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Paul's Ponderings...

A Reflection on the Christmas Story Galatians 4:4-7

Galatians 4:4-7, a paraphrase...

When the clock had run down and the time was right, God sent a rescuer, God's own Son; born to a woman in the usual way, growing up under the thumb of the law, just like the rest of God's chosen people. God sent him into such circumstances so that he could get everyone else out of them; paying the price of our freedom and giving us the opportunity to be adopted into God's family.

Because you are now God's children, the Spirit of God's child, Jesus, has been sent into your hearts; the Spirit who makes us as eager for God as children running into their parents' arms crying, "Daddy! Mommy!" So you are no longer at the beck and call of those things which once dictated your every move; now you are God's own children, and as God's children, you will receive from God all that has been kept in trust for God's children.

Christmas. But, if you want a brief summary of the message of the incarnation, these verses probably are as good as you might hope to find. These verses reflect the nature of the incarnation and give us some clues as to what it meant to God and what it means for us.

Now, let's stop for a moment to take in the extraordinary claim of the incarnation...that through the mighty act of the Spirit and the willingness of Mary, God took on the form of a human and came to live among us. Once we come to grips with this we immediately see that the grandest miracle of the Christmas story is not that a virgin became pregnant, but that God became incarnate.



Paul's letter to the Galatians is not a part of the Bible that the present, popular Christian imagination currently associates with

When God becomes a human being...becomes incarnate...God has now voluntarily become exposed to the same fears, risks, and dangers that face the rest of us. In

birth God has become vulnerable to the risks of a fatal complication. In childhood God is vulnerable to the risks of accidents or growing up in poverty, suffering from childhood diseases, and being a victim of child abuse. Throughout life God is now exposed to violence, humiliation, oppression, the fear of war, and the prospect of a global pandemic. Now, the human/divine God in Jesus is exposed to the risk of being misunderstood, being rejected, being betrayed, being falsely accused... being condemned to death.

That the creator of the universe would submit to that is utterly amazing and it brings up the question, "Why?". And, Paul addresses that question. Paul says that God sent his Son into that situation so that Jesus could get all the rest of us out of it. Paul wants to make it simple for us so he puts this in family terms. Paul says that the Son did what he did in order that we might take this opportunity to be adopted into God's family.

What we have here is the most extraordinary exchange of gifts. We give Jesus our humanity and he accepts it and offers us his divinity in exchange. He becomes a child of human beings in order that we might become children

of God. He becomes what we are so that we might become what he has always been. Paul spells it out. Because you are now God's children the Spirit of God's child...Jesus...has taken up residence in your heart.

Paul says that this miracle of the incarnation changes everything because as God's children, we no longer have to slavishly do whatever the world around us insists upon. We no longer have to become isolationists when society teaches the fear of the outsider. We no longer have to compulsively consume when society tells us that our value is tied to how we have accumulated possessions. We no longer have to conform to the impossible images of youth, beauty, and success that are constantly bombarding us. All is different now because we have become children of God and as God's children we will receive from God all that has been kept in trust for God's children.

Jesus was born under all these same pressures and constraints, just the same as we were. But, he came into such a life so that we might find a way out. When God became incarnate in Jesus, God put himself in our hands, at our mercy, so that we could put ourselves into God's hands and receive God's mercy.



Prayers for Chapel Friends:

