

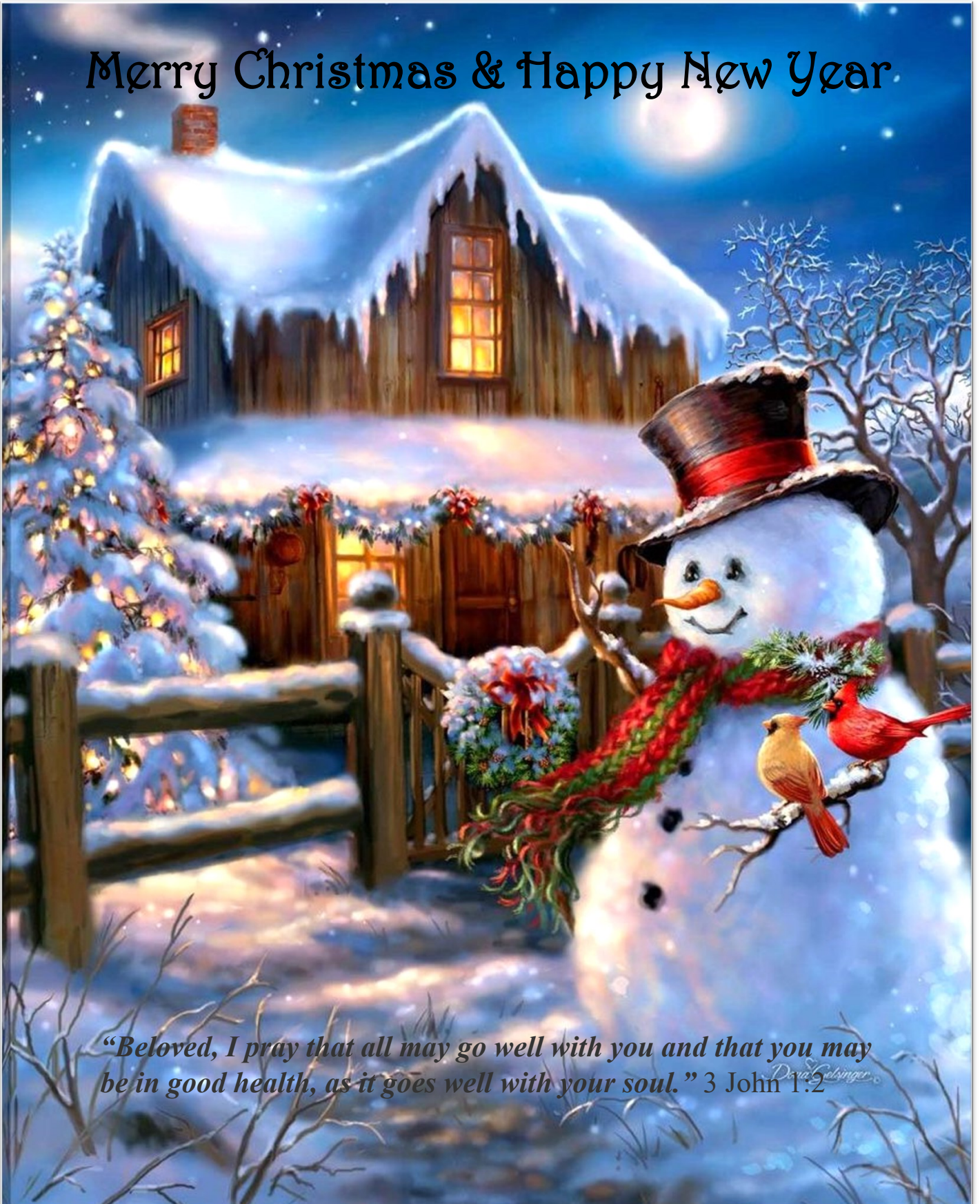
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Church of Christ ~ New Albany, Mississippi

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Merry Christmas & Happy New Year



“Beloved, I pray that all may go well with you and that you may be in good health, as it goes well with your soul.” 3 John 1:2

David Galsinger

We're Not Home Yet

By Tim Dooley



If you travel at all you know the feeling. Trips can be rehabilitative, invigorating, inspirational, productive, memorable, or life changing. Whether for business or pleasure we know the benefits of getting away. But we also know how good it feels to get home. By the time you begin the trip home it often feels like you are never going to make it. There have been times when Colleen and I have taken trips on our motorcycle and couldn't wait to get home but got held up by rain, had to stop and wait out the weather, and by the time we were able to get back on the road we couldn't wait to get home and dry off. I suppose we'll feel the same way next week as we make the move to New Albany, our new home. Yes, there's no place like home!

