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MERRY CHRISTMAS



LUKE 2:4-14

Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, to be registered with Mary, his betrothed wife, who was with child. So it was, that while they were there, the days were completed for her to be delivered. And she brought forth her firstborn Son, and wrapped Him in swaddling cloths, and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn. Now there were in the same country shepherds living out in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. And behold, an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were greatly afraid. Then the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great [joy](#) which will be to all people. For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this *will be* the sign to you: You will find a Babe wrapped in swaddling cloths, lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host

praising [God](#) and saying:

" Glory to God in the highest,

And on earth [peace](#), goodwill toward men!"

HARK THE HERALD ANGELS SING

Song by Boney M.

Hark! The herald angels sing

"Glory to the new-born king
Peace on earth and mercy mild
God and sinners reconciled"
Joyful all ye nations rise
Join the triumph of the skies
With angelic host proclaim
"Christ is born in Bethlehem"
Hark! The herald angels sing
"Glory to the new-born king"

Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace!

Hail the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all He brings
Risen with healing in His wings
Mild He lays His glory by
Born that man no more may die
Born to raise the sons of earth
Born to give them second birth
Hark! The herald angels sing
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Source: [Musixmatch](#)

Songwriters: Frank Farian / Dp

MARY DID YOU KNOW?

Song by Pentatonix

Mary, did you know that your baby boy
Would one day walk on water?
Mary, did you know that your baby boy
Would save our sons and daughters?
Did you know that your baby boy
Has come to make you new?
This child that you delivered, will soon deliver you

Mary, did you know that your baby boy
Will give sight to a blind man?
Mary, did you know that your baby boy
Will calm the storm with his hand?

Did you know that your baby boy
Has walked where angels trod?
When you kiss your little baby
You kiss the face of God

Mary, did you know?
Mary, did you know?
Mary, did you know? Did you know?
Mary, did you know? Mary, did you know?
Mary, did you know? Mary, did you know?
Mary, did you know? Mary, did you know?

The blind will see, the deaf will hear
The dead will live again
The lame will leap, the dumb will speak
The praises of the Lamb

Mary, did you know that your baby boy
Is Lord of all creation?
Mary, did you know that your baby boy
Would one day rule the nations?
Did you know that your baby boy
Is heaven's perfect Lamb?
That sleeping child you're holding is the great, I Am

Mary, did you know? (Mary, did you know?)
Mary, did you know? (Mary, did you know?)
Mary, did you know? Oh

Source: [Musixmatch](#)
Songwriters: Mark Lowry / Buddy Greene

Have you ever heard of Roger Sherman?

It was the summer in Philadelphia June 11th, 1787 and the heat made it almost impossible to think, let alone be reasonable and accommodating to debate. Yet hour after hour Roger Sherman and his constitutional convention colleagues toiled away charting the course of freedom in a document that would govern the nation.

Of any in the room Sherman truly could claim to have seen it all. He'd played a part in the creation of all four major founding documents the country had yet seen, the articles of association in 1774, the Declaration of Independence in 1776, the articles of confederation two years later in 1778, and now this, the constitution. He had watched these great men whom he considered brothers go gray under their powdered wigs. Sherman himself did not stand on such ceremony.

A cobbler by birth and without much in the way of education as a young man, he nevertheless had worked diligently at bettering himself and eventually earned an honorary degree at Yale university, even serving as the schools' treasurer. His common background though showed in his speech, his dress, and even the clipped style in which he kept his hair now, however, this however was one of those times he wished for a wig, if only to pull it over his eyes. He couldn't stand anymore of the bickering. It all came down to voice. Whose voice would stand out strongest in Congress? Delegates from Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, and Virginia argued that since their states contain the lion's share of people and shouldered the lion's share of the tax burden they would carry the weight of the New Republic on the backs of their cities and citizens, they should have the most say.

They argued for representatives based on population. That was followed by Delaware's representative who pointed out that the lion's share of struggle and sacrifice was technically born equally per capita. They paid less as a whole, but the individual obligation of their citizens was no different than in any other state. Why should their people be punished for living on one side of an imaginary line?

Sherman could take it no longer, "Gentlemen", he addressed his colleagues, and they all quieted. Sherman hadn't yet spoken during this debate, unusual, as he was one of the convention's most loquacious delegates, and from New Hampshire to Georgia his peers respected his commonsense approach to difficult in passes. "Gentlemen, my fellow statesman from Pennsylvania and Virginia are correct."