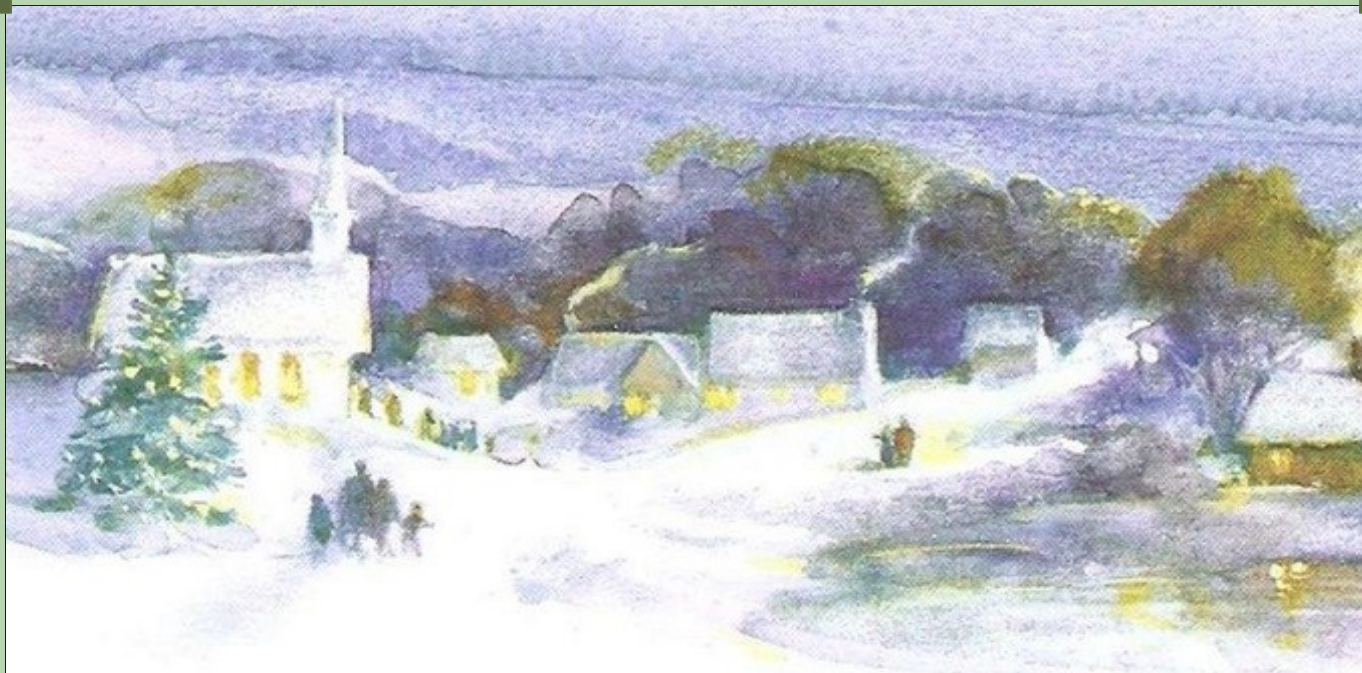


Patty and Jack Madden, Judy Karp, Phil Westerman, Nancy Cecchini, Phyllis Mahin, Gerry Crow, Holli Schweyher, Rev. Gary Sawtelle, David Tourt, Baby Owen Daniels, Roger Racster, Walter Hundley, Janet Hegeman, Jean Schmidt, Rev. Bill and Marty Bruner, Dick Barry, Jackie White, Paul Infuso, Noah Presley, Tom Early, Cindy Hess, Lyn Garbarino, Jim Robinson, Carol Dunn, Mary Faas, Dapte Jay Kirit, Dwight and Faye Jessup, Baby Kendrick Goins, George Restrepo, Cathy Pope, Gary McCaskill, Rev. Bill Cain, Maggie Craft, and Bud Huslander.

Prayers for Chapel Family:

Rev. Charles Hinson, Bud Holzerland, Dave Westerman, Butch & Mary Kay Allen, Glenda and Jo Clendenin, Mary Tuft, Phil Thingstad, Marilyn & Jimmy McCaskill, Mama Dot, Mary Willetts, Bob Tourt, Lee Connelly, Kathy Steele, Shirley Percival, Jane and Jeff Lowe, Peggy Olson, Sue Van Horne, and Bart Reuter.





Prayer for the New Year

Give us the kindness to hear with compassion,
to offer support,

loving comfort, and care.

Give us the courage to do what is needed,
the wisdom to choose

what is right and most fair.

Give us the vision to see what is possible.

Give us the faith

that will help pave the way

for a present that's hopeful,

a future that's peaceful--

give us the heart to bring joy to each day.



Building and Grounds

Team Updates

The Board has approved encapsulating and dehumidifying the crawl space under the sanctuary by Tar Heel Basements because of mold problems. Also, Tar Heel Basements will fix the water problems in the basement by trenching along the two areas and attaching that to sump pumps to remove the water. **These two projects will be accomplished during Christmas school break to cause the least disruption to daycare.**

Ed Burke has already started removing the molding and large molding board in the area that they will be doing the construction of trenching.

After Tar Heels have completed their work, we plan on replacing what dry wall needs replacing and floor tile that also needs replacing.

All this work is to be completed before school starts in January.

Mike Barry
Building Team



Cemetery Team

We sold three plots at the Cemetery this month to one family.

