



HAPPY HEARTS HERALD

"One Unplanned Pregnancy Saved Us All"

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I saw this on Facebook along with a picture of actors portraying Mary and Joseph. I, at first, thought it was a great caption. After giving it further thought though, I came to realize that it's not true. Although it wasn't planned by Mary and Joseph, it was in the heart and mind of God long before it came to pass. God foreordained that His Son would be born to a teenage virgin in the city of Nazareth in Israel. He was born as a helpless baby into this sin-cursed world. God knew sinful creatures such as we wouldn't accept Him, but for those who would, He would be our only way to the Father. I'm so thankful that He came. I'm so thankful that He spoke to my heart (and to yours, if you are a born again Christian) and enabled me to believe in Him. And that is why we celebrate His birth. He wasn't just any innocent baby. He was the perfect, sinless Son of God. Let's remember this Christmas that it really wasn't an unplanned pregnancy, but one planned by our Heavenly Father. May we never forget the real meaning of this blessed season of the year. It's so easy to get caught up in all the celebrations, parties, good food, and even the wonderful gathering of our family and loved ones. We can enjoy all of this because He chose to come down and be born of a virgin and live a sinless life and then die for our sins.

I'm sure you all know by now that Linda and I are moving to Clarksville, TN. We will leave sometime near the first of the year to be close to our youngest daughter. It's that time in our lives when we need someone to help us and take care of things for us. God brought us back to Wall Highway, of that I have no doubt. It was always one of our favorite places of service. When the time came, He put it on the heart of some of our dear friends to offer to buy us a house (to be ours for as long as we needed it). What a blessing that has been! And you all have welcomed us back and allowed us to serve you again as a Pastor to Senior Adults and Pastor Emeritus. I haven't been able to serve as I would have liked in the last couple of years, but you have been kind and understanding about that also. We love you and know that as His children we will never say goodbye for the last time. Some day we will all be together worshipping FOREVER the One whose birth we celebrate this season. Until then, I hope we can come back to Wall Highway and visit with you.

We love you,

Bro. Charles and Linda



**A CHILD
HAS BEEN
BORN FOR US,
A SON IS GIVEN
TO US;
AUTHORITY RESTS
UPON HIM
HE IS NAMED
JESUS**

Happy Hearts Humor

One Christmas, my grandfather gave me a box of broken glass. He gave my brother a box of Band-Aids and said, "You two share." Steven Wright



As we were putting out cookies for Santa on Christmas Eve, I accidentally dropped one. "No problem," I said, picking it up and dusting it off before placing it back on the plate. "You can't do that," argued my four-year-old. "Don't worry. Santa will never know." He shot me a look. "So he knows if I've been bad or good, but he doesn't know the cookie fell on the floor?"



My mother cast one of her students as the innkeeper for the Christmas pageant. All the third grader had to do was tell Joseph, "There is no room at the inn." But during the performance—after Joseph begged for a room for his pregnant wife—the boy didn't have the heart to turn him down. "Well," he said, "if it's so urgent, come on in."



HAPPY HEARTS HAPPENINGS

CHRISTMAS BREAKFAST SATURDAY, DEC. 10 @ 9:00 AM

Jerry & Shirley Brooks' home,
341 Cedar Trail Lane, Harvest
Bring a breakfast food to share
and \$10.00 "Dirty Santa" gift.

LIFE LINE SCREENING

At WHBC on Mon., Jan. 19
Pre-registration required:
1.888.653.6450 or
www.lifelinescreening.com/
community-partners
(for \$10.00 discount)

SENIOR LADIES' PRAYER/BIBLE STUDY

WEDNESDAYS
@ 9:00 AM
in Steadfasters SS room

WALL HIGHWAY BAPTIST CHURCH
6597 WALL TRIANA HIGHWAY
MADISON, AL 35757



REMINDER:
NO
GAME
NIGHT
IN DECEMBER!

MERRY-
Christmas



"And going into the house they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him."

Matthew 2:11 (NIV)