



# Salt and Light

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News from Creighton First Baptist Church

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*Matthew 5:13-15*

I hope you had a blessed Thanksgiving. It was sad and almost comical to hear some college students' responses when asked if we should celebrate Thanksgiving. One guy came out and admitted he is anti-anything religious. Even if you do not know the true story of the first Thanksgiving, you can still say Thank You. I hope you took time to say, "Thank you Lord", for we all have received more blessings than we deserve.

If you did not notice by all the ads, we are now into the Christmas season. The blitz is on to try and sell you everything you need and anything you do not need. I am afraid there are many people who do not know what we celebrate at Christmas. Their focus is on what they can give and what they can get. Unfortunately, Christians fall into that trap as well.

While I cannot change our culture and how it has taken its eyes off the true meaning of Christmas, I can encourage us to make sure our focus is on Christ. I would like to challenge each of us to do a scavenger hunt of sorts. As you are out and about, listening to the radio or watching TV, look for stories, ads, decorations or anything that brings glory to the Lord.

Let me give you an example of what I mean. I heard an ad on the radio for a sporting goods store. They said they would be closed for Thanksgiving so their employees could spend time with their families. They also encouraged everyone to take time to give thanks and the way they did it was in the form of a prayer, it even said amen at the end. I wish you could have heard it. It was like they snuck a prayer into a no prayer zone. While not a Christmas ad, look for ads like that and share what you have found with each other. While I am not promoting any business, do consider supporting those who are not ashamed of the gospel of Christ.

As we move towards Christmas, do not leave Thanksgiving behind, and keep your eyes on the true meaning of Christmas. Luke 2:11 "For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord."

Have a blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year. Take time to worship.

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# Coming Soon!

FAMILY FUN  
First Saturday  
evening of  
each month,  
beginning at  
6:00 p.m.

FAMILY FUN  
**MOVIE  
NIGHT**

*Christmas Caroling*  
Wednesday,  
December 18  
6:00 p.m.




*Christmas Eve  
Worship* 6:00 pm

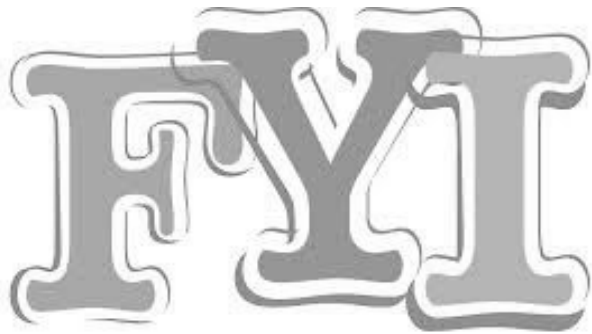
## Merry Christmas!



## Community of Care

The Creighton Community of Care will be the hands and feet of Christ and respond to needs in the Creighton area, guided by Matthew 25:35-40.

Our next scheduled meeting will be March 16, 2020, at 6:30 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church. If you know of any needs that we need to be looking at, or wish to volunteer, please contact any of the churches in Creighton.



• FOR YOUR INFORMATION •

<b>Sunday School</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>
<b>Worship Service</b>	<b>10:45 a.m.</b>
<b>Bible Study</b>	<b>12:30 p.m.</b>
<b>Wednesday evening</b>	<b>5:30 p.m.</b>

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*(leave a message, we check the machine regularly)*



## On This Happy Birthday

Poet: Charlotte B. Merritt

On this happy Birthday  
Of our Saviour King,  
Come, dear little children,  
Sweetly let us sing

Bethlehem's star is shining,  
Holy is its ray,  
To the world proclaiming  
Christ was born to-day.

Wise men came to worship,  
Wise men from a-far,  
Guided by the glory  
Of that holy star.

Now He reigns forever.  
Loving you and me;  
Joyful, let us praise Him  
Round our Christmas tree.

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## God's Greatest Gift

Poet: Catherine Pulsifer © 2017

God's greatest gift was sent to all  
He was born in a lowly manger stall  
The gift of Jesus to those who believe  
Is a gift of love and life for all.

God's love was shown in his Son  
He came that we may live as one  
Our thanks and praise cannot express  
Our love for God that brings happiness.