We have had two dual headstones installed in November but the services for the departed will not be until mid January.

The Wreaths Across America put a wreath on each Veterans grave this year as they did last year. Their goal is that we Remember and Honor our Veterans, and Teach the next generation to do the same.



We are welcoming to our Cemetery a WWII Veteran who lived to be 100 years and 9 months old. We are honored to have Carl E. Scholl join our group of Veterans and thank him for his service to our country.

Mike Barry
Cemetery Team Chair

Ed Burke
Asst. Cemetery Team Chair



Mission Team



On December 13th the Mission Team met for their monthly team meeting and wrapped presents for families adopted for Christmas from the Sandhills Coalition. Team members enjoyed a time of fellowship wrapping presents and a bowl of delicious chili cooked up by Tracey Olsen. Once the presents were wrapped they were given out to the families who came by later in the afternoon, or the presents were delivered by team members.



Memory Care Blankets

Dorene Tichenor spent countless hours making beautiful fleece and crocheted blankets for the residents of the Seven Lakes Memory Care Unit. Several members of our Mission Team were able to go and deliver these to the residents a couple of weeks before Christmas. As you can see from some of the pictures, each resident's life was richly blessed by the love and care Dorene stitched into each blanket.



Fran's Friends

Fran's Friends continues to bring the ladies of the Chapel together on the first Wednesday of every month for great fun and fellowship. Since the first Wednesday of January is New Year's Day, Fran's Friends will meet this month on

January 8th!

At 2:30 pm at the

Seven Lakes Country Club



Bunco4Missions

Bunco will take place on Tuesday, January 14th at 6PM in the Fellowship Hall. Please mark your calendar. We play on the second Tuesday of each month. If you have friends that would be interested in subbing, please tell Laura Beth or Tracey and they will add them to the roster.

Our next Mission Team meeting will be held on Friday, January 10th at 10 am. Please bring your calendars so we can look at activities for 2025!





Hello Everyone, We have been getting many inquiries as to what is needed at the Coalition with the upcoming holidays and winter months. Here is a list of items that we are in need of through winter. Thank you in advance if you are able to help!!

Holiday Food Needs

(Please no glass containers)

Turkey or Ham
Canned Yams/Sweet Potatoes
Marshmallows
Green Beans
Boxed Stuffing Mix
Cranberry Sauce
Gravy Packets
Pumpkin Cake Mix/Spice Cake Mix/Gingerbread Mix
Cookie Mixes
Icing

Other Items Needed:

Diapers – Size 3, 4 & 5 and Pullups
Baby Wipes
Queen and King Blankets and Sheets
Towels/Washcloths/Hand Towels
Dog/Cat Food

*Please contact us at

info@sandhillscoalition.org

with any questions.





Upcoming Events

Happy New Year

Wednesday-January 1

Sunday-January 5

Wednesday-January 8

Friday-January 10

Saturday-January 11

Sunday-January 12

Tuesday-January 14

Wednesday-January 15

Sunday-January 19

Wednesday-January 22

Sunday-January 26

Wednesday-January 29

9:00 am

2:30 pm

4:30 pm

10:00 am

7:45 am

9:00 am

6:00 pm

4:30 pm

9:00 am

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Epiphany Sunday

Fran's Friends

Chapel Choir

Mission Team

Men's Fellowship

Baptism of the Lord Sunday

Bunco4Missions

Chapel Choir

The Third Sunday after Epiphany

Chapel Board Meeting

Chapel Choir

The Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

Chapel Choir

Coffee Fellowship



January

5 Volunteer Needed

12 Sue Dell'Acqua

19 Volunteer Needed

26 Volunteer Needed

February

2 Volunteer Needed

9 Volunteer Needed

16 Volunteer Needed

23 Volunteer Needed

To volunteer: Contact our Church Administrator, Susan Williams by calling **910-400-5188** or by emailing **citp10@7lakeschapel.com**. You may also sign up on the register on the podium just outside the entrance to the fellowship hall.



