



ROCK OF AGES MINISTRIES

"For we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord." II Corinthians 4:5

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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!

We remain in Christ's Intensive Care,

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