So at this Christmas time rejoice  
Praise the Lord with your voice  
The miracle of that special birth  
Shows how much God thinks you're worth.



### Adult Bible Studies for Life

#### Answers to Tough Questions: Defending What You Believe

- December 1: Do We Need to Defend Our Faith? (Jude 1-4,20-25)  
 December 8: Is There a God? (Psalm 19:1-6; 111:7-10)  
 December 15: Does Absolute Truth Exist? (John 1:14-18; 8:30-32; 18:36-38a)  
 December 22: Is Jesus God? (Luke 1:26-35)  
 December 29: Aren't All Religions the Same? (Isaiah 44:6-11; John 14:5-7)  
 January 5: What Proof Does My Testimony Offer? (Acts 26:2-5,12-18,24-26)

### Youth Bible Studies for Life

#### Answers to Tough Questions

- December 1: Do We Need to Defend Our Faith? (Jude 1-4,20-25)  
 December 8: Is There a God? (Psalm 19:1-6; 111:7-10)  
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### Children Bible Studies for Life

#### Celebrate Jesus' Birth

- December 1: Angels Spoke to Mary and Joseph (Luke 1:26-38; Matthew 1:18-24)  
 December 8: Mary Visited Elizabeth (Luke 1:29-56)  
 December 15: Jesus Was Born (Luke 2:1-20)  
 December 22: Simeon and Anna Saw Jesus (Luke 2:21-38)  
 December 29: God Protected Jesus (Matthew 2)

### Preschool Bible Studies for Life

#### Celebrate Jesus' Birth

- December 1: Angels Spoke to Mary and Joseph (Luke 1:26-38; Matthew 1:18-24)  
 December 8: Mary Visited Elizabeth (Luke 1:29-56)  
 December 15: Jesus Was Born (Luke 2:1-20)  
 December 22: Simeon and Anna Saw Jesus (Luke 2:21-38)  
 December 29: Wise Men Visited Jesus (Matthew 2:1-12)

TeamKid Meetings begin at 5:30 on Wednesday evenings. We have a short mealtime, followed by Bible Study. We have concluded our study based upon the Youth Bible School information and will now be starting on new TeamKid material for the first two weeks of December. Please note the important schedule announcements:

- December 18: Christmas caroling beginning at 6:00 p.m. NO MEAL, snacks afterward.  
 December 25: NO TEAMKID MEETING for Christmas Day  
 January 1: NO TEAMKID MEETING for New Year's Day

Our next TeamKid meeting will be January 8, 2020. Merry Christmas to you all!



## When Christmas bells are swinging

Ella Wheeler Wilcox

When Christmas bells are swinging above the fields  
 of snow,  
 We hear sweet voices ringing from lands of long ago,  
 And etched on vacant places  
 Are half-forgotten faces  
 Of friends we used to cherish, and loves we used to  
 know.



### Pineapple Cheese Ball

- 2 8-ounce packages cream cheese, room temperature**
- 2 teaspoons minced onion**
- 8<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>-ounce can crushed pineapple, drained**
- 1/4 cup finely chopped green pepper**
- 1 teaspoon seasoned salt**
- 2 cups pecans, finely chopped and toasted**

Mix first 5 ingredients together. Chill and shape into 2 cheese balls. Roll in pecans. Refrigerate.

*Yield: 2 cheese balls*

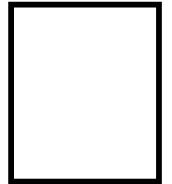
### Overnight Oatmeal Muffins

- 1 cup regular oats**
- 2 cups buttermilk**
- 1<sup>2</sup>/<sub>3</sub> cups whole wheat flour**
- 1 cup dark brown sugar**
- 1/4 cup vegetable oil**
- 1 teaspoon baking powder**
- 1 teaspoon baking soda**
- 1 teaspoon salt**
- 2 large eggs, lightly beaten**
- 1 cup golden raisins**
- 1 cup chopped pecans**

Combine oats and buttermilk in a medium bowl; cover and refrigerate overnight. Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Mix oat/buttermilk mixture with next 7 ingredients and mix well. Fold in raisins, and add pecans. Pour into greased muffin pans, and bake 15 to 17 minutes until done. Cool in pans 10 minutes before removing. *Yield: 2 dozen muffins*



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