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# TEMPLE TALK



## FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN:

## WILL YOU BE THERE?

Many Christians are claiming and even anxiously anticipating their eternal summons to our heavenly home. The Bible in Revelation chapter twenty one describes the beautiful city called Heaven. It is no wonder that the saints would want to go there. Notwithstanding there is so much more than the beauty of the place called Heaven. There is the reassurance that we will spend eternity with the Lord. Songs have been written to encourage the believer that all sorrow and sadness will be done away with. No crime, sickness, or disease will plague the people of God any longer. 1 Thessalonians 4:16 says; For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: 17. Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. The question is, Will **YOU** be there?

God's peace to you,  
Pastor T Marc Gandy

## DECEMBER'S SPIRITUAL THEME

Praise the Lord to the Miracle Temple Family and the people of God everywhere. I greet you in the Matchless Name of Jesus! Our Spiritual Theme for December is "Basic Pentecostal Doctrine". So many believers, young and old, have questions concerning what it is we believe. For the next several weeks we will begin a new series that addresses these concerns. I encourage you to take notes and perhaps even use a journal to chronicle your findings as we delve into our Great Doctrine. We would love to see you in class at The Miracle Temple. If you are unable to attend the bible study, we have made it available on Facebook Live or you are welcome to call in on our conference line and listen in (605)475-3200 access code 943444# at 7:00pm.

## **The End of the Christmas Story?**

The Christmas story is one of good news and great joy, but it is also quite a short one. There are 27 books in the New Testament part of the Bible, but the story is only told in the books written by Matthew and Luke, two of Jesus' followers and friends. In Matthew, the story is told in two out of the 28 chapters and in Luke, it is told in two chapters out of 24.

Both Matthew and Luke finish their telling of the story with Joseph, Mary and Jesus returning to Nazareth to live. But Christians believe that Christmas was only the beginning of the amazing life of Jesus.

To Christians, one of the most important things about Christmas is what 'Christmas' really means - the Mass of Christ (or Jesus). Mass (or Communion) is a Christian act of worship when Christians remember that Jesus was not only born, as told in the Christmas story, but that, when he became a man, Jesus willingly died to take away all of our wrongdoings and bring us closer to God. Then he came back to life three days later. Christians celebrate this throughout the year, but especially on Good Friday and Easter Sunday.

Nothing has ever been the same since the first Christmas and you can find out more about Jesus' life in the Bible.

## **BIRTHDAYS**

12/2

Lillian Paige Alexander-Green

Mivonta Reddrick, Jr.

12/4

Michael Robinson

12/13

Jesse David Weller

12/17

Jessica Marie Dean

12/20

Gloria Waters

12/25

Vernon Gandy, III

12/29

Gertrude Green

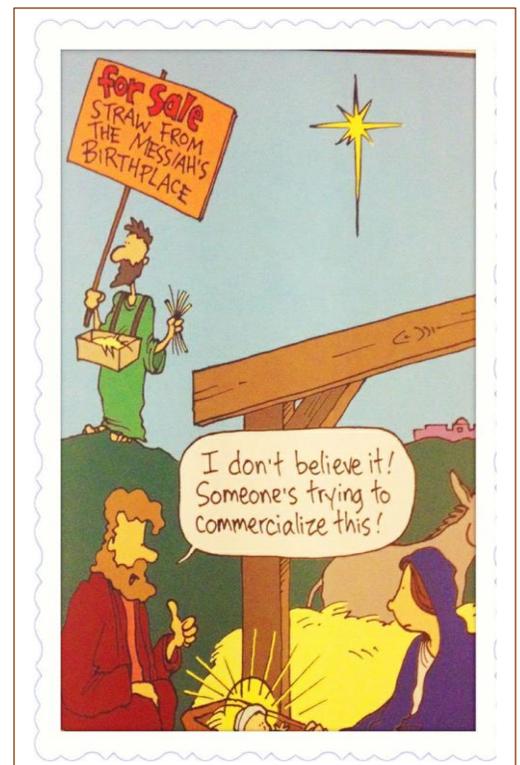
## **ANNIVERSARIES**

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Carmelita & James Jones

12/29

Barbara & Reginald Gravely



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