The room fell silent. By siding with the large states, he'd effectively take an equal voice away from his own people. But he wasn't finished. "Gentlemen my fellow statesman from Delaware and Rhode Island are correct too. Every point each makes is undeniably true. And therefore, we must heed them all."

What followed was the proposal of a bicameral system by which Congress would consist of two halves, the Senate which puts all states on equal footing, and the House of Representatives, which gives states with larger populations greater representation. In the end a system nearly exactly as he'd proposed made it into the final draft of U. S. constitution and we continue to see the results of his thinking today.

It is most fitting that this man, with God given talents to serve as a politician in truest sense, as a wise representative of his people's common good, was the only man to sign all four founding documents of America's birth. Called to serve his faith and his country, he did both beyond reproach a true patriot,

a true Christian, Roger Sherman is a powerful example of a man doing great, and often unseen things for his country.

A man of common sense who needed no “higher education” to exercise the same to profound effect.

Submitted by George Tamburino (NY)

Saturate Your Town

This article was contributed to Chick Tracks by Maria D. after obeying a dream about how to use tracts to reach her town.

I am writing this to encourage the readers of *Battle Cry* to attempt to saturate their town with the Gospel. In a dream I had last week, I had placed a full pack of 25 *The Little Ghost Chick* tracts around at my town's train station. So, during my waking hours that evening, I did so. It was really easy to do, such as: on the benches and other sitting areas, on bicycle handles, on window ledges, and on top of the pay phone.

The next day, I went to place some more *The Little Ghost Chick* tracts at the train station. I saw there a Hispanic family waiting for the train. I asked the mother if she would like a Gospel cartoon for her children. She pointed to one of her children and said, "We have one already." I turned and looked and sure enough, their little girl had it open on her lap while sitting on the bench and was reading it intently. The father of the family also said to me, "Oh, we got one already. There are lots of them and they are everywhere!" I said, "Oh, good —that's great!" and gave them a thumbs up, and then I walked on.

When there was someone sitting in their car, I offered them a Gospel cartoon to read —most of the time they gladly took one and sat there reading it. A young man in his car had a look of pure joy on his face as he was reading the tract. I prayed as I was walking around.

I also walked up and down the main town street and offered families a copy of *The Little Ghost* for their kids. Nearly all of them were gladly accepted. I also handed copies of it to older people and said, "Here is a Gospel cartoon for your grandchildren!"

I handed one on the street to a young couple, and the wife looked at the tract and said to her husband, "The message couldn't be more clear, and it says everything that it needs to say!" And then, she looked at the back of the tract and said, "Hey, let's get our Indiana mission board to put money towards this. This is what we need to be sending to our missions!" And her husband said, "Yes, great idea —I agree! We should do that —let's do that!"

Then, I went inside the lobby of some nearby apartment buildings to put a Chick tract on the bulletin board inside of each one. I was pleasantly surprised to see that a copy of the Chick tract: *A Demon's Nightmare*, (another tract title I have been recently distributing around the train station) had already been tacked by somebody else onto the bulletin board in one of the apartment buildings.

I did not expect to see it there when I walked in, and thought to myself, "Wow —the Word is really starting to get around town!" This shows me that my town is starting to receive some saturation of the Gospel message, which is the goal.

God will use a tract to either save somebody, plant a seed, or remind them of its message on Judgment Day if they reject the good news. Let's get a revival going in our towns. We really need it. Anything is possible with the help of God.

These "Chick" tracts are great little cartoon comics. Also you might find your town has exchange book boxes around town, a great place to put any Christian books you have read and don't need to keep. In my towns Fall Foliage Festival we set up and give away bags of cookies with a tract in each. Always looking up, gt

Submitted by George Tamburino (NY)

2023 SPRING KICKOFF

Mark your calendars. The 2023 spring kick off will be held June 9, 10, and 11 in Central PA. More details to follow.