We know what waits for us at home and so while we often take our time leaving we often rush to get back. We may be hungry, thirsty, or even need to make a "pit stop" along the way but we know what awaits us at home so we press on. We want to get home to see our family, to be embraced by our spouse and children, and to feel a sense of peace from the dangers of the highway. We look forward to the comfort and rest of home, our own bed, easy chair, and we usually need to recover for a time. We also look forward to worshipping again with our spiritual family and want to hear about how things were with everyone while we were away.

I should also explain that there is also not an ounce of trepidation at the thought of our coming home. Unlike when I was a child and was away from home and had committed some transgression to which my father had warned, "Wait till we get home," there is no fear. I knew under such circumstances that what awaited me at home was punishment for my indiscretion. My father never forgot either and I couldn't get my brother to pay the price for me.

As our thoughts center on these things we see the parallel between coming home from a trip away and our journey toward eternity. Remember this world is not our home; we're just a passing through. Peter said we are "strangers and pilgrims" (1 Peter 2:11). In 1 Peter 1:17 we read, "And if you call on the Father, who without partiality judges according to each one's work, conduct yourselves throughout the time of your stay here in fear." We need to be as those spoken of in Hebrews 11:13 who "not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off were assured of them, embraced them and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth." The Hebrew writer went on to say that we have "no continuing city, but we seek the one to come" (Hebrews 13:14).

We are all traveling to an eternal home. The question then is clear, what is our destination? Are we looking forward to heaven our home with the comfort, rest, and peace it promises? Do we look forward to being with our spiritual family and the loved ones who are awaiting our arrival? Or do we find ourselves on the way home to receive punishment for our sins? Jesus paid the price for us, but so many refuse to accept His sacrifice on their behalf.

Friends, we are not home yet. There is still time to have been prepared and turn our lives over to the Lord. Obey His commands and find the peace that resides only with those who raised with Him. And then press on, be faithful, living for Him in anticipation of one day arriving home.

FILL IN THE BLANK

"Let not your _____ be _____; you _____ in God, believe _____ . In my _____ are many _____; If it _____ not _____ I would have _____ . I _____ to _____ a place for _____ . And if I _____ and _____ a _____ for you. I will come _____ and _____ you to _____; that where _____ am, _____ you _____ be _____."

John _____ : 1- _____

YOU TUBE ~ LIVE STREAMING ~ Sun. @ 9:30; Wed. @ 6:30

PRAYER LIST



Amy Jennings has been diagnosed with Covid.
Greg Harrison has also been diagnosed with Covid.

Lisa & Ricky Topper, friends of *Kevin & Stephanie Simmons* have Covid and Ricky is also struggling mentally.

Phil Young had a heart procedure Mon., in Oxford.

Billy Joe Garner is dealing with another infection.

Dixie White is scheduled to have a heart ablation Thursday, in Tupelo.

Andrea Hill, procedure on her bile duct was canceled this week due to so much covid at UAB, in Birmingham.

Harold Russell has three cracked vertebra and is in a lot of pain. He is still waiting to be scheduled for surgery.

Earnestine Dye, mother of *Tim Dye*, is recovering from her recent fall which fractured her wrist.

Sue Marques is in the local hospital due to low potassium and sodium which was part of the reason she has been in so much pain. She has strained and sprained muscles. She will be in the hospital at least another week or so for therapy. Please pray for *Bobby* as well.

Alfred Jones, brother of *Perry Jones* is struggling with kidney problems again.

