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Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judaea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem . . .

Saying, Where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him. - Matthew 2: 1-2

**The Midwest Pilgrim Holiness Conference wishes
you and yours a Merry Christmas and a Happy
New Year!!**



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Sensing The Storm

By Rev. Don Davison



We were driving through the rain in Canada on one of our summer public relations tours for GBS, when the subject came up about turning on the windshield wipers. One of my quartet guys told me about a man who fixes up wrecked cars. He had restored a 2012 Town and Country van that had this amazing feature! The windshield can actually sense when there is rain and adjusts the wipers accordingly.

My mind quickly went to our families. What if we had something inside us that just knew when family members were going through a storm and how heavy it was weighing down on them, and we were able to swing into action to respond with support and love and grace? That would be great! But we're not God, and we don't read minds. For far too many, family life means spending time alone "together."

THAT is why it is important to step out of our solo worlds within our families and for parents to regularly make times to talk together...to sit down each day as a family and share together...to let each member of the family share the day's highs and lows. I like to think of these times as "Grace Points." If you don't know your kids' and spouse's highs and lows, you don't know your kids and spouse. And if THEY don't know their OWN highs and lows, THEY don't know THEMSELVES. It is important that the things that hit us spiritually and emotionally get processed DAILY - in the context of a family, and a God who loves us. Far better to monitor our lives daily . . . instead of just waiting until a crisis hits; much better to deal with issues when they are manageable than to wait till our kids or spouses finally scream out from under the mountain of experiences that continually got bottled up and tamped down inside.

Each day should have the closure that family support and love and God's grace can bring. It buttons up the day with grace. As much as possible, as family members share their highs and lows, try to make some scriptural application to it. Sometimes you may not be able to do it. But try. Sometimes your efforts, or what you have to offer in life-wisdom or from God's Word, may not be understood immediately. But do it anyway. It's like putting money in the bank. One of these days, at the right time, it may make sense.

When we do this daily exercise, it is important to end it with some sort of reminder of God's blessing...of His grace, His unconditional love, His peace, His protection, His wisdom. His forgiveness. End the time together with a blessing from the Lord on each life or on the whole family. Parents don't have to be the source of this blessing. They become channels through which God's blessing flows to their family.

No, none of us has a built-in sensor like that fancy Chrysler van, but when we make it a point to affirm, laugh, cry and pray together—we can stay vitally connected. It gives us the chance to see our life experiences each day through the lens of grace, and put them back in God's hands. And it gives our families a chance to be strong in the Lord as each day closes in the security that their family loves them and that God does, too.

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News from around the Conference

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Muncie, IN - (By James Southerland)

We were especially blessed by the church during pastor appreciation Sunday, October 29, 2017. They gave my wife a beautiful arrangement of flowers, they also presented us with a nice financial gift. The children made a colorful card which each of them signed and presented to us. We were greeted by the largest crowd we have had in attendance since we have been pastoring here. There were 54 present including some who were with us for the first time.

Several of our folks were interested in hosting a "Trunk or Treat" event. I admit, I was apprehensive. How could we expect to see several hundred parents and children come through our doors with no outside advertising? It was cold and windy, so we moved into our fellowship building. Our folks brought in 100 lbs. of candy. We set up a table for visitors to have an opportunity to be chosen to receive a \$25.00 gift card. We had a prayer station where visitors could write out prayer requests and pin them on the wall. Sis. Lorena Jeffries gave a pumpkin story to the children emphasizing how God could clean out ones heart from sin. Then we served hot dogs, hot chocolate, white chicken chili, vegetable soup and coffee.

Thirty-three of our people took on this responsibility. Krista Crabtree organized the whole event. Parker Bristow was our official greeter and counter. Thanks to all our ladies who worked behind the scenes to make this event come alive. Thanks to our men who supported tirelessly to make this event a great success. When it was all said and done, 1,008 people came from our neighborhood and passed through our doors. Praise the Lord!

We have a lot of follow-up work to be done as we try to establish further contact with those who gave us their names. We presented the stack of prayer requests to our prayer meeting group on Wednesday evening. I trust the Lord will open doors of opportunity for us to make new friends from this event!