FROM THE EDITOR: RELATIONSHIPS

And the LORD God said,"*It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him.*" Genesis 2:18 (KJV)

"Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. ¹⁴Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you. ¹⁵Henceforth I call you not servants; for the servant knoweth not what his lord doeth: but I have called you friends; for all things that I have heard of my Father I have made known unto you." John 15:13-15 (KJV)

We have many different relationships in our lives. Some of those relationships are harder to navigate than others. They will take you to the very depths of your being. Other people just flow with you and they just always make your day. My mother and I argued all the time but it was because we were so much alike. I tell you there is not a day that goes by that something does not remind me of her. I miss her so, so much. My son and I just flow. We, too, are very much alike but it just enhances our relationship. It's like looking at myself in the mirror. Tom and I are complete opposites in everything we do and think but our cores are the same. As the years go by we become more alike and a lot of times we switch roles. I become more logical and he becomes more spontaneous and faith driven. Our differences complement each other which is why we have been together so long. And then there are friendships. I have been writing a lot about friendships lately. Friends are so important. Even Jesus had friends. Different friends fill different roles in our lives. Normally when I changed jobs I would always make at least 1 new friend. Whenever I moved growing up I would always make 1 or 2 new friends. As you get older and have more responsibilities it is harder to find the time or energy to make new friends. In my case I have become more of an introvert as I have gotten older. When I worked from home during COVID we would have to go into the office 1 or 2 days a week. I loved working from home but enjoyed those office days so I could say hi to my friends and taking breaks with them. 2 of those friends have moved onto other jobs. Now I am back to work fulltime in the office and really miss working from home with my husband. My husband used to travel a lot for his job and that was really hard not having him

home every night. That is why it is so important to maintain those relationships. Life is short and people need people. As the saying goes, “You never know what you got until it’s gone”.

CHRISTMAS FAVORITE COOKIES



Soft Christmas Cookies

Ingredients

- 3 ¾ cups all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- ½ teaspoon salt
- 1 ½ cups white sugar
- 1 cup margarine, softened
- 2 eggs
- 2 teaspoons vanilla extract

Directions

1. Sift flour, baking powder, and salt together in a medium bowl; set aside.
2. Beat sugar and margarine in a large bowl with an electric mixer until smooth. Beat first egg into butter mixture. Beat second egg into mixture along with vanilla extract; add flour mixture and stir until dough is just combined. Wrap dough; chill in the refrigerator for 2 hours.
3. Preheat the oven to 400 degrees F (200 degrees C). Grease two cookie sheets.
4. Roll out dough on a clean floured surface to 1/4-inch thickness. Cut out shapes using cookie cutters; arrange them on the prepared cookie sheets. Gather scraps and repeat this step.

Bake in batches in the preheated oven until edges are golden, about 6 to 8 minutes. Cool on the baking sheet briefly before removing to a wire rack to cool completely.

All recipes.com



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November 28, 2022

Years of Service for November

| | | |
|-------------|------------|----|
| Chris | Tague | 22 |
| Peter | Wong | 33 |
| Linda | Guidi-Wong | 2 |
| Sean | Campion | 2 |
| Jacqueline | Campion | 2 |
| Ralph | Bainbridge | 24 |
| Barbara | Bainbridge | 24 |
| Harlen "Ed" | Beckman | 2 |
| Mary | Beckman | 2 |
| Kathleen | Cobb | 34 |
| Kenneth | Hedden | 22 |
| Geralyn | Hedden | 22 |

December Birthdays

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|----------|------------|-------|
| Barbara | Bainbridge | 12/5 |
| Gary | Decker | 12/8 |
| Charles | Moore Jr | 12/8 |
| Eric | Gilbert | 12/11 |
| Robin | Stauffer | 12/15 |
| Kathleen | Cobb | 12/16 |
| Elaine | Walde | 12/20 |
| Theresa | Bankert | 12/28 |

December Anniversaries

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|-------------------|-----------|-------|
| Gary and Kathleen | Matson | 12/7 |
| George and Janis | Partridge | 12/12 |
| Nathan | Brubaker | 12/14 |
| Charlene | Decker | 12/18 |
| George and Robin | Tamburino | 12/24 |

New members for November 2022

None to Report

God Bless

Respectfully Submitted By:

Michael Fields

National Membership Secretary

**MJM OPERATING ACCOUNT – SEPTEMBER ENDING
BALANCE \$ 9,645.12**

**NO OCTOBER DEPOSITS
OCTOBER EXPENSES**

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| MEMBERSHIP SECTARY REIMBURSEMENT | 250.00 |
| CORRESPONDENCE SECTARY REIMBURSEMENT | 125.00 |

**OCTOBER ENDING
BALANCE *** \$9,270.12**

***** 2,094.68 GOODIES ***
7,175.44 MJM OPERATING**

**MJM LIFETIME SAVINGS ACCOUNT - SEPTEMBER ENDING
BALANCE \$8,309.63**

OCTOBER INTEREST \$.07

**OCTOBER ENDING
BALANCE \$8,309.70**

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**Submitted by Linda Hawkins
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