



Thank You Notes

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Colossians 3:17

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Merry Christmas!!

My study recently to present at a women's Christmas brunch a talk entitled "Follow the Star" brought to mind several points about the star the wise men followed to worship the King of the Jews. God announced the birth of His Son to the Jews with angels as messengers. He told of His Son's birth to the Gentiles through a star. The Persians studied and even worshipped the stars. God used their pagan gods to lead them to Immanuel. God shows His love and salvation to mankind by many means and ways relevant to each one's surroundings.

When the wise men arrived at Herod's palace, they didn't ask if a king had been born, they asked where he was born. Looking through Scripture, the Jews found from Micah 5:2 the place was Bethlehem of Judea. God used the Gentiles to tell the Jews the time of His birth and the Jews to tell the Gentiles the place. The Savior came for all people!

The Baby we celebrate at Christmas tells us in Rev. 22:16 that He is "the bright and morning star." We see the saying on signs and shirts "Wise Men Still Seek Him." We are wise if we follow the Star who will "lead us in paths of righteousness." (Ps. 23:3) Jesus says in John 8:12 "I am the light of the world: he that follows me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life." My prayer this Christmas is that each of us will by some means—gifts to Lottie Moon International Missions Offering, provisions for local missions, talks with your own family—shine the Light in this dark world so that the "Day Star" (2Pet. 1:19) will arise in someone's heart.



Thank you for your kindnesses,
 prayers, gifts and love for Giving
 Thanks Ministries in 2010. We pray
 God's richest blessings for you in
 2011!!

Giving Thanks for Events

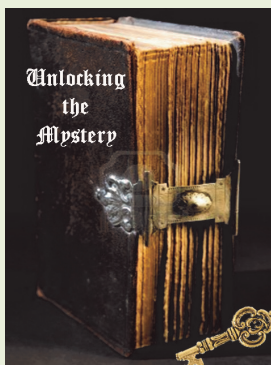


The first week of August I was able to be with the Girls in Action at Camp La Vita near Winnsboro, SC. In the decision service, five girls gave their lives to Christ and over a dozen committed their lives to missions.

At First Baptist, Fairborn, OH, our theme was Living Sacrifices—Transformed Lives.



The ministers wives of the Cincinnati Association of Baptists invited me to join them for a delicious meal and delightful evening at the home of Micki Holmes.



Those of you close enough to attend please mark your calendars for March 26, 2011, to attend the Women's Conference at Calvary Baptist Church in Wilmington, OH. We will study Colossians 2:2 as we unlock the mysteries in God's Word.



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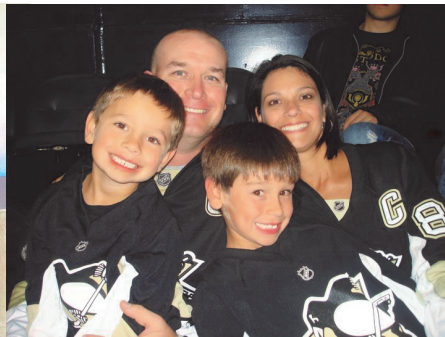
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"And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him." Colossians 3:17 NIV

Giving Thanks for Family



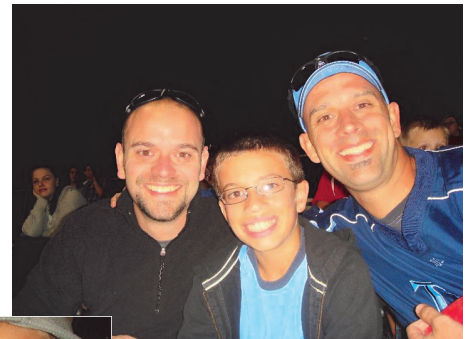
Zach, Max, Grace, Trey, Heather, Donald, Norma, and Don joined the Polar Bear at World of Coke.



Justin, Brennen, Scott, and Caroline cheered on the Penguins!



Walker, Cooper, Fletcher, Norma, Lisa, Joseph, and Don got to visit at the McMurry family reunion.



We went to one of Scott's Wolfpack games. From Left: Fletcher, Grace, Walker, Max, Zach, Brennen, Justin, Cooper, Zach, Joseph, Trey, and Donald. Caroline, Heather, Norma and Don were there, too. Lisa had to work. Looks like we stayed clear of most pictures.



Jo Ann invited her brothers and any of their families who could gather at her home in Boone, NC, for a McMurry family reunion July 4th.