Decatur, IL - (By Nick Logan)

The Decatur Pilgrim Church entered the fall season by rejoicing over the blessings that God has given:

- **A Wonderful Pastor** - At the end of October, the congregation expressed appreciation to the Hedden Family, thanking them for being such faithful Shepherds to our congregation.
- **New Life** - Our church recently dedicated Hannah Joy Denise Logan (born to Nick and Deborah Logan).
- **Revival** - During the 2nd weekend of November, Rev. Austin and Christy Line ministered to us. We thank God for the anointed preaching and singing.

(Church News Continued)

Batavia, OH - (By Ruth Hart)

Improvements are being made to the Batavia PHC! Jason Forsee has been working on the parking lot. He has leveled it and put supports around it. He isn't finished but it is looking good. Then he tore out the ramp and put in a new walkway. He still has to put the swinging ropes between the posts. It is very pretty in the evening when the lights come on. He has worked very hard and put a lot of his own money into the project.

Victor Bolois, Ruth Hart's brother, came from Pennsylvania to put in a cement walkway. It looks very nice and the older people are thankful for it. Our newest addition, Ariana Forsee put her handprint in it and we dated it, 11-2-17, which is her 1st birthday. We are thankful for how the Lord has provided!



Bloomington, IL - (By Martin Laramie)

We have had many challenges this past quarter. Sister Fox underwent open heart surgery and is coming along quite nicely. We are eagerly awaiting the day the Fox's can join us for worship. A tree in front of the church was hit by lightening and had to be removed.

The parsonage furnace went out and was replaced by Phil Gray. Phil Gray has been a real asset to the church. With the added expenses our general fund went down quite a bit this past year. We had no idea God was going to answer prayer with regard to our general fund. Someone came to church to visit and put a check in the offering for over \$16,000. Praise the Lord!

We just finished revival with the Waldens. We had a couple of good altar services with several children and a few adults going to the altar. God is working in our midst. One of the children asked me, "Bro. Laramie, can you open the altar next week?" Amen! Our altar is always open--suffer the little children to come unto me!

Nancy and I have just completed four years at the Bloomington PHC. My, time has gone by so fast. The Gray children are growing. A new addition, Sofia Grace Gray, has joined us. She was 8 lbs. and 10 oz., 19 in. long, when she was born. Praise the Lord for a safe delivery and a healthy baby!

(Church News Continued)

Lima, OH - (By Stephanie Burley)

Fall 2017 has been busy in Lima, OH! The last few days of September found several of our men pouring a concrete sidewalk and entry door pads along the north and east sides of our building. Two exterior doors were added to the east side, completing another phase in the update of our property.



On October 12th, many of our congregation attended the annual fundraiser banquet for our local crisis pregnancy center, Heartbeat of Lima. Our pastor was asked to pray the invocation at this year's event. We are so grateful for this local resource and for volunteers who donate their time to help save the unborn. Jarilyn Motter, member of Lima PHC has volunteered at Heartbeat for many years.

On October 22nd, the church was blessed by a ministry team from God's Bible School. They ministered in both services. Pastor Nichols was privileged to dedicate his youngest grandson, Clay Daniel Profitt, at Franklin Bible Methodist Church that morning.

On October 25th, Pilgrim Christian School staff members traveled to Lansing, Michigan, for Christian Educator's Convention. What a wonderful time it was for our staff to be refreshed and encouraged! Pilgrim Christian School is currently in its 35th year of operation.

The weekend of October 27th found us at Beulah Grove Camp in Mendon, Ohio, for the annual church family retreat. The weather was chilly, but the fellowship was warm!

Dan and Michelle Durkee joined us October 31- November 5 for our fall revival. Bro. Durkee ministered to our students in morning chapel services from Wednesday through Friday. He was able to spend some quality time with our older students and give them guidance and counsel as they approach some of the most important decisions.

On November 10th, Hunter Blaize Rose was welcomed by his parents, Ryan and Rachel, and his siblings, Spencer and Peyton. Hunter's grandparents are Rev. William and Lynette Spencer. Congratulations!

On November 16th, Pastor Nichols officiated the funeral of Urbanus Burdette (U.B.) Crites. U.B. was 93 years old. He and his wife, the late Ora Lee (Gracie) Crites, were members of the Lima Pilgrim Holiness Church.

God has especially helped our children and young people, and we are excited to watch them actively carry a burden for the lost, as well as seek the Lord's will for their lives.

Would you pray with us that God will help us see an increase for His kingdom's sake? We are endeavoring to "bring them in," and are trusting God for the results!