Continue to Remember:

Ricky Adams, Chris Bradley, Kathy Clayton, Shelly Clayton, Shane Crotts, Amanda Dye, Kathy Dye, Prebble Foster, Don Golden, Ron Griggs, Eleta Grimmitt, Madison Hardy, Debra Harville, Andrea Hill, David Holmes, Luke Jennings, Gloria Jones, Ronnie Miller, Josh Moore, Nancy Petrowski, Olivia Pounders, Joe Reed, Lake Tremble, Terri Turner, Charles Ulmer, William Wilson, Donnie Wilson, Sarah Grace Wise

Shut-Ins:

J. L. Eaton, Linda Griggs, Billy Joe Garner, Bill & Grace Lyon, Nancy Petrowski,

Nursing Home/Assisted Living:

Bill & Helen DePriest, Joe Downs, Lucille Gibson, Price Senter, J.D. Stroud

Military List:

Derek Bradley, Tevin Bradley, Luke Goff, Chase Seals

I've Learned

"No one is useless in this world who lightens the burdens of another." Charles Dickens



HAPPY BIRTHDAY



December 19.....Mason Simmons
December 21.....Janet Drummond
December 22.....Sue Marques
December 23.....Benita Garner
December 28.....Jenna Carpenter
December 29.....Dean Dillard
December 29.....Mable Erwin
December 30.....Melissa Conquest
December 30.....Emily Gann
December 30.....Terry Stubblefield

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

December 20.....Richard & Melisa Conquest
December 26.....Troy & Novene Robertson



WELCOME!

We want to welcome *Tim and Colleen Dooley* to the New Albany church family. They will move into their home at 201 Cleveland St. New Albany, on Tuesday, Dec. 15th.



YOUTH NEWS

- December 18: Middle School Night. (3-8th) will meet at 6:30 to go bowling. Please eat before you come.
- December 20: Christmas party at 6:00 for teens and parents. There will be a youth devo and a parent devo. Bring a gift for dirty Santa, \$15 limit.
- December 31: Youth Group New Year's Party at Brian & Shelby Carpenter's new house. A time will be announced later.
- January 8: High School night for 9th grade and up. More details later.

**NO BULLETIN
NEXT WEEK!**

Merry Christmas

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday School.....9:30
 Morning Worship.....10:30
 Evening Worship.....
 Wednesday Bible Study....6:30

MINISTERS

Tim Dooley.....859-486-4215
 Shaler Grigsby...Youth/ Assoc.
256-263-9137
 Office.....662-534-4649

ELDERS

Greg Clayton.....252-9762
 Tim Dye.....316-2527
 Richard Jennings316-1305
 Troy Robertson316-3163
 Phil Young.....316-2059

DEACONS

Kurt Clayton.....316-6420
 Roger Clayton 538-8195
 Shane Crotts.....266-0195
 Jason Jennings..... 801-3260
 Mark Jennings....731-609-3309
 Randy Wall 316-9255

TO SERVE

Communion.....Greg Clayton
 Scripture.....Clay Jennings
 A.M. Prayer.....Joe Owen
 Closing.....Dane Coggin
 P.M. Prayer.....
 Closing.....
 Wed 23rd.....Mark J./ Owen C.
 Lock.....Shane Crotts
 Usher Shane Crotts
 SecurityRichard Adams

OUR RECORD

Sunday School.....NA
 Sunday A.M.....80
 Sunday P.M.....
 Wednesday.....75
 Contribution.....NA
 Budget.....\$4,095.92

PANTRY ITEMS



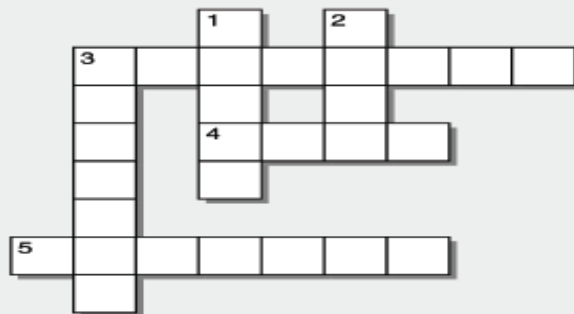
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CrossWORD



A Wife for Isaac

Genesis 24

Across

- 3) Gift for the watering girl.
- 4) Abraham's servant swore an ___ to find Isaac a wife.
- 5) Answer to the servant's prayer.

Down

- 1) City the servant went.
- 2) Isaac brought her into his mother's ___.
- 3) Father of the bride.