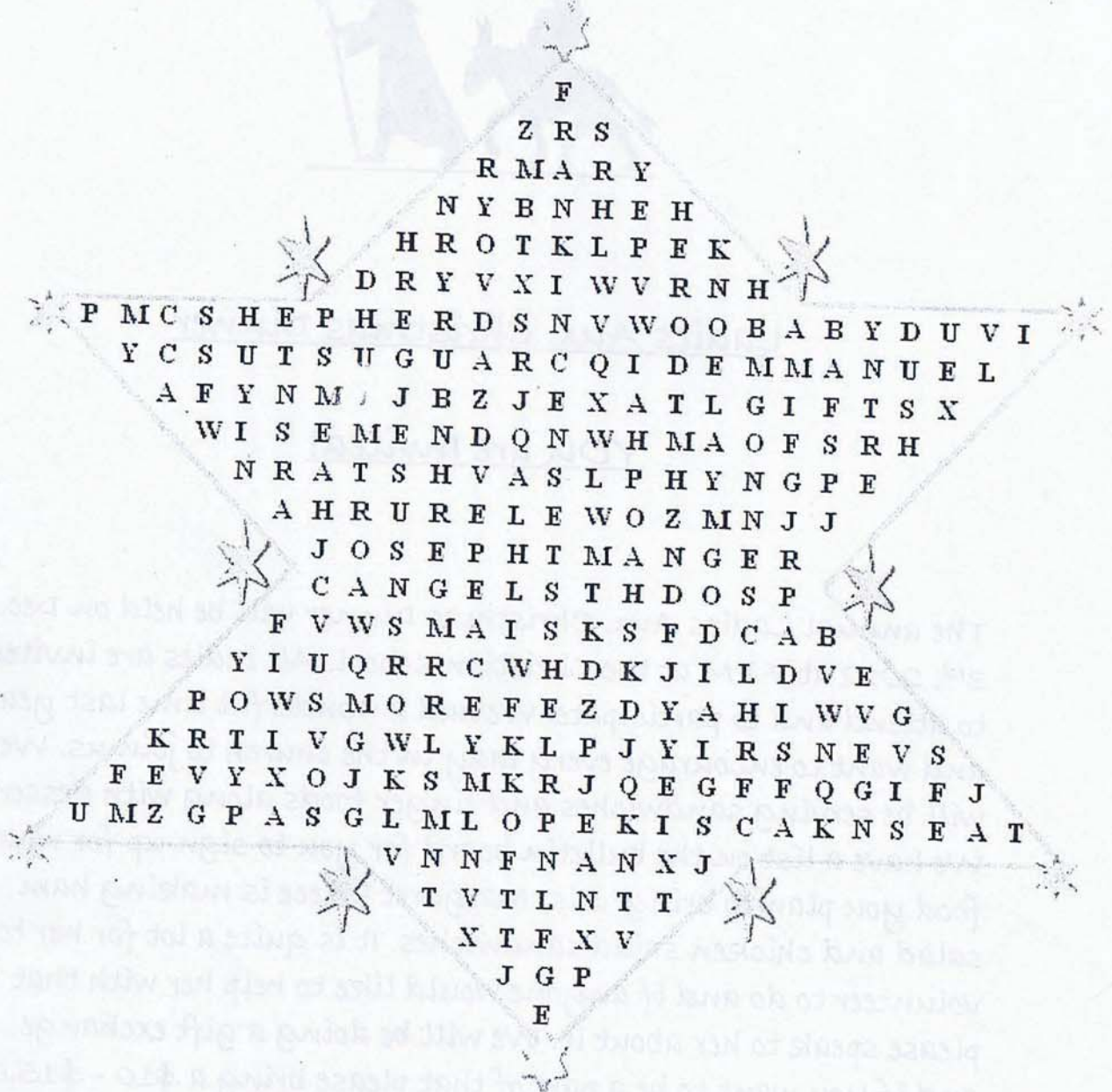


Ladies Aux. Christmas Dinner

YOU are Invited!

The annual Ladies Aux. Christmas Dinner will be held on Dec. 3rd, 2012 at 7 PM at the Christian school. All ladies are invited to attend and to participate. We had a wonderful time last year and want to encourage every lady in the church to join us. We will be serving sandwiches and finger foods along with desserts. We have a list on the bulletin board for you to sign up for what food you plan to bring. Sis. Margaret Preece is making ham salad and chicken salad sandwiches. It is quite a lot for her to volunteer to do and if anyone would like to help her with that please speak to her about it. We will be doing a gift exchange and if you want to be a part of that please bring a \$10 - \$15.00 gift for that. A lot of the ladies like to bring small favors or gifts for those attending. This is optional. If you have any new items at home that you are not using and would like to donate them for door prizes or game prizes please leave them with Norma Spradlin or Mary Kay Marcum. We hope to have a good time with the Lord being in our midst while we celebrate the birth of our dear Savior.

His Birth



Angels
Augustus
Baby
Bethlehem
Elisabeth
Emmanuel
Frankincense
Gifts

Gold
Herod
Inn
Jesus
Joseph
Manger
Mary
Myrrh

Nativity
Noel
Peace
Promise
Savior
Shepherds
Star
Swaddling

Taxes
Virgin
Wisemen



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 S.S. 10am Church 11am	3 Master's Men/Ladies Aux. 7pm	4	5 Prayer/Youth Meeting 7pm <u>Bro. Gary</u> <u>Dove</u>	6 <u>Nursing</u> <u>Home</u> <u>10:30</u> <u>am</u> <u>GROW</u> <u>7pm</u>	7 Chapel 8am	8
9 S.S. 10am Church 11am	10 <u>Christmas</u> <u>Choir</u> <u>Practice</u> <u>7pm</u>	11	12 Prayer/Youth Meeting 7pm	13 <u>GROW</u> <u>7pm</u>	14 Chapel 8am	15 <u>Christmas</u> <u>Play 7pm</u>
16 S.S. 10am Church 11am	17 Master's Men 7pm	18	19 <u>Prayer/Youth/</u> <u>Business</u> <u>Meeting 7pm</u>	20 <u>GROW</u> <u>6pm</u>	21	22
23 S.S. 10am Church 11am	24	25 <u>Christmas</u> <u>Day</u>	26 Prayer/Youth Meeting 7pm	27 <u>GROW</u> <u>6pm</u>	28	29
30 S.S. 10am Church 11am	31 <u>New Year's</u> <u>Eve</u> <u>Watch Night</u> <u>Service</u> <u>7pm</u>					