(Church News Continued)

Evansville, IN - (By Justin Jackman)

The Holy Spirit is moving on souls with faithfulness and conviction in a real and tangible way. During our revival with Rev. Marc Dodrill, a clear testimony was given of a gentleman that was converted after over 30 years of being away from God. It has been an encouragement to our church, and we will stand by him as he grows in his walk with Christ! Bro. Dodrill returned on November 12th for our annual Family and Friends Day, and preached with great anointing to our Sunday morning group of 72 that gathered for worship.

God has also helped the church this year to advance in some key areas of internal growth. Through prayer, our leadership felt impressed to emphasize a spirit of “in-reach” amongst our people throughout 2017. Together, we settled on the short motto for our church logo of “Living Pure and Loving Others.” While this expresses what we hold to be the basics of Christianity, it seems too many churches have lost sight of the principal, and it is our desire to keep this at the forefront. This has led to the formation of our church youth group, for which our teens chose the name “The New Creations”, a ladies group that is meeting monthly, and a revised structure of our Sunday School hour to better allow for meeting the needs of our varying age groups. Also, we held “Church Appreciate Month” in August, during which families of the church were each assigned another family that they were to get to know, provide special recognition, and give small gifts or meals as they were able. This, along with a focused church appreciation service the last Sunday of the month, proved to be a time of terrific bonding and encouragement for our people.

Our focus on growing our people has also allowed the church to complete extensive property improvements and upgrades throughout the year. The improvements include the clearing of an adjacent lot purchased for a future parking lot, the finishing of the inside of our fellowship building, painting of the church exterior, a new church website (www.evvphc.com), and other projects. Our church family has caught the vision, and God is blessing their sacrificial giving!

Through our work with saints, new converts, and the not yet saved, this year I am more convinced than ever that people are still hungry for a genuine, complete, holy relationship with Almighty God! Let’s continue to labor together for the building of God’s kingdom and family, whether that be through reaching the spiritually lost, or continuing the growth of the saints. To God be all the glory, praise and honor!

Harrisburg, OH - (By Richard Smith)

We have appreciated the presence of God in our services. He truly has been faithful to us in so many ways. This summer has brought once again the joy of the lost sheep being found. The prayers of Bro. and Sis. Lemaster, although they have gone on to glory, have been answered. Their youngest son, Danny, has come back to God! We must keep praying for the lost!

God gave our women a wonderful blessing and a time of refreshing during the WOW retreat held at the HPHC in July. Sis. Becky Keep did a tremendous job in ministering to our ladies.

We had a real move of God in our fall weekend meeting with Rev. Rick Maloyed and the Daltons. God was there every service and great victories were won at the altar.

The world is changing more and more everyday but we are serving a God that changes not. Let us continue to do our best to stand for God and holiness in these last days!

(Church News Cont'd)

Bicknell, IN - (By Richard Spaulding)

God is moving among our people! We have had some wonderful services. This past Sunday morning, we were blessed with the Rolls. They came and shared news from the mission field. It was wonderful to hear how God is moving. We were able to give them a love offering of \$330.00 for the work in Antigua. It is a blessing to see what God is doing, and the way He is using them for His glory.

We have started a 24/7 fast among the people of the church. Each one is taking a day to spend in prayer for a mighty revival. God is starting to bless this effort. We are looking to schedule a winter revival. We ask for your prayers that God will lay upon our hearts, the evangelist that He wants. All that we ask is that God's Spirit flow through us!

Frankfort, IN - (By Lonny Dunn)

In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you. (I Thessalonians 5:18)

Paul's admonition to give thanks "in everything" doesn't mean that we are to rejoice over everything that comes our way. Sometimes we face circumstances that we don't rejoice over, but in the midst of them we can be thankful to God for who He is, and for the many blessings which He bestows upon us. When we face difficulties it is important to remember that Romans 8:28 is unquestionably true. *"And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose."*

The Frankfort Pilgrims have faced some difficulties lately, but God is helping them to deal with them. Almost immediately after Bro. Farney retired and moved out of the parsonage, (which is connected to the church) a water line under the concrete floor ruptured and the water had to be turned off; as a result they were unable to hold services for 7 weeks. The quotes which they received to make the repairs were astronomical. I never like to see a church closed, and this is my mother's church, so I volunteered to see what I could do to help. I broke up the floor, replaced the line that was leaking and patched the floor for about \$32.00 in materials, and all were thankful that they could have services again.

