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Chairman's Corner: Did You Know?

Two of my favorite Christmas songs are "Mary Did You Know" and "Joseph's Song". Often times when I hear them they bring tears to my eyes as I reflect on their words. Can you even image being given the responsibility of raising Jesus as your very own son?

What would you change and do differently if the infant Jesus was placed in your arms and his life now depended on you? Compare this child to your own children or grandchildren. Would the gifts that you give in your family be fit for the Son of God? Would the songs you sing, movies you watch, words you speak be fit for your Savior to hear and repeat?

If we allow Jesus to become "Real" to each one of us then we no longer keep Him in a manger nor keep Him on the Cross. Friend, did you know that this "Baby Boy" died for you? Did you know that He is in Heaven preparing your future home? Did you know that one day you will see Him face to face and know that He is God?

God has come to us in human form so that we may spend all of Eternity with Him.

So this Christmas if you can't see Jesus in your homes, churches, work place or stores, then you aren't looking with your heart.. Look Up.....see the miracle of Christmas and then share it with others.

Blessings and A Very Merry Christmas to you and your families,

*Sherry Kierce
Community Chairman*

HOW TO FIND US!

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UPCOMING WALKS

Normandy UMC 2006

Men's Walk #39, January 26-29
Women's Walk #65, February 16-19
Women's Walk #66, April 20-23

Christ UMC 2006

Women's Walk #67, June 8-11
Men's Walk #40, July 13-16
Women's Walk #68, August 17-20

GATHERINGS & BOARD MEETING

Normandy UMC	2 nd Mon	7:15
Dayton Board	4 th Tues	7:00

CANDLELIGHT AND CLOSING

Candlelight	8:30 PM	Saturday
Closing	4:30 PM	Sunday



Help Requested!

Here are some brothers and sisters in GDE who desire to be in Share Groups. If your group has an opening in any of these locales/time spots, please email Joyce Zimmann at artisticint@aol.com.

WOMEN:

- 1 for Centerville - anytime Wed.
- 1 for Miami Twp.--evenings
- 1 for Bellbrook or south, early afternoon, Tu. or Thur.
- 1 for Miamisburg or Downtown Dayton--Mornings
- 1 for South--lives on Germantown Pike--early before 8:00 or after 6:00pm

MEN:

- 1 for Miami Twp. --evenings
- 1 for Dayton-Belmont area--has no transportation
- 1 for Fairborn--Mon. or Tu. daytime
- 1 for N. Dayton-- Mon., Tu., or Wed evenings
- 1 for German Twp. Sat a.m.
- 1 for So. Dayton/Kettering -- any day around 7:00 pm.

Your prayerful help in appreciated!

Joyce~



Often our clearest revelations of the truth about God, ourselves, and life comes out of the mouth of babes. Below you will find a real paper written by an 8 year old in school in Chula Vista, California, in response to a class assignment. I'll let the Holy Spirit interpret it for you as you need.

“EXPLAINING GOD” BY AN 8 YEAR OLD

One of God's main jobs is making people. He makes these to put in place of the ones that die so that there will be enough people to take care of things here on earth. He doesn't make grownups—just babies. I think because they are smaller and easier to make. That way He doesn't have to take up His valuable time teaching them to talk and walk. He can just leave that up to the mothers and fathers. I think it works out pretty good.

God's second most important job is listening to prayers. An awful lot of this goes on, as some people, like preachers and things, pray other times besides bedtime. God doesn't have time to listen to the radio or TV on account of this. As He hears everything, not only prayers, there must be a terrible lot of noise in His ears, unless He has thought of a way to turn it off.

God sees everything and hears everything and is everywhere, which keeps Him pretty busy. So you shouldn't go wasting His time by going over your parents head and ask for something they said you couldn't have.

Atheists are people who don't believe in God. I don't think there are any in Chula Vista. At least there aren't any who come to our church. Jesus is God's son. He used to do all the hard work, like walking on water and doing miracles and trying to teach people about God who didn't want to learn. They finally got tired of Him preaching to them and they crucified Him. But He was good and kind like His father and He told His Father that they didn't know what they were doing and to forgive them and God said OK. His Dad (God) appreciated everything He had done and all His hard work on earth, so He told Him He didn't have to go out on the road any more. He could stay in Heaven. So He did.

And now He helps His Dad out by listening to prayers and seeing which things are important to God to take care of and which ones He can take care of Himself without having to bother God. Like a secretary, only more important of course. You can pray any time you want and they are sure to hear you because they got it worked out so one of them is on duty all the time.

You should go to Sunday School, because it makes God happy, and if there's anybody you want to make happy, it's God. Don't skip Sunday School to do something you think will be more fun, like going to the beach. That's wrong! And besides, the sun doesn't come out at the beach until noon anyway.

If you don't believe in God, besides being an Atheist, you will be very lonely, because your parents can't go everywhere with you, like camp, but God can. It's good to know He's around when you're scared of the dark or when you can't swim very good and you get thrown in real deep water by the big kids.

But you shouldn't just think of what God can do for you. I figure He put me here and can take me back any time He pleases. And that's why I believe in God.

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 name shall be called
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 The mighty God, The
 everlasting Father,
 The Prince of Peace.
 Isaiah 9:6*

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