Usher Schedule

January—March 2025

January

- 5 Sun 9 am Cathy or George Norman, Michael Karnish, Rene Maness, Gisela Danielson
- 12 Sun 9 am Carole Faas, Tracey Olsen, Frank Carney, Joyce Singletary
- 19 Sun 9 am Michael Karnish, Rene Maness, Gisela Danielson, Cathy or George Norman
- 26 Sun 9 am Tracey Olsen, Frank Carney, Tim Peppe, RJ Peppe

February

- 2 Sun 9 am Rene Maness, Gisela Danielson, Michael Karnish, Cathy or George Norman
- 9 Sun 9 am Shirley Madison, Carole Faas, Tim Peppe, RJ Peppe
- 16 Sun 9 am Cathy or George Norman, Rene Maness, Michael Karnish, Gisela Danielson
- 23 Sun 9 am Shirley Madison, Tracey Olson, Frank Carney, Carole Faas

March

- 2 Sun 9 am Tim Peppe, RJ Peppe, Michael Karnish, Cathy or George Norman
- 5 Wed 4:30 pm Rene Maness, Tracey Olson, Frank Carney, Shirley Madison
- 9 Sun 9 am Cathy or George Norman, Carole Faas, Michael Karnish, Gisela Danielson
- 16 Sun 9 am Joyce Singletary, Tracey Olsen, Frank Carney, Rene Maness
- 23 Sun 9 pm Carole Faas, Shirley Madison, Tim Peppe, RJ Peppe
- 30 Sun 9 am Joyce Singletary, Rene Maness, Cathy or George Norman, Gisela Danielson

Serve the Lord with gladness:

come before his

presence with singing.

Psalms 100:2





Thursday—2 Laurie Faig
Saturday—11 Bob Tourt
Saturday—11 Jon Tichenor
Tuesday—14 Kiona Baker
Wednesday—15 Alice McPheeters

Friday—17 John Caggiano
Saturday—18 Ginny Horchler
Wednesday—22 Mary Tuft
Tuesday—28 Jason Collins



Happy Anniversary

Thursday—9 Marilyn Powers & Terry Lane



The Trinity Snowman

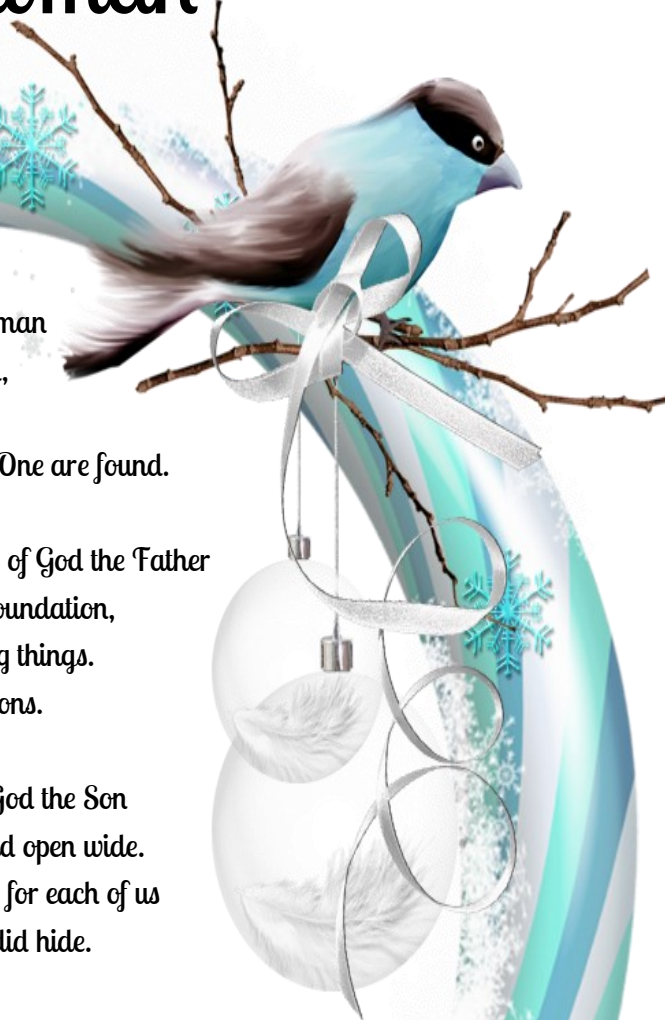
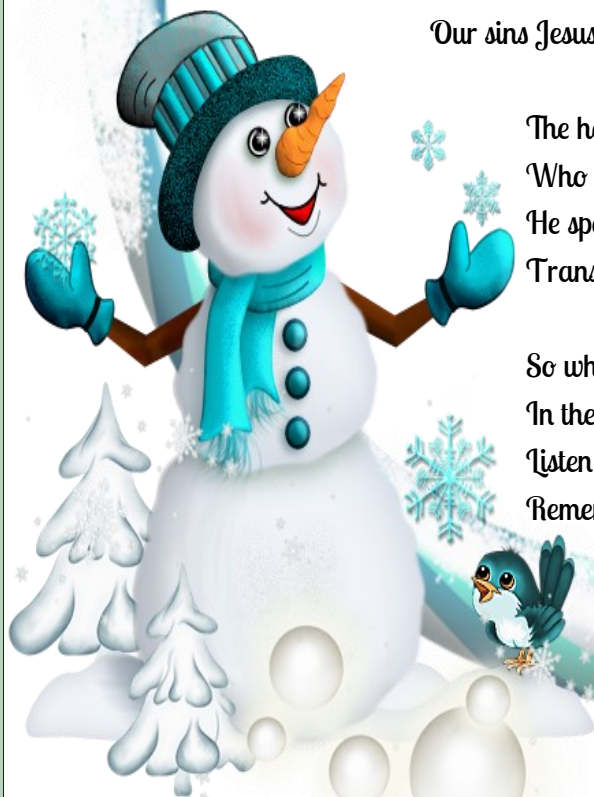
When you see a snowman
Three snowballs round,
He is reminding you
That in God, Three in One are found.