A couple of weeks later another leak developed. This time it was to be no easy fix. We knew that it was either underground between the meter and the building, or under the concrete floor of the building. Bro. Rod Vore sent one of his men up with an excavator to help. It took 2 hours to locate the line. After determining that the leak was under the concrete floor we spent the rest of the day disconnecting the old line and installing the new one up through the concrete floor into the building. Once the new line was in the building, the old supply line had to be disconnected and the new supply line run through the walls, etc. to be connected so that it would supply the water to the building. Services continued while the work was being done by turning on the water only during service times.

Thank God the lines are connected and the water is flowing once again, hopefully with no more leaks in the future. Let's join with them in thanksgiving that this problem is taken care of without a huge expense (approximately \$300.00).

I am sure that they would appreciate our praying with them that God would send the right person to pastor this flock. We trust that God will bless and prosper them as they move forward.

Editor's note: Thank you to the churches that sent in news this month! It helps to keep us "connected" when we are able to see what is happening in the different churches throughout the year!

A Woman's Perspective

By Stephanie Burley

Beyond The Magic

CHRISTMAS. With just nine letters and two syllables, this simple word conjures up a million images and twice as many emotions. Children who grow up in a secure, loving environment often find Christmas to be a most magical season. Twinkling lights, familiar carols, delectable treats, and seasonal activities relentlessly tantalize the senses, and the excitement just seems to keep building.

When I was a kid, the excitement would usually come to a crashing halt sometime toward the end of our largest holiday gathering, as I would inevitably end up with a fever or a stomach virus. I'm smiling as I visualize those memories. Christmas was the best, and most years it was more than my little body could handle.

Once we transition from childhood to adulthood, the magic tends to fade a little. We are more realistic. We see the world through a different set of eyes. The twinkle lights may be distorted or dimmed through lenses clouded with hurt and pain. Joyful tunes can be muffled by inner voices of rejection and self-deprecation that seem to be on repeat. Festive activities threaten to brim with fear of social failure or dread of familial conflict. Sometimes disappointment is due to unrealistic expectations, but often there is a stark reality that seeks to rob us of experiencing the joy that is meant for us at Christmas.

- ♦ **The reality of financial difficulty** – Let's face it. Christmas is expensive. Or is it? Our culture has turned Christmas into one gigantic budget buster. Choosing to reject the pressure to live outside one's means this time of year can be especially difficult. If circumstances have created an even tighter financial environment, choosing to focus on what one has rather than what one hasn't can be even more challenging. Are you confronted with financial reverses this Christmas? Let me encourage you to count your blessings. Begin to list them. As you do, you'll find your mood lightened and your spirit centered. You'll find boldness to guide your family into a Christmas that is bubbling with creativity and love. And that sounds like a gift that money can't buy.
- ♦ **The reality of damaged relationships** – If you have never experienced the painful rub of misunderstanding, the sharp prick of retaliation, or the dull ache of bitterness, hold on. Chances are high that you will be handed one of these at some point. Some of you are walking this road today, and the thought of being in certain social circles or family gatherings this holiday season has your emotions wavering between mild anxiety and full blown panic. If this is your situation, please know that you are not alone. Take some time to study the sufferings of Christ. He was misunderstood, maligned, and mocked. His approach was love, humility, and forgiveness. I am confident that as we seek to consistently imitate Him and be at peace with others, He will work in ways that we cannot. We have to relinquish control of timing and methods and trust Him with the outcome. His plan may not be to change others, but to change us. That is often a benefit unseen except in retrospect. Hold on. He's there, and if it concerns us, it concerns Him.
- ♦ **The reality of grief** – I have attended funeral visitations for four acquaintances in the last thirteen days, three of them being in the last three days. Two of these passed away on Thanksgiving Day. Four deaths, four different sets of circumstances, and many, many more touched with grief due to the loss. Death is a cruel thief. But death isn't the only cause of grief. Some are grieving the loss of a marriage. Others are grieving infertility. There is grief due to wayward children, illness, job loss, and a host of other reverses that life may bring our way. Whatever your grief, it will threaten to suffocate any glimmer of joy in your life this season. Can you still celebrate the coming of the Messiah even as you are in the throes of personal darkness? Praise Him through your pain. The purest praise is birthed in the midst of the deepest agony. Look up, reach out, and tightly grasp His promise to be the healing balm for your grieving heart.

