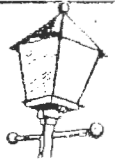

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Let your light so shine
before others . . .
Matthew 5:16



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A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR:

DEAR FRIENDS:

True Peace

All my life I've heard people talk about peace, promises of peace, and the making of peace treaties. However, the peace that's promised never truly comes. Perhaps, for a season, but earthly peace never lasts. Ask the average person, and they might tell you: *I enjoyed a time of peacefulness on vacation, at the golf course, a night on the town—etcetera, but after that moment in time reality returned.* What if reality was peace—never-ending peace? Jesus promises the believer perpetual peace. Not only in eternity but this life. Jesus said in John 14:27:

Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid. John 14:27 NKJV

Peace, Shalom, שלום

David H. Stern translates the text this way: "What I am leaving with you is shalom—I am giving you My shalom. I don't give the way the world gives. Don't let yourself be upset or frightened." John 14:27 (CJB) [H. David Stern. "Complete Jewish Bible" (Jewish New Testament Publications, Inc, 1998)]

The Complete Jewish Bible (CJB) uses the word "shalom" instead of peace. Jesus is saying: "What I am leaving with you is shalom." Shalom, a Hebrew word meaning peace, completeness, prosperity, and welfare. Shalom can be used idiomatically meaning both "hello" and "goodbye" suggesting a never ending cycle. Shalom can refer to peace between two entities—especially between God and man, or regarding the welfare and safety of an individual or a group of individuals.

Jesus is leaving us peace, but not just any peace—His personal peace. He is leaving us richly endowed. Philippians 4:7 ensures us that Jesus peace surpasses all understanding. It is more than our human mind can fathom.

Peace not like the World

I like the way David H. Stern translates Jesus next statement in verse 27: "*I don't give the way the world gives.*" How does the world give? The pattern of history suggests that the world gives to its own out of selfish motive. "I will give to you as long as it is in my best interest." The problem lies in this: when the *peace* in which the world system gives no longer serves the needs of the giver, then the giver takes away the privilege to the receiver, which is why we always hear about peace treaties being ratified and later rejected.

What Jesus gives, He does not reject. Jesus gives us the supreme gift—restoration. Along with restoration, He gives many privileges and gifts, which is why He assures us that we need not be upset or frightened. He has freely given us His peace, so we must freely receive. Also, Jesus' peace keeps us from being upset or frightened because it brings us straight to Him.

Peace Lost?

While Jesus will never take back the peace He has promised; one can walk away from His peace by willfully sinning against God. The blessing of Jesus' peace is this: when you choose to repent, His peace is right where it was left. Jesus is always standing with arms open.

Thinking Personally

- Do you believe Jesus will give you never-ending peace?
- Have I accepted the fact that what Jesus has given, He will not take away?
- Have I walked away from Jesus' peace by willfully sinning?
- What are some main differences between the world's peace and Jesus' peace?

Blessings, Chuck

PRAYER REQUESTS; World leaders and those working to bring world peace. Our elders and leadership of our meeting, Jason Warren, Jeb Cullipher, Melanie L. White, Ralph Hartley, Linda Hall, Jenna. Ryan and Baby Cash Caldwell, Reby Stallings, Linda Givens, Sonya's sister Wanda, Tommy Stallings, Stacy Hall (Stephen Hall's twin-brother), Alan Corprew, Stefanie Garske, C. J. Stallings, Aubrey Burgess, Jean Pressley (Sonya's mother), Jerry Oakley, (cousin of Pastor Chuck), Carlton Boyce (Hillary Lassiter's father), Robert Hall (cousin of Rose Riddick), Kay Boyce, Garland Anderson, Talynn Gurganus, Denise Dail, Chris Conway, Lois Faye, Paul White and family, Mary Frances Twiddy, Chad Winslow, Quincy Riddick, Lewis Stallings, Carlton Rountree, Karen & Freddie Boblit, Beulah Phthisic, Faye Lassiter, Anna Wrae Smith, Iona Baker, C. F. Stallings, Virginia Ripperger, Abby Baker, Anna Spivey. Carey Guyer and her best friend Erica, Bill Jones, Richard Wilcox's family, families of Mary Louise Combs (Lynette's grandmother), and Anna Ree Winslow, our care-givers, youth, and missionaries. If you know of anyone who needs to be added to our prayer list, please contact Pastor Chuck or Catherine. Thank you.

(Unless we know their needs or you make us aware of their needs, after 30 days the name will rotate off).

UP RIVER FRIENDS MEETING'S MISSION STATEMENT:

To know Christ and to make Him known.

SCHEDULE OF SUNDAY & WEEKLY SERVICES

BIRTHDAYS and ANNIVERSARY

- 10:00 am Sunday School
- 11:00 am Worship Service
Nursery and Junior Church

- 06th 6:00 pm Choir Practice
6:30 pm Light Meal
7:30 pm Bible Study & Children Time
- 11th 2:00 pm Elizabeth White Miss. Circle
7:00 pm Ministry and Counsel
- 13th 6:00 pm Choir Practice
6:30 pm Light Meal
7:30 pm Monthly Meeting
- 15th **LAMPLIGHTER NEWS** is due – thank you
- 20th 6:00 pm Choir Practice
6:30 pm Light meal
7:30 pm Bible Study & Children Time
- 27th 6:00 pm Choir Practice
6:30 pm Light meal
7:30 pm Bible Study & Children Time
- 31st Fifth Sunday Night Singspiration

- 01st Rose Ann Riddick
- 02nd Chase Bradford Thompson
- 05th Judy Parsons
- 06th **BRAD & AMANDA C. THOMPSON**
- 07th Sarah R. Price
- 10th Jason Rountree
- 11th **ROB & LORI WINSLOW**
CHUCK & SONYA HARTMAN
- 12th Kelli L. Price
- 16th Zachary Winslow
- 17th Ashley Rountree Collins
- 19th Jada Elm Lassiter
- 22nd Kelvin Williams
Rick Owens
- 24th Beth W. Sanders
- 25th Scottie Winslow
- 27th Nancy B. Winslow
- 31st Linda Hall, Nancy L. Winslow

FLOWERS:

03rd Jacque Pagels
10th Dianne Mize

17th Dianne Winslow
24th Sherree Winslow

31st Available
(call Catherine-297-2485)

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NURSERY (Sunday School):

First Sunday: Brenda & Jenna C.
Second Sunday: Lois & Faith
Fifth Sunday: Brenda & Jenna Caldwell

Third Sunday: Susan Harris
Fourth Sunday: Cheryl & Tiffany

PRE-SCHOOL (Sunday School):

First Sunday: Lynn
Second Sunday: Mike & Jamie
Fifth Sunday:

Third Sunday: Kim
Fourth Sunday: Dena

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NURSERY (Worship Hour):

First Sunday: Jacque, Nicole
Second Sunday: Sonya & Ashley W.
Fifth Sunday:

Third Sunday: Chris & Tabatha
Fourth Sunday: Jimmy & Tiffany

TODDLER NURSERY (Worship Hour):

First Sunday: Ashley J. & LouAnn
Second Sunday: Lacey & Austin
Fifth Sunday:

Third Sunday: Sydni & Kelly Winslow
Fourth Sunday: Holly & Lynn Lassiter

JUNIOR CHURCH (Worship Hour):

First Sunday: Mike & Jamie
Second Sunday: Lynette & Tabatha
Fifth Sunday: Children will join Worship Service

Third Sunday: Kim & Drew
Fourth Sunday: Matt & Amanda

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

UP RIVER MISSIONARY CIRCLE :

The Elizabeth White Missionary Circle met at the meetinghouse for our annual Christmas luncheon and program. There were ten members present. The program centered around the story *Christmas Without Grandma Kay* and closed with *A Christmas Prayer* by Robert Louis Stevenson, presented by Catherine Winslow.

We contributed \$500 to NCUSFW designated for Friends Disaster Service and a gift of \$100 to a friend.

Affie Spivey will be presenting our January program entitled *Choosing to be Grateful* on January 11th at 2 0'clock in the Fellowship Hall. We welcome you to come and join us.

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Actions speak loudly

Do not waste time bothering whether you "love" your neighbor; act as if you did. As soon as we do this, we find one of the great secrets. When you are behaving as if you loved someone, you will presently come to love him.

—C.S. Lewis. *Mere Christianity*

CHILDREN AT THE MANGER:

A little child shall lead them. That's what the Bible tells us, and that's exactly how the first-ever (at least that anyone can remember!) live nativity came about at Up River on Sunday, Dec. 20. The program was the brainchild of Jada Lassiter, a third grader in our meeting whose love for Jesus is evident in so many ways. She is an active participant in our meeting, offering devotions, singing and even teaching younger children about Jesus on her own when the opportunity presents itself.

Jada asked her grandmother, Lynn Lassiter, who works with children preparing for pageants and special programs, if Lynn would speak with Pastor Chuck about doing a live nativity. "I just want to show everyone that Jesus is in my heart and I know the real meaning of Christmas," Jada told her grandma.

When she got the go-ahead, Jada organized the program, asking all the participants to take part and writing the entire script. Jada's mother, Holly, followed up with parents, and Lou Ann Winslow, who also works with pageants and preparing our children to participate in special programs, helped with costumes.

The dusk event was a beautiful telling of the old, old story by Jada as other children in our church family acted out the events in Bethlehem on the night of our Savior's birth and beyond. Those who attended the touching, meaningful service joined with the children to sing "Silent Night" and "Away In a Manger" to close the program.

Participants included: Carissa Baker-shepherd, Chase Baker-Joseph, Claire Baker-lamb, Pierce Caldwell-shepherd, Peyton Currin-wise man, Tess Currin-angel, Hayden Dail-shepherd, Adelyn Harris-camel, Kinley Harris-angel Gabriel, Eliza Grace Jethro-cow, Jack Lassiter-wise man, Jada Lassiter-director and narrator, Savannah Layden-angel, Carly Salvatore-Mary, Vincent Salvatore-star of the East, and Caden Winslow-wise man. The young people were very excited to be a part of the service, which served to reinforce Christmas as a holy celebration of the birth of Christ and make the story come alive for them.

Brenda Lassiter and Jenna Caldwell treated everyone to delicious refreshments in the fellowship hall following the program.

The evening was a fitting last service before Christmas for our church family and visitors. Many said they hoped it will become an Up River tradition.

Thanks to Susan Harris for submitting this article.

THANK YOU FROM THE MISSION'S COMMITTEE:

Thank you to all who participated in Up River Friend's first Christmas card post office. We raised \$372.00. Combined with the money received from the Christmas photo mini sessions, we raised \$652.00 to be divided among three families.

FEEDING AT THE LORD'S TABLE:

Hello all,

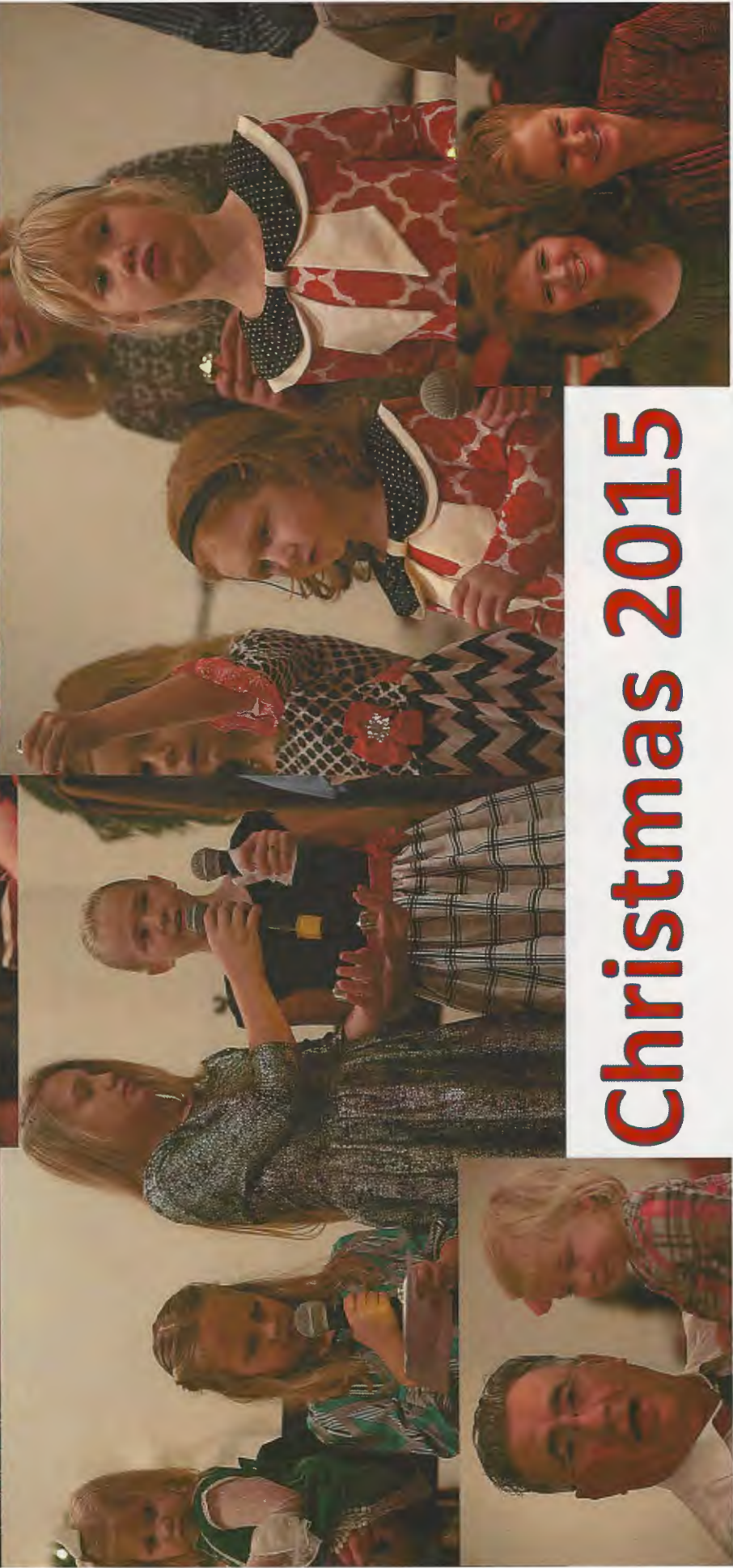
I have changed the date of the January 27th feeding to **FEBRUARY 10th**. Please mark your calendars and call, text, or email me if you cannot help. I regret needing to do this but I have found out that I need to go to New York the last week of January (and I don't want all you to have the fun of serving without me). I hope this will not be an inconvenience to anyone.

After talking with several of you, we will be serving chili, saltines, and desserts. Ron and I will make big pots of chili; I will pick up saltines on the morning of the 10th. Please let me know if you can provide a dessert. Also if any of you think we should serve something more with the chili, we are open to any suggestions.

A collection was taken at the Up River Christmas Program. We received \$128.00. Please save your receipts and I will see that you are reimbursed for your expenditures. This was a blessing and a surprise. I do appreciate the Missions Committee for keeping us close to their heart.

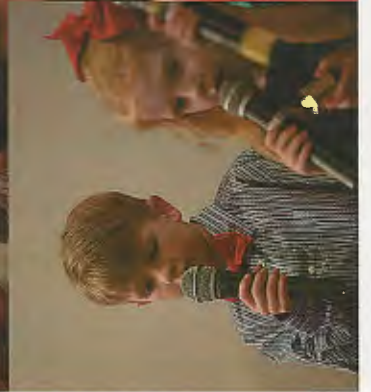
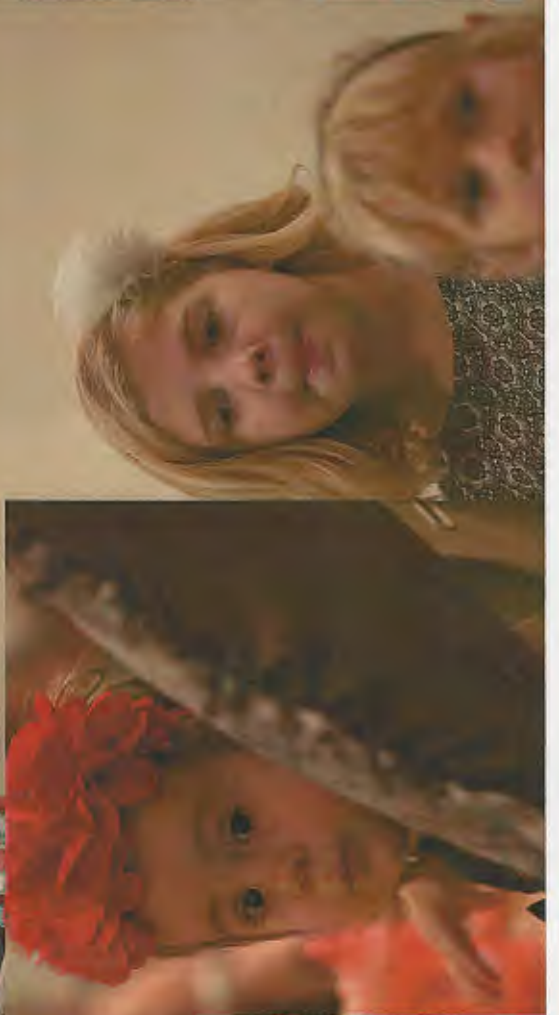
May you all find Peace and Joy throughout 2016.

Blessings to all,
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Christmas 2015









HOMELESS FEEDING: Our next feeding for the homeless in the Elizabeth City area will be on Friday, January 29th. Additional information will be announced.

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QUAKER LAKE PRINTS FOR SALE:

Quaker Lake prints are on sale! These prints were formerly sold to raise money for the Conference Center at \$100 each. Now they are \$25.00 each including tax and shipping. There is a Quaker Lake print hanging over the sofa in the Library. If you would like to own one of these prints E-mail kenreb50@gmail.com or call 1-336-879-1340 , cell – 1-336-953-5870. Also blank Quaker Lake cards \$4 per box, by pickup only.

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THE QUERIES: The following comes from the Faith and Practice (Book of Discipline) of North Carolina Yearly Meeting of Friends under the heading THE QUERIES. *Please take time to consider these thoughts and hopefully our meeting will grow both spiritually and numerically.*

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SPIRITUAL GROWTH: Do you strive for the constant realization of God’s presence in your life? Are you sensitive and obedient to the leading of the Holy Spirit? Do you endeavor to advance your spiritual growth by the prayerful study of the Bible and other devotional literature?

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To each of you who contributed to this newsletter, **THANK YOU SO VERY MUCH.** If you would like to share in upcoming newsletters, please feel free to do so – just give me a call at 297-2485 or e-mail me at cwen@intclipart.com. Also if you have a loved one or a friend whom you think would like to receive our newsletter – please let me know; or if you no longer wish to receive our newsletter, let me know. Thank you very much. Catherine G. Winslow

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A winning pattern for the New Year

Some anonymous wise person penned the following directions for living without bringing pain to others or oneself:

“You will never be sorry — for thinking before acting, for hearing before judging, for forgiving your enemies, for being candid and frank, for helping a fallen brother, for being honest in business, for thinking before speaking, for being loyal to God and the church, for standing by your principles, for refusing to participate in gossip, for holding your words when tempted to demean another, for not entertaining impure or hateful thoughts, for sympathizing with the afflicted, for being courteous and kind to all.”

The work of a Christian father

Martin Luther taught that God calls all Christians to use their daily work to serve others. Living in the Middle Ages, he used a rather progressive example to illustrate his point:

“[Our natural reason says,] ‘Alas, must I rock the baby, wash its diapers, make its bed, smell its stench, stay up nights with it, take care of it when it cries ...?’ What then does Christian faith say to this?

“It says, ‘O God, because I am certain that thou hast created me as a man and hast from my body begotten this child, I also know for a certainty that it meets with thy perfect pleasure. I confess to thee that I am not worthy to rock the little babe or wash its diapers, or to be entrusted with the care of the child and its mother. ... O how gladly will I do so.’”

9 “verses” that aren’t in the Bible

Several popular sayings can put biblical literacy to the test. For example, the phrases below aren’t in Scripture — although some come pretty close:

- “Money is the root of evil.” (According to 1 Timothy 6:10, “the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil.”)
- “Cleanliness is next to godliness.” (The closest teaching to this might be in James 4:8.)
- “God helps those who help themselves.” (This proverb originated in ancient Greece, not in Scripture.)
- “God moves in mysterious ways.” (A verse kind of like this is Isaiah 55:8.)
- “Spare the rod, spoil the child.” (British poet Samuel Butler coined this phrase, which could be a paraphrase of Proverbs 13:24.)
- “This, too, shall pass.” (This occurs nowhere in the Bible but has been linked, incorrectly, to King Solomon.)
- “Love the sinner, hate the sin.” (St. Augustine originally came up with a version of this phrase.)
- “Charity begins at home.” (British theologian John Wycliffe is credited with this saying.)
- “God will never give you more than you can bear.” (This seems to be a misinterpretation of 1 Corinthians 10:13.)

QUERIES FOR BOYS AND GIRLS:

(Prepared by New England Junior Yearly Meeting)

Do you try to act, as Christ showed the way, so that there is no cause for quarreling with other children? Do you forgive those who injure you by word or act? Are you careful to speak well of others? When your friends quarrel, do you try to help them to feel friendly again?

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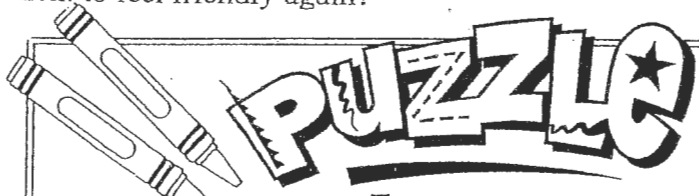
Make this fun craft to remember what our heavenly Creator made.

What you need:

- Adult help
- Tall chip can with lid
- Hammer and nail
- Acrylic paint, paintbrush
- Water, glitter, white glue
- Colored tissue paper
- Stronger craft glue (not hot glue)
- Star stickers or sequins
- Two 4" x 5" pieces of clear Con-Tact paper
- Scissors; pencil; permanent marker

What you do:

1. In bottom center of can, hammer a hole with a nail. Paint outside of can. Let dry.
2. Add glitter and a little water to white glue. With a clean paintbrush, glue tissue paper to bottom outside of lid.
3. Add stars to sticky side of Con-Tact paper. Place a matching piece on top, sticky sides together.
4. Put craft glue along edge of can opening. Glue Con-Tact paper square over opening. Let dry.
5. Place lid on can, over Con-Tact paper. Turn lid to get kaleidoscope effect.
6. With marker, write "In the beginning..." on can.

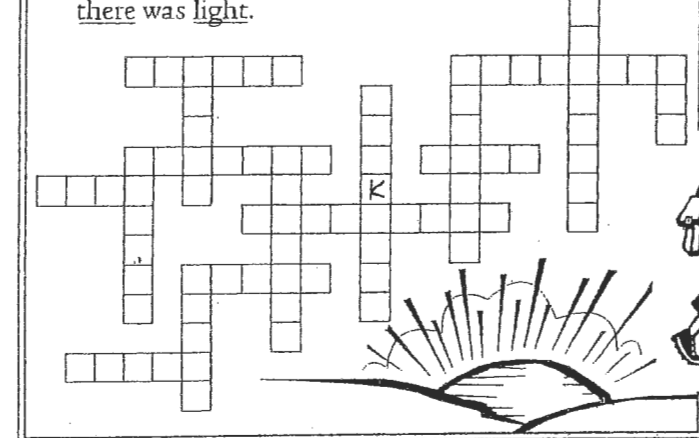


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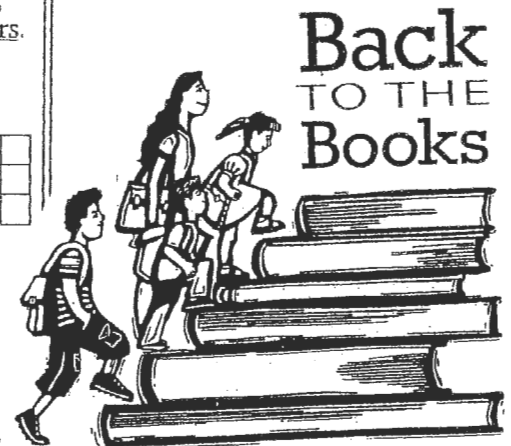
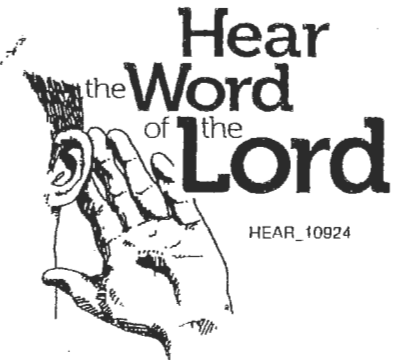
The start of a new calendar year is a great time to praise God for his amazing creation.

Directions: Read Genesis 1:1-3 (NIV), below. Place the underlined words into the crossword. One letter has been provided to help you start.

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters. And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light." K



A completed puzzle is in a file called kid0114b_a on this month's CD and on the website, www.NewsletterNewsletter.com.



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