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Merry Christmas

The Mountaineer

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“For unto us a child is born,
unto us a son is given: and the
government shall be upon his
shoulder: and his name shall
be called Wonderful,
Counsellor, The mighty God,
The everlasting Father, The
Prince of Peace” (Isaiah 9:6)

A. W. Anthony Mays, Senior Pastor
& Fannie P. Mays, Pastor's Wife

Welcome To The Mount



Where.....

**The Preachers Preach
The Music Ministers
And The People Praise**

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MSMBC Mission Statement

The divine mission of the Mount Sinai Missionary Baptist Church is to be a positive and effective witness, corporately and individually, for our Lord Jesus Christ (Acts 1:8). We are called to win lost souls unto the Lord through preaching the gospel, and to build up and to mature believing souls through preaching, teaching, prayer and fellowship.

Scripture references for

MSMBC Mission Statement

Matthew 28:19-20; Acts 9:31;

Romans 1:16; Ephesians 4:11-16

Responsive Reading

Matthew 1:19-21 (NIV)

MINISTER 19 Because Joseph her husband was faithful to the law, and yet did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly.

CONGREGATION 20 But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit.

ALL 21 She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus because he will save his people from their sins.”

Sermon Topic: _____

Speaker: _____

Date: _____

Notes: _____

My Notes

Key Verses

Key Points

Questions/Reflections

Church & Livestream
Etiquette Refresher

Remember that this is God's House.

- Turn off cell phones
- Please do not live stream
- Don't enter/exit center aisle
- Be mindful of the cameras
- DISPOSE OF YOUR TRASH PROPERLY
- NO FOOD OR DRINK IN SANCTUARY

****Please note,*

***NO** medications, including over the counter drugs such as Aspirin, Tylenol, Antacids, etc. will be dispensed by the Health Awareness Team.*

**May God Bless You &
Keep You.**

From Our Pastor

Dear Family and Friends of the Mount

A. W. Anthony Mays, Senior Pastor

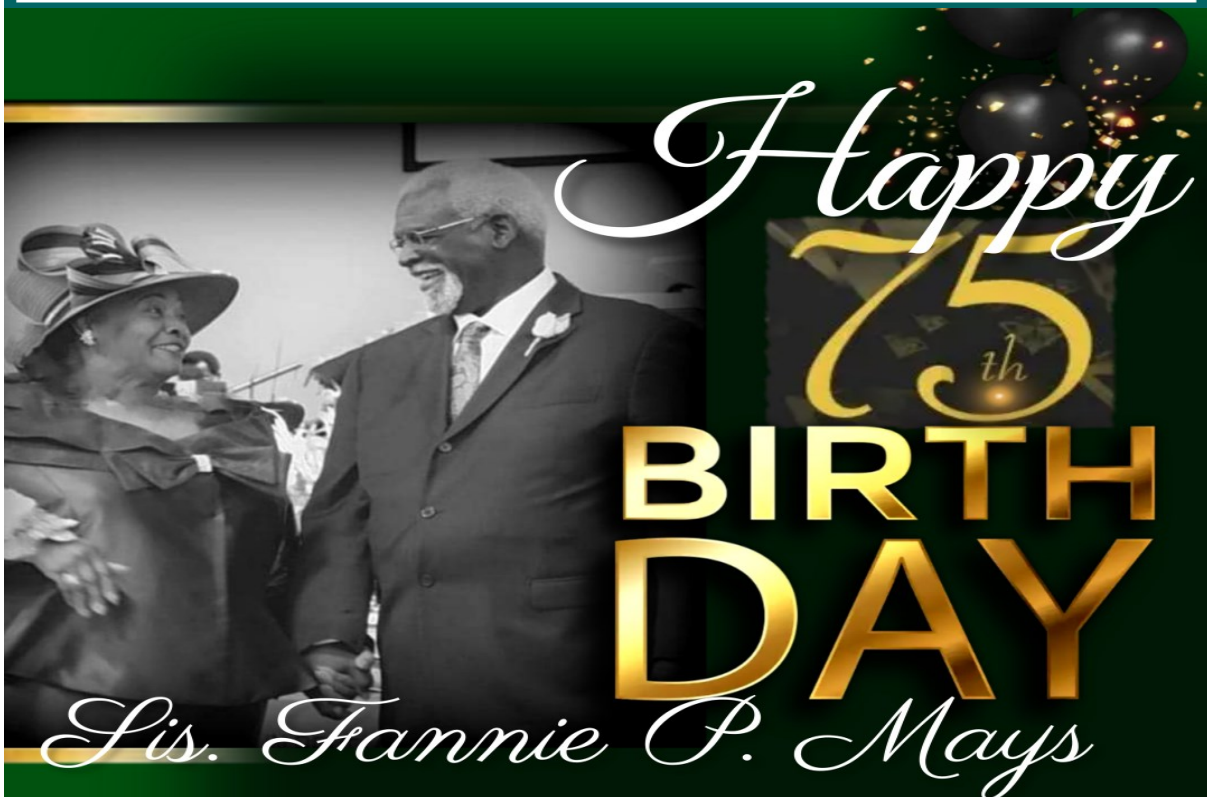
Greetings! “Thanks, be unto God for His unspeakable gift” (2 Cor. 9:15). God’s unspeakable gift to mankind is our Savior, Jesus the Christ, the LORD. Blessings upon you all. I again express gratitude for your reception of Zophelia Conley Mays’ book, Released, and the two publications by Dorothy Mays Clark, Getting Back to Me, and 50 to 50. You are indeed wonderful people.