If none of these realities are yours, maybe it would be good for you to look for someone who is struggling, put your arm around them and share their burden. Your strength may be what lifts them above their circumstances and into the realm of hope this Christmas.



Stephanie was blessed to be raised in a parsonage by wonderful parents, Rev. Don & Ruth Nichols. She received her B.A. degree in Education from God's Bible School & College in 1998, and her M.A. degree in Human Relations/Marriage and Family from Liberty University in 2008.

She is "Mom" to four children, and has been married to Greg Burley for 20 years. She has also taught at Pilgrim Christian School in Lima, Ohio, for the past 20 years. It is her dream that every child would have the opportunity of a Christian Education, and she strives to be a teachable servant-leader.



PASTOR TO PASTOR

Ministering to those who minister to others

Preaching the Ever New “Old Story”

Christmas Sunday has always been one of my favorite Sundays of the year. For a musician, it includes some of the most beautiful music of the year. For a missionary, it is a wonderful opportunity to share the gospel with people who would visit a Christian church only at Christmas. And for a pastor, it gives the chance to tell the wonderful Christmas story one more time.

Coming from that background, you can imagine my shock when a pastor said to me, “I dread Christmas Sunday. Everyone already knows the Christmas story. There is nothing new to say. It just feels old!”

Old?! Nothing new?!

- ◇ The story of God coming as a baby - entering our sinful world to redeem people living in open rebellion against their Creator.
- ◇ The humble submission of a teenage Mary who faces the shameful stares of the villagers in Nazareth because of her love for God.
- ◇ The calm obedience of a Joseph who hears the mocking comments of his neighbors about “gullible ol’ Joseph” but who obeys God regardless of the cost.
- ◇ The shocked expressions on the faces of the shepherds and their thrilling journey to Bethlehem.
- ◇ The joyful song of the angel choir.
- ◇ The murderous jealousy of Herod.
- ◇ The determined search of the Magi.
- ◇ The Innkeeper’s frantic hunt for space.
- ◇ The bereaved mothers whose babies are murdered by Herod’s soldiers.
- ◇ The hurried flight to Egypt.

How can we begin to tell it all in only one Sunday? It would take the entire year to preach the Christmas story in all its glory! So how do we make the old story new?

Nothing new? **Every Christmas brings new opportunities.** Christmas is the Sunday of the year on which you are most likely to welcome brand new visitors. Don’t mock the CEO visitors (Christmas/Easter Only). Maybe that is their only time to attend a service – but it gives you one chance to share the life-changing gospel. Don’t waste the opportunity! The Christmas story is more than a story. It is the gospel - the good news of salvation come to earth. **Nothing new? Every Christmas brings new needs.**

- ◇ Last year, Sally celebrated a joyous Christmas with her husband. This year, Sally needs to know that Christ came into our world to comfort a newly bereaved widow.

- ◇ Last year, John had a good job and bought wonderful presents for his family. This year, an unemployed John is struggling to buy one small gift for each child. He needs to know that the greatest Gift has already been purchased.
- ◇ What does Christmas say to the newly diagnosed cancer victim?
- ◇ To the children whose father walked out three weeks before Christmas?

If the Christmas story is truly gospel, it must speak to each of these needs which are new every year.

Nothing new? **The glory of the story is always new.** Pastors, if it has become “old hat,” you have forgotten the wonder of that first Christmas. . . Read it again. And again. And again.

Read it until it is fresh.

Read it until the characters come alive.

Read it until you weep with Mary as her neighbors mock her wild story.

Read it until you laugh with the shepherds running to Bethlehem - abandoning their sheep and shouting like crazy men as they try to convince people that “We saw angels!!!”

Read it until you quake with the townspeople listening to the footsteps of the Roman soldiers looking for baby boys to kill.

Read it until you feel the wonder of the Almighty God entering our world as a helpless infant.

Read it until the earth-shattering news of the angel choir shatters the calm of your parsonage study.

Read it until you recognize again that, “He became one of us so that we could be one with Him.”

Charles Wesley wrote dozens of Christmas hymns from the popular “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing” to little known texts. One of my favorites of his Christmas carols uses the wonderful imagery of the eternal, omnipresent God of the universe “contracted to a span” - the size of a newborn infant. The words are old and a bit obscure, but take time to read it, meditate on it, and glory in the fact that God became one of us so that we can someday “be lost in God.” An old story? Yes. But an old story that will always be new!