The bottom reminds us of God the Father
Our strong rock and foundation,
The Creator of all living things.
People, tribes and nations.

The middle shows us God the Son
With His arms spread open wide.
Who died on the cross for each of us
Our sins Jesus' blood did hide.

The head reminds us of God the Holy Spirit
Who is our counselor and friend,
He speaks to our hearts and minds
Transforming us in the likeness of Him.

So when you see a snowman
In the midst of all the wintertime fun,
Listen carefully and he'll tell you.
Remember God is "Three in One"



January

Flower Schedule

To volunteer please sign up on bulletin board outside church office. You may also call the church office **910-400-5188** or e-mail us at citp10@7lakeschapel.com to have your name added to the Flower Sign-up List.

January	
1-5	Bruce & Dot Macdonald
1-12	Bill & Peggy Ussery
1-19	Gisela Danielson
1-26	Fran Greer
February	
2-2	<i>Volunteer Needed</i>
2-9	<i>Volunteer Needed</i>
2-16	<i>Volunteer Needed</i>
2-23	<i>Volunteer Needed</i>

Back Pack Pals and Matthew 25:40 Programs

We Need Your Help—Please Donate as Often As You Can!

Juice Boxes, any flavor
 Pop Tarts, any flavor
 Peanut Butter/Cheese Crackers

Capri Sun Juices, any flavor
 Pop Tarts, any flavor
 Chef Boyardee Micro Cups,
 in yellow and red
 Small Water Bottles
 Protein Bars, all flavors
 Apple Sauce/Frut Cups





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Sound/Audio Technician, Simon Lussier

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JANUARY



2025



SUN

MON

TUE

WED

THU

FRI

SAT

5 Epiphany Sunday

Kiwanis 11-2
Kiwanis Bingo 6-10

1 *Happy New Year*

2
7:00 AL ANON
7:30 OLA Choir

3

4
9:30a—1p 7th Day
Advent. Services
CLEANING

6

7
6:00 Bunco
4Missions

8
4:30 Chapel Choir

9
7:00 AL ANON
7:30 OLA Choir

10
10 Mission Team

11 7:45 Men's
Fellowship
9:30a—1p 7th Day
Advent. Services
CLEANING

12 Baptism of the
Lord Sunday

13

Kiwanis 11-2
Kiwanis Bingo 6-10

15
4:30 Chapel Choir

16
7:00 AL ANON
7:30 OLA Choir

17

18
9:30a—1p 7th Day
Advent. Services
CLEANING

19 3rd Sunday
after Epiphany
Chapel Board Mtg

20

21

22
4:30 Chapel Choir

23
7:00 AL ANON
7:30 OLA Choir

24 *Newsletter
Article Deadline

25
9:30a—1p 7th Day
Advent. Services
CLEANING

26 4th Sunday
after Epiphany

27

28

29
4:30 Chapel Choir

30
7:00 AL ANON
7:30 OLA Choir

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