As I write these words, we are very near entering into the month of December, the ending month of the year. Thoughts of the holiday seasons of Christmas and New Year’s, tend to dominate the focus of the month. But I would also like to suggest that December be a time for reflective inventory. What have I done with the year of 2023 which the Lord has graced me to live and to experience? What things have I accomplished? Have I grown in positive attributes and character? Am I maturing in good form and substance? Where am I in relationships with family members, and friends, and fellow church members? How have I learned more this year than last year? For businesses there is the requirement to inventory their merchandise for tax purposes. I hope you think well of the practice of inventorying your personal life as I do.

I plan to introduce in our Annual Church Conference the challenge again of reading through the Bible in 2024. We did this in 2019, it is good that we do it again as a church body. I continually say in our Bible Study that reading the Bible consistently will enhance your knowledge of the Word of God. Reading the Bible will grow our knowledge of God and His perfect will. Reading the Bible consistently will fortify you against the severe challenges of life which you may encounter.

Read the Bible accurately; interpret the Bible intelligently; practice the teachings of the Bible persistently. I was awed when I learned that the Jews required of their students that they learn the Scriptures to the point of being able to recite from memory, not simply verses, or simply chapters, but even whole books of the Bible. I hear very often that man only uses a small percentage of his brain’s ability or capacity.

Could this be the thought of the psalmist when he wrote, “Your Word have I hidden in my heart that I may not sin against You.” (Ps. 119:11). If the Word of God is hidden in your heart God will bring it to your remembrance at the needed time.



We celebrate you and thank God for you on December 5th and always!
Happy Birthday...and many more!

Happy Birthday & Happy Anniversary
to all who are celebrating in December!

DECEMBER 4, 2023
7:30 PM



2023

ANNUAL CHURCH CONFERENCE

Mount Sinai Missionary Baptist Church



Welcome To The Mount

Where..... The Preachers Preach The Music Ministers And The People Praise

Worship & Grow With Us:
Sunday Church School- 9:45 a.m.
Sunday Worship- 11:00 a.m.
Monday Bible Study- 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday Evening- 6:30 p.m.

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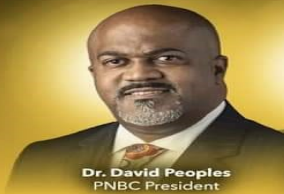


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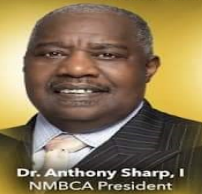
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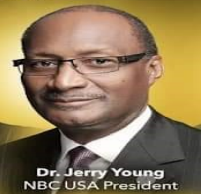
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MEMPHIS, TN



