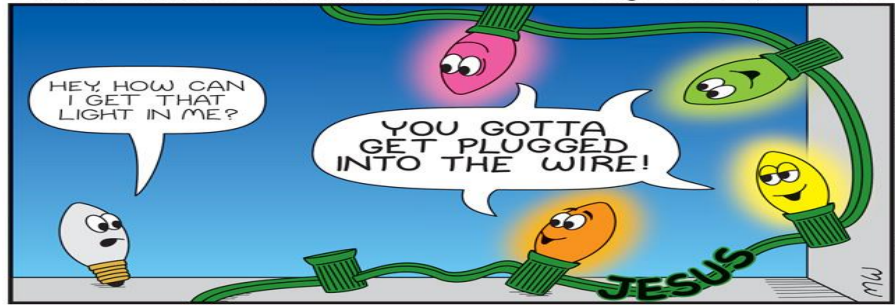


**CHRISTMAS LIGHTS**

A Joyful 'toon by Mike Waters



When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." - JOHN 8:12 NIV

I love this illustration. Jesus is the Light of the World. He desires for us to "plug-in" and follow Him. We can do our very best to be a light in this world, but without Him, it's just a hallow flicker when He wants us to shine - Amen! The Christmas season is clearly upon us. We may have so many things on our "to do" list. We can enjoy and embrace this season by "enjoying the journey" rather than falling into the trap of anxiety, being in a hurry, high expectations, challenged relationships, buying gifts we cannot afford, and taking our eyes off the Reason for the Season - Jesus! Presents are a bonus, but His Presence is the true gift. Get plugged into His Light! Shine everywhere you go. How do we get plugged-in? Do you know if your light is shining bright or if you need strength just to make the decision to be plugged-in? Acts 3:19 teaches us, "*Repent therefore and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord and that He may send Jesus Christ, who was preached to you before, whom heaven must receive until the times of restoration of all things, which God has spoken by the mouth of all His holy prophets since the world began.*" As believers, we embrace the joy of Christmas every day. It is with great joy that we desire to let our light shine for all the world to know that Jesus is the reason for the season. "*For unto us a child is born!*"

**FOOD PANTRY - DISTRIBUTION** EVERY 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> SATURDAY each MONTH @ 9:30 am. Your donations go a very long way to help the families in our community. **LOOK FOR THE CAN.** Blessings!



Please pray for Shavi Hawkins as she had major knee surgery this past Wednesday. Pray for our drummer, Mark as he prepares for major knee surgery this Thursday. Please pray for Wayne as he is now recovering from shoulder surgery. Please pray for everyone to receive Jesus. Amen!!!

**Special Dec. 2024 Events:**

- Kaleb Asher - Dec. 2nd
- Kelly Brisbois - Dec. 5<sup>th</sup>
- Genevieve Drexler - Dec. 9<sup>th</sup>
- Moises Henriquez - Dec. 9<sup>th</sup>
- James Ruiz, Jr. - Dec. 11<sup>th</sup>
- Randy Bentley - Dec. 12<sup>th</sup>
- Paul & Brenda Ann - 17<sup>th</sup>
- Kathy Rule - Dec. 18<sup>th</sup>

**LET'S READ HIS WORD TOGETHER IN 2024**

Meditate on these:



- Monday - 1 Peter 1
- Tuesday - 1 Peter 2
- Wednesday - 1 Peter 3
- Thursday - 1 Peter 4
- Friday - 1 Peter 5
- Saturday - 2 Peter 1-3
- Sunday - Holy Spirit

**Sparkle Team - Bless these hands Father!**



Please consider joining our Sparkle team this year. Your hands and feet will bless this house. We are here every Saturday morning at 9am. Great thanks to everyone who volunteered in the food pantry yesterday serving families in need in our community. We are so grateful to Brian for all his help cooking and clean up for our party and to all who helped clean up from a great night of fellowship.

**BETHLEHEM SIGN UPS**

Please see Karen if you would like to sign up to volunteer for "A Night in Bethlehem". This will be our 14<sup>th</sup> Christmas Eve event. We will need a few live baby Jesus'. Let us know if you have anyone under 3 months who have parents that will participate. The sign-up sheet is in the fellowship hall. Help us spread the word in the community for this event.



Please join us in the fellowship hall after service hosted by Elaine & Randy. We are grateful to Trae and Michelle for hosting fellowship last week. ☺ See Terrie if you would like to host a brunch.

**MONDAY NIGHT PRAYER - TOMORROW, Monday, Dec. 9, 2024 7-9 pm @ UFF. "What! Could you not watch with Me one hour? Watch and pray, lest you enter into temptation. The spirit is willing but the flesh is weak." Matthew 26:41**

Login to [www.universityfamilyfellowship.org](http://www.universityfamilyfellowship.org) to hear the sermons.

**THIS WEEK'S MEMIORY VERSE:**

"Therefore, humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God that He may exalt you in due time, casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you."  
1 Peter 5:6-7



**SUNDAY SCHOOL HAPPENINGS**  
by Linda Curtis

See how very much our Father loves us, for He calls us His children. 1 John 3:1. Jesus loved children. He said the kingdom of Heaven belongs to those who are willing to believe as children, humble and with humility. Jesus knew how important children were to our Heavenly Father. What a welcome relief it must have been to gather the children in His arms. Adults question and want proof. Children accept that God loves them and does not need proof. They listen to their spirit. We need to believe the same way, humble and with humility. Mallory is teaching the children today.

**UFF CANDLELIGHT SERVICE**

Join us after "A Night in Bethlehem" for our annual Candlelight Service at 11:00 pm. Come Let Us Adore Him!