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2 Corinthians 9:15
Thanks be unto
God for his unspeakable Gift.

### **Next Time It Will Be Different**

The first time Jesus came . . . .

He came veiled in the form of a child.

A star marked His arrival.

Wise men brought Him gifts.

There was no room for Him.

Only a few attended His arrival.

The next time Jesus comes . . . . .

He will be recognized by all.

Heaven will be lit by His glory.

He will bring rewards for His own.

The world won't be able to contain His glory.

Every eye shall see Him.

He will come as Sovereign King and Lord of all.

### Some Gifts to Give by Charles Swindoll

Some gifts you can give this Christmas are beyond monetary value . . . . . Mend a quarrel, dismiss suspicion, tell someone, "I love you." Give something away—anonymously. Forgive someone who has treated you wrong. Turn away wrath with a soft answer. Visit someone in a nursing home. Apologize if you were wrong. Be especially kind to someone with whom you work. Give as God gave to you in Christ, without obligation, or announcement, or reservation, or hypocrisy.



But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord.

-Luke 2:10-11



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### Recognizing Jesus

By Melvin Newland

One of my favorite Christmas stories is about the old shoe cobbler who dreamed one Christmas Eve that Jesus would come to visit him the next day. The dream was so real that he was convinced it would come true. So the next morning he got up and went out and cut green boughs and decorated his little cobbler shop and got all ready for Jesus to come and visit. He was so sure that Jesus was going to come that he just sat down and waited for Him.

The hours passed and Jesus didn't come. But an old man came. He came inside for a moment to get warm out of the winter cold. As the cobbler talked with him he noticed the holes in the old man's shoes, so he reached up on the shelf and got him a new pair of shoes. He made sure they fit and that his socks were dry and sent him on his way.

Still he waited. But Jesus didn't come. An old woman came. A woman who hadn't had a decent meal in two days. They sat and visited for a while, and then he prepared some food for her to eat. He gave her a nourishing meal and sent her on her way.

Then he sat down again to wait for Jesus. But Jesus still didn't come.

Then he heard a little boy crying out in front of his shop. He went out and talked with the boy, and discovered that the boy had been separated from his parents and didn't know how to get home. So he put on his coat, took the boy by the hand and led him home.

When he came back to his little shoe shop it was almost dark and the streets were emptied of people. And then in a moment of despair he lifted his voice to heaven and said, "Oh Lord Jesus, why didn't you come?"

And then in a moment of silence he seemed to hear a voice saying, "Oh shoe cobbler, lift up your heart. I kept my word. Three times I knocked at your friendly door. Three times my shadow fell across your floor. I was the man with the bruised feet. I was the woman you gave food to eat. I was the boy on the homeless street."

Jesus had come. The cobbler just didn't realize it.

## **Prayer Concerns**



The prayer list reflects current needs. Please let Rena Allen know if you would like for someone to be added.

#### Pray for these who have physical needs:

- Joshua Clagg
- Emma Barker
- Luke Colegrove
- Lisa Sheets
- Carolyn Murphy
- Michelle Reedy
- DeWanda Reedy
- Betty Kipp
- Doug McComas
- Hank Dials
- Kerri Borstein
- Diane Casey
- Betty Payne
- Margaret Sanns
- Sally Willis
- Ernie & Phyllis Ball
- David & Sheila Byrd
- Bob & Coral Mallory

#### Pray for our most elderly:

- Lenville Mays (age 99)
- Billie Simmons (age 91)
- Bob & Coral Mallory
- Ruth Skaggs

# Pray for our missionaries that Beulah supports monthly

- Dan & Sarah Chetti (Lebanon)
- Kaleb & Stacy Eldridge (Honduras)
- Diana Ferrell (Uganda)
- Tri-State Bible College
- Todd & Kristie Kincaid (Italy)

# Encourage one of our senior ladies this week!

- Anna Mae Edwards
- Carolyn Paetow
- Carolyn Murphy
- Margaret Sanns
- Pat Swain
- Brenda Ellis
- DeWanda Reedy
- Wanda Gorby
- Mary Meadows
- Ruth Skaggs

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