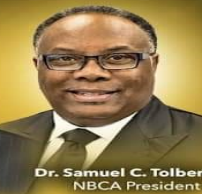
Dr. David Peoples
PNBC President



Dr. Anthony Sharp, I
NMBCA President



Dr. Jerry Young
NBC USA President



Dr. Samuel C. Tolbert, Jr.
NBCA President

JOINT CONVENTION MID-WINTER BOARD MEETING
PROPOSED CONFERENCE STRUCTURE

**01/22/24 @ 7PM
MONDAY**
Dr. Jerry Young
NBC, USA, Inc.
New Hope Baptist
Church, Jackson, MS

**01/23/24
TUESDAY**
Morning Worship 9am
Dr. Gina Stewart
Christ Missionary
Baptist Church
Evening Worship 7pm
Dr. Charlie Dates
Progressive Baptist
Church, Chicago, IL

**01/24/24
WEDNESDAY**
Morning Worship 9am
Dr. Anthony E. Sharp I
NMBCA; Tabernacle of Praise
Missionary BC, Dallas, TX
Evening Worship 7pm
Dr. David R. Peoples
PNBC; Jabez Missionary Baptist
Church, Lexington, KY

**01/25/24
THURSDAY**
Morning Worship 10:45am
Dr. Samuel C. Tolbert
NBCA; Greater St. Mary's
Missionary BC,
Lake Charles, LA



Renasant Convention Center
255 N. Main St. Memphis, TN 38103

**REGISTRATION
COMING SOON**

Calling all youth. It's time!! This year's Christmas on Cameron program will be on Saturday December 16, 2023. Parents, we would love to have all the youth of the Mount participate in the joyous occasion. There will be speeches, a song interpretation, praise dance and talent showcase. Practice will be held on **Saturday December 9th at 10:00 a.m.** in the Family Life Center as part of our regular youth day. To sign your youth up, stop by the desk immediately after service or contact Sis. Traci Jackson at trajac0216@yahoo.com or 512-799-5425.

Mt. Family, please save the date and come out and support our youth on Saturday **December 16, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.**

MT. SINAI YOUTH MINISTRY
PRESENTS

DECEMBER
16
6:00 PM

Christmas
ON CAMERON

YOUTH DIRECTOR- SIS. TRACI JACKSON
YOUTH PASTOR- MIN. J. B. MARTIN
SENIOR PASTOR- REV. DR. A. W. ANTHONY MAYS

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BIBLE & BASKETBALL NIGHT

**FRIDAY
DECEMBER
15TH**

7:00 PM

We will begin with prayer,
the Word and then it's
time to hoop it up.

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Rev. Dr. A. W. Anthony Mays, Senior Pastor

For Further Info: Deacon Gillespie at 512-775-7758 or nate@themount.net

INVITE A FRIEND!!!



The Mount's **ANGEL TREE**

Jesus is the reason for the season!!

It's that time of year again where the Mount family can be a blessing to children for Christmas 2023!

This year we will bless children whose parents are incarcerated, our neighbors in Walnut Creek, and our own Mount children that may be in need.

Important Dates to Know:

- Saturday, December 9th**
Final day of applications
- Sunday, December 17th**
Last day to return gifts
- Tuesday, December 19th**
DISTRIBUTION DAY

Questions?

Please contact Sheri Caldwell Hooks, Kathleen Dedeaux, Phyllis Cheatum or Traci Jackson



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Mt. Sinai Missionary Baptist Church
"The Mount"

WATCH NIGHT

Sunday, December 31
10 PM

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WHO IS GOD TO YOU?

By Angela Irving

Throughout my childhood I heard people describe God as a wheel in the middle of the wheel, my rose of Sharon, my battle ax, a father to the fatherless, as well as my all and all. As a child, these were just words that the older folks used. It wasn't until I had an encounter with God, that I realized who He is to me!. When you welcome God into your heart and acknowledge that Jesus is the Son of God who gave up His life for you, you realize that He is so much more than words that are repeated over and over again. God is omniscient (all knowing), omnipresent (present everywhere at the same time), and omnipotent (all powerful). God is everywhere at all times. God knows everything about you; your past, present, and future. God has the power to handle anything that comes against you. Isaiah 46:4 (NIV) states, "Even to your old age and gray hairs I am he, I am he who will sustain you. I have made you and I will carry you; I will sustain you and I will rescue you."

