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“Staying The Course In Changing Times”

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Over the years, the Christmas traditions in my life have changed drastically.

As a child, I couldn't wait to travel to both sets of grandparents' homes; alternating December 25 & 26 respectively every other year. It was bitter sweet, however, given my birthday is the 26th. Not much fun enduring long road trips on one's birthday.

At home, I remember that aluminum artificial tree and the huge round plain ornaments. We even had one of those light carousals that changed the colors shining on the tree from red, green, or blue. (If you want one, it's \$179 on EBay today) We also had fun driving around the neighborhoods checking out all the lights.

As a teen, my dad and I sometimes went to the woods and harvested a cedar tree until we eventually got a green artificial tree. We still went to the grandparents where the uncles and cousins usually ended up playing touch football after gorging ourselves at lunch.

As an adult, family traditions began to change. Little did I know that my opinion of “ornaments” and my wife's version of “**ORNAMENTS**” were so drastically different. That's all I got to say about that.

When we had kids, a conscience decision was made to be at our home on Christmas day and avoid traveling if at all possible. There was one exception if I remember correctly when we traveled to Michigan on Christmas day. Very few cars on the road but the only thing open was Waffle House. My kids still fondly talk about that adventure.

The only thing that's forever been consistent in our home is the true meaning of Christmas. Like most homes growing up, Santa Claus and other secular things were found here and there but I never remember a time not knowing why we celebrate Christmas. As Luke 19:10 says, "For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost." Our Father sent His Son to be born in the most humble of circumstances just to save us from our sins.

As we remember and continue our traditions this Christmas season, let's make sure the true meaning is **first, foremost, and forever**.

Ty and I wish you a very MERRY CHRISTMAS and a HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Blessings, Dale

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Church News

Churches without Pastors:
Faith, Friendship & Santa Fe

West End Baptist Church

Seeking to hire a **PT Children's Ministry Director.** Information about the position and how to submit a resume can be found on our website: <http://www.webccolumbia.org/>

Hampshire Baptist Church

Organist needed to join the worship team
Contact Pastor Dustin Laster for details. 931-446-6198

Allensville Baptist

Seeking a Part-time Youth Leader. Contact Rev. David Ward at 931-374-8583 for more information.

Riverview Baptist Church

Columbia TN seeks a Youth Director... If interested pray about it and if God leads you... please send resume to jtlaws01@charter.net or mail to:

Youth Committee
2978 Fly Road
Santa Fe TN 38482



SUPPORT OUR LOCAL MINISTRIES....

Discipleship House—Under new management - Craft Memorial Methodist Church partnering with Discipleship House for the next year. - Walter & Betty Clot— 931-379-9609

Family Center—In need of Hygiene Products, Laundry Detergent, Toothbrushes, Toothpaste, Blankets, Socks, Peanut Butter, Canned Goods, etc.

Maury Chaplain Ministries—Contact Marie Cline at maurychaplainministriestn@gmail.com —Need women and men to minister to inmates.

Maury United Ministries (MUMS)—Contact Randy Nichols MUMs needs couples who can volunteer just one morning or afternoon, per month! You drive your own car and help others get to work and back, or to the grocery store, or to the doctor, etc. Randy schedules all the rides and is in contact with you, by cell phone, while you're driving!

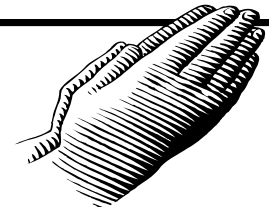
MUMs also needs mentors who can to donate one hour per week for 13 weeks to help local citizens overcome PayDay Loan debt! MUMs will provide training and alongside assistance throughout the process!

Call Randy at 931-626-2611 or visit www.mauryunited.org for more information!

Pregnancy Centers of Middle Tennessee—Needs for both the Columbia and Spring Hill locations are for Large size diapers (4,5 & 6) and Baby shampoo, wash and lotion. Contact Victoria Robinson or Stephanie Stanfill—931-381-4024. www.pcofmt.org



2017 Church Prayer Calendar



December 3rd - Thompson Station Columbia Campus - Rev. Eric Nichols

December 10th - Viola Baptist - Rev. Mylen Coble

December 17th - West End Baptist - Reve. Rick Elsey

December 24th - Williamsport Baptist - Rev. Mark Jones

December 31st - Allensville Baptist - Rev. David Ward

January 7th - Calvary Baptist - Rev. Edward Dickson

January 14th - Christ Fellowship - Rev. Brian Talley

January 21st - Columbia, First - Rev. Steve Livengood

January 28th - Cross Bridges - Rev. DeWayne Crumley

February 4th - Faith Baptist - Vacant

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: need posted by the 10th of each month. Send the information to ty@maurybaptist.org :
: and we will be happy to help get the information out to our members.... Email to :
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**MBA Office will be closed
December 25th - January 1st.**

Enjoy Your Holiday!



**Merry
Christmas**