*Let earth and heaven combine, Angels and men agree,
To praise in songs divine, the incarnate Deity,
Our God contracted to a span, incomprehensibly made man.*

*Unsearchable the love that hath the Saviour brought;
The grace is far above or man or angels thought;
Suffice for us that God, we know, our God, is manifest below.*

*Made perfect first in love, and sanctified by grace,
We shall from earth remove, and see his glorious face:
Then shall his love be fully showed, and man shall then be lost in God.*



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We wish to thank Dr. Randall McElwain for sharing this excellent article with us.

where are they now

Catching Up With Pilgrims of Days Gone By . . .



If you have been a part of our Conference for an extended period of time, you undoubtedly remember the names **Tim and Lori Cole**.

Tim Cole's ministry with our Conference actually began before they were even married! Tim lived in Petersburg, Indiana, for a time, and served as Principal of the Petersburg Pilgrim Holiness School.

He was ordained with the Midwest Conference of the Pilgrim Holiness Church at Anderson, Indiana, and still holds our Conference in high esteem. After his ministry in Bloomington, Illinois, there were no other Pilgrim churches needing pastors, so he transferred his membership to

the Alabama Bible Methodist Conference, where he later held joint membership with the International Conservative Holiness Association.

Pastoring churches in Alabama and Indiana, he also engaged in evangelistic work, while continuing to work in Christian education.

Four years ago he moved to Sophia, North Carolina, where he pastors the Trinity Holiness Church, and founded Trinity Christian School.

Tim and his wife, Lori, have seven children (five of which are married), and eight grandchildren. They also do limited evangelism and work with the IHC.

Tim says: "I will never forget the fellowship and glorious camp meeting days with my Pilgrim brethren!"

(Pictured below) Tim and Lori pose with their lovely family. We trust you have enjoyed getting re-acquainted with this wonderful family that represents Jesus so beautifully.

3 John 1:4 *I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth.*





Honoring Our Heroes

This photo was sent to me the other day by two different individuals, and I thought it was one that should be shared with our readers. If we're not careful, it can be easy to forget about those who can no longer do what they used to do for the Lord, but these two gentlemen remain heroes in our Conference! We want them to know how much they still mean to us!

This photo of Rev. Harold Jackman (age 92) and former Conference President Rev. Eugene Gray (age 91) was taken last Sunday morning at the Palestine, Illinois, Pilgrim Holiness Church, where the St. Marie church had dismissed their Sunday AM service to support missionaries, Maurice & Jean Roll.

May we never forget these men of faith (and others) who continue to hold the banner of Holiness high, even in their senior years!



Nearly 2000 years ago, a Babe was born, we know 'twas so,
Judean hills glowed with light, when Jesus came to earth that night.

The Gospels tell us of His birth, He "left it all" to come to earth
This Gift the Father gave to man, to bring about "Salvation's Plan"!

'Twas love that caused our Lord to come, He loves us each and ev'ry one
He asks that we obey His voice, give Him our heart, make Him our choice.

Eternal life to us He's given, that we might dwell with Him in Heaven
Where peace shall reign in every heart, no fight, no war, will ever start.

God is so good to you and me! He's given eyes that we might see
All around His mighty power, His touch on every leaf and flower.

The green leaves now have turned to gold, and crimson maples lose their hold
Drifting to the ground below, to soon be covered by the snow.

He is so faithful every day, He marks the path, He leads the way
His precious Word, it standeth sure, His love and mercy will endure.

While war clouds cover o'er the earth, It seems there is no "Peace on Earth."
As our thoughts turn to Bethlehem, pray for peace in Jerusalem.

His word tells us what we are to do, keep the faith, to Him be true
"Worship Him" every nation!! The "Reason of this Celebration."

He came the first time, don't forget! Each promise He has made, He's kept!
Only the Father, on His throne, knows when the trumpet, will be blown.

So give to friends, both far and near, and to our loved ones we hold dear
Remember Him! (Who "giving" taught), Our Christ, the One, the Wise-Men sought,
Our love to you we now do send, a kinship that will never end
"Unbroken Family" may we be . . . "TOGETHER" for Eternity.

Shirley Gray - Christmas 2000





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We would love to be able to report on the happenings in and around your church but we need to hear from YOU!

If you would like your church news to be included in the next PNN, please have your report to the editor no later than January 15th. THANKS!

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