We, as born-again believers, should know what the Word says about God but who is God to you? Is God your Jehovah Shalom? Is God your peace when there is chaos all around you and you don't know where to turn. Is God your Jehovah Jireh? Do you look to God to provide for you when you don't know how to provide for yourself? Is God your Jehovah Rapha? Is God your healer when doctors say they can do no more. When you came through that emergency room, did you look to God as your healer, or did you put your trust solely in the hands of the doctors? Knowing all of this, who is God to you? Isaiah 48:17 (NIV) states, "This is what the Lord says, your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel; I am the Lord your God, who teaches you what is best for you, who directs you in the way you should go."

There is a song with the words "God is" and then it describes him, "God is the joy and the strength of my life." Who is God to you?

Women's Ministry News

Carol D. Taylor, Coordinator

Women's Ministry Theme

G.L.O.W. - God Leading Our Women

from Membership to Discipleship, while Learning and Living in the Word.

Psalm 32:8 and Matthew 28:18-20

December 2023 -No monthly meeting

There WILL NOT BE A MONTHLY MEETING For DECEMBER- However, be prepared to join us "in-person" on third Saturday, January 20, 2024 as we celebrate our birthdays for each month. Personal contact will be made and more information will be provided in our newsletter.

Project Watering Can

G.R.O.W. - God Renewing Our Women,
by Learning and Living in the Word.
James 1 :22-25

Book Club:

Sisters Reading Well: A well of refreshment and encouragement.

Meeting: Once a month on the last Tuesday of the month at 5 pm via conference call (774-258-4097). The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 26, 2023 at 5 p.m. Our book *discussion will take us to Seeing Beautiful Again, 50 Devotions to find redemption in every part of your story by Lysa Terkeurst*. You are welcome to join the book club (even if you don't have the book) or for more details, please contact Sister Angela Irving, at 512-797-6865 or email anjel78741@gmail.com.

Hagar Prayers (Sacrificial Prayer)

Join us every Monday morning promptly from 6:00 to 6:30 am, as we start the day with prayer. We pray for our church intercessory prayer list and specific prayer requests. The dial in number is 774-258-4097 or you may send your prayer requests to msmbc.wministry@gmail.com.

Our Monthly Bible Reading for the 31 days of December will be the books of Lamentations, Daniel, and Hosea.



Happy Birthday Wishes
to
First Lady Fannie P. Mays
December 5th

Women's Ministry Wishes Our Sisters A Very Happy Birthday!

2 Dec	Rosa Hunt
3-Dec	Carmen Scott
4-Dec	Pamela Jones
	Sharlette Maney
	Tammy Chambers
5-Dec	Joyce Brisco
7-Dec	Annie Middlebrook
	Shirley Walker
8-Dec	Brenda Porter
9-Dec	Juliet Washington
	Linda Houston
10-Dec	JoAnn Robinson
	Lula Williams
	Wilma Mason
11 Dec	Jackie Robertson
12 Dec	Natalie Westbrooks
15 Dec	Patricia Chissell
16 Dec	Vicki Redmond
20 Dec	April Reese
22 Dec	Jacqueline Fletcher
23 Dec	Daisey Bennet
26 Dec	Carol Taylor
27 Dec	Bobbie Fowler
	Patricia Jenkins
	Zophelia Mays
28 Dec	Stephanie Mays

SENIOR MISSION NEWS

"Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father which is in Heaven." Matthew 5:16

MOVING FROM MISSION,
TO MESSAGE, TO MINISTRY

Sis. Jackie Robertson,
President



We thank God for the marvelous things HE has done and is doing in our lives. On October 29, 2023, Senior Mission, under the leadership of Sis. Jackie Robertson, conducted our fourth 5th Sunday Mission Emphasis Day for the year 2023. Our project was to collect items for Central Texas Food Bank. My contact Mr. Bran Trinh, Community Engagement Coordinator, at the Central Texas Food Bank was very excited that the Mount Sinai Missionary Baptist Church. wanted to conduct another food drive. He was more than happy to provide a list of items for The Mount Family to choose from. God is well pleased with the outpouring of love from The Mount Family in giving to others who are in need. We