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A Visit With Dr. Granger

Christmas is a wonderful, exciting time of year for many reasons. There are lots of good things associated with this season.

We all need to remember, for many people, this is a time of grief, severe stress, and difficult memories. Already, during the month of December, I have taken part in funerals of people who have been very close to me. My life is diminished because they are no longer here.

Of course, my life is richer and fuller because of knowing these people and having experienced friendship with them. They have affected my life forever for good. I always will miss them, until I join them at the feet of the Lord. Since their death happened during the Christmas season, the pain of their absence will be more acute during this time.

Like most of you, I have family members who no longer gather with the rest of us during this blessed time. They too, have gone home to be with the Lord. It is comforting to know that they are with him, but it is sad not to be in the presence of people you love.

I am grateful that Christmas signals the celebration of the Christ event, The coming of Christ into this world in order to save us from our sins and present us as His brothers and sisters to our Heavenly Father. The hope that we have in Him lessens the pain caused by death.

May God grant that we would be sensitive to the needs of other people during this time. I pray that you will be able to minister to people who are hurting, as well as celebrate with those who are full of joy.

May we all be more aware of the fleeting nature of life, both for ourselves and for those around us. May this cause us to embrace the moment and to cherish our friends and family.

Blessings!
 Merry Christmas!

Calendar of Events

December

25 - Christmas Day - Office Closed

January

01 - New Year's Day - Office Closed

07-14 - January Bible Study

09 - Executive Committee - 7:00 p.m. CBC

11 - Men's Ministry - 7 p.m. - CBC

21 - Sanctity of Human Life Sunday

22-23 - State Evangelism Conf. Eastmont

23 - Senior Adult Luncheon- 11 a.m.- Melins

25 - Ministers' Meeting - 10 a.m. - CBC

26 - Deacon's Training - 6:00 p.m.

7:30 p.m. dinner - Basin Baptist

Mark your calendar
Marriage Emphasis
"You Matter!"

February 09, 2018

Enterprise Civic Center

Widow's Banquet

February 05, 2018

6:30 p.m.

Place to be announced

THANK YOU

to everyone who gave to the
 "Coffee Cake" ministry for The
 Alabama Baptist Children's
 Home. We collected
821 items.



Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

From

The Staff of Coffee Baptist Association

*In photo left to right front row: Michele Smith, Erica Sickler,
 Loretta Sickler, and Lavita Weisensale.*

*Back row left to right: Dr. John Granger, Steve Tipton, Kaye Clark,
 John Sickler, and Ken Weisensale.*

