

ROCK OF AGES MINISTRIES

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Dear family in Christ,

1st Advent ...

Luke 2:7 (KJV) And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

Our Lord Jesus was Mary's firstborn, because Jesus was born of a virgin. He was fittingly born in a sheep barn, for He was The Lamb of God. In His first Advent, He came as The Lamb; at His second, as The Lion. His first, to be judged; His second, to judge. He came to take away sins, for no other sacrifice was sufficient to do so. **Linda and I want to wish a very blessed Christmas season to all of our brothers and sisters in Christ. We love you all very much.**

Linda and I were happy to break away for two nights and three days respite with some of our sending church family in Pigeon Forge, TN. It was quite a relaxing, low key getaway. We ate way too much, but the fellowship was wonderful. We had several good opportunities to speak to sinners and saints who were unknown to us, but known by our God. What a joy it is to represent our Lord and you wherever we go!

On the last Tuesday of the month, I preached 3 services at Haralson County Jail. There were 3 inmates that made profession of faith in Christ as Savior, one lady, and two men. When I was musing about the services on the way home, it dawned on me that the two men who hopefully were converted were the name sakes of two of our grandsons – Josh and Zach. I took it from that God was reassuring us that He would be answering years of prayer for our children and grandchildren. Linda and I are still standing on God's sure promise in Isaiah: Isa 44:3 (KJV) "For I will pour water upon him that is thirsty, and floods upon the dry ground: I will pour my spirit upon thy seed, and my blessing upon thine offspring." God promises an outpouring first on parents, and then on their offspring. He has fulfilled that promise toward Linda and I, and we wait patiently for the outpouring on our children and grandchildren.

Our Rock of Ages team experienced divine appointments at two prisons (Smith State Prison and Rogers State Prison), and one probation detention center (Bacon PDC) this month. We were scheduled to have 3 days of visitation at each, but we were not able to have visitation at all at Smith State Prison. We did conduct 9 preaching services in all, with God making Himself known in each one. In total, there were 11 men saved at Smith, 7 men at Rogers, and 29 men at Bacon. It's sometimes more fruitful at PDC camps (like Bacon) because there is a much higher inmate turnover. The maximum sentence for a probation detention center inmate is 6 months. These new converts are urged by us to begin Bible lessons through Rock of Ages' Prisoner's Bible Institute discipleship program. Please pray for their growth in grace. Maranatha!

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Dear family in Christ,

Happy New Year ...

John 13:17 If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them.

This is the first usage of the word "happy" in the New Testament. We see that happiness is connected with obedience: doing "these things." Happiness here means "blessed." This blessing from God for obedience is imposed by God Himself. It is imposed upon the doer without respect of his motive. Nor does it depend on the doer's emotional response. He is blessed even in spite of his lack of it. Note that saying, "Happy New Year" to someone is a short prayer. It is saying, "I'm asking God that you might have a blessed new year." So, Happy New Year, saints of God!

The Georgia Rock of Ages team conducted 7 prison revivals in December with a total of 43 inmates making profession of faith in our Lord Jesus Christ as Savior. Our obedience to God's Great Commission has blessed us this past year without a doubt. Here is a summary of statistics for the Georgia team in 2017:

We worked in 18 state prisons and 13 county jails. We conducted 82 hours of visitation. We held 182 services with 5760 in attendance. A total of 861 inmates and officers made profession of faith in Christ as Savior. Happy cannot describe it!

Let me tell you about G., a young inmate we had a Divine Appointment with in Evans County Jail this month. The jail is very small; 12 inmates was all (that rhymed didn't it?). We began our meeting at 2pm in the common area of the dormitory. G. was in his bunk with his back turned toward us with his blanket made into a cocoon. He stayed that way while Richard P. and Eric P. preached. Sometime while I was preaching, G. got up and joined the group. I didn't even see when he came in. When we gave the invitation, no one responded. As we were getting ready to leave, I asked G., "Have you been saved or do you need to be?" He said that he needed to be. So I had the privilege of leading him to Christ. Afterward, he confessed that he had been listening the whole time, even while he was in bed! We had a wonderful time sharing Scripture with him, and he seemed eager to learn. Was he blessed? I think so. Were we blessed? I know so. Were our supporting churches blessed? Phil. 4:17 says so. Happy New Year.

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