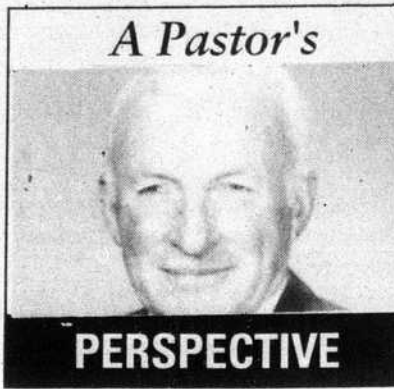


Good news for you and me comes straight from God

BY REV. HARRY SNYDER
Retired Minister

How does the birth of Jesus Christ make a difference in your life and in mine? Jesus was born to stand in our shoes, and, at the proper time, to be given, by God's grace, faith to walk in his way, truth and life. From Mary, his mother, from the study of scriptures, from worship and prayer Jesus heard the still, quiet voice of the Spirit, the truth of his unique sonship to God. By the time he was twelve he was inspired to be about his Father's

business. Essential to being the loving Son of God and God's Savior to and for all people, Jesus needed to stand in our shoes — to see, hear and understand the human experience of living. Jesus was born in a stable, sniffed the smells of hay, animals, and manure. Early on he and his parents were compelled to become refugees in a strange land, Egypt. Later, Jesus experienced the joys and struggles of family life and community life under Roman rule. In truth, Jesus experienced our temptations and problems.



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By standing in our shoes Jesus learned what subtracts from life and what adds to life, what behavior hurts and de-

stroys human relationships, and what heals, restores, and builds good relationships. At the right time, God gave Jesus the signal to begin his public ministry as Savior. Jesus heralded the good news of the reign of God.

After leading his disciples into the hills, he prayed all night, and when it was day he led them to a level place and taught them God's ways for human beings to live. There, he healed them of their diseases and cured those with emotional hurts. "And all the crowd sought to touch him, for

power came forth from him and healed them all." (Luke 6:19)

At God's right time he said to his disciples and, today, to you and me, "If a man loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come and make our home with him." (John 14:23)

This is the real significance of Christmas — the reason we celebrate Christmas. Jesus Christ is good news from God. God came in Jesus Christ to be born in us, and to live in and through us. Amen.

Church BRIEFS

CENTER HILL BAPTIST CHURCH

"The Greatest Gift," a drive-through Christmas panorama featuring eight scenes depicting events in the life of Christ will be held at Center Hill Baptist Church Dec. 20-22, from 6-8 p.m. nightly.

Live actors and live animals will be used in this special production.

There is no charge to attend. Everyone is invited and encouraged to come and enjoy a production that emphasizes the true meaning of the season, and reminds us why we really celebrate Christmas.

ADULT CHOIR WILL PERFORM

The adult choir of the Anderson United Methodist Church will present "In Adoration of the King of Kings" this Sunday afternoon, Dec. 13, at 5 p.m. in the church sanctuary. After the performance a reception will be held in the church fellowship hall.

The congregation of the church wishes to extend an open invitation to everyone to come and join them as they usher in the holiday season. You are also encouraged to bring family and friends with you.

Anderson United Methodist Church is located on Ballahack and Cedar Stretch Roads approximately two miles from Hertford.

For directions or additional information regarding worship services, call the Rev. Terry Williams in Edenton at 482-7688.

McFadden celebrates a most special birthday - turns 105!

On Monday, Nov. 30, Carrie McFadden of Edenton got up to the singing of "Happy Birthday" by her daughter, Evelyn Collins, and Shelia Nixon, her House Health caregiver. It was her 105th birthday.

Many neighbors and friends stopped in to wish her a happy day. Many expressed joy in hugging someone 105 years old. Collins said one of the great-

est joys of her mother's life is going to church when the weather permits. "She especially likes to go to her home church in Jamesville," Collins said. "Sometimes she is able to attend the services at Kadesh AME Zion Church in Edenton."

Her favorite song continues to be "Let Jesus Lead Me," and her daughter said that McFadden still enjoys singing.

"She still refers to Jamesville as the garden spot of the world, on the Roanoke River," Collins said.

McFadden said she had one important message for all those who remembered her on her birthday: "Thanks to all who helped make my day be a happy one."



Carrie McFadden

Mail

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mail. Your local post office and the Postal Service Web site -

www.usps.com - offer Zip Code information.

- The Postal Service Web site also provides postage calculations and unique gifts.

- Hodges also offered the following helpful packaging tips:

- Cushion package contents

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And a cure was not to be,
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And whispered, "Come to me."
With tearful eyes we watched you,
And saw you pass away.
Although we loved you dearly,
We could not make you stay.
A golden heart stopped beating,
hard working hands at rest.
God broke our hearts to prove to us,
He only takes the best!

Happy birthday
Mom & Dad, sisters & brothers, husband & children

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In Loving Memory of
DAISY HARRIS JOHNSON
June 13, 1907
Dec. 11, 1997

God saw the hills were getting harder to climb,
So He closed her eyes, and said "Peace be thine."
There's not a day that goes by that we don't think of you.
You touched our hearts and our lives in a special way.
We loved you, but God loved you best.
Sleep on Mother dear and take your rest.
Wanda J. and Johnny L. Copeland

Digital

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ing to a new study.

The research, conducted by University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Medicine scientists and colleagues, shows radiologists often prefer digital images over film because they provide better information on which to base diagnoses, said lead researcher Dr. Etta Pisano.

Eventually, the hope is that fewer women will die of breast cancer because their tumors will be found and treated ear-

lier through the new technology, scientists say.

"We predict that it ultimately will replace film screen mammography," said Dr. Pisano.

Once a technician creates a traditional film screen mammogram, it cannot be altered, she said. Since breast tumors and healthy breast tissues are so similar in density, up to 20 percent of breast cancers cannot be seen at all on X-ray film.

"What you see is what you get," the physician said. "Improvements in image display involve acquiring more images with magnification or focal compression and thus exposing the patient to more radiation or looking at the images with a hot light and magnifying glass."

Digital systems, on the other hand, directly measure X-ray photons and can be processed by a computer and displayed in different ways, Pisano said. Radiologists can manipulate the resulting pictures by changing the brightness, contrast and other characteristics like viewers can alter picture quality on a television set.

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This was written by my mother, Gillie Leah Ellis, in memory of her mother, Lula Mae Roberson, on the first anniversary of her death, July 21, 1975.

In loving memory of
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Aug. 19, 1913 - Dec. 11, 1997

Just a thought of remembrance.
Such a sweet memory,
sad but oh so true.
Filled with love and
so much devotion
For the ones who thought
so much of you through life.

It broke our hearts
to lose you,
But you did not go alone
For a part of us all
went with you
The day God called you home
To be with Him forever.
We love you, oh so much,
And miss you still
Your Loving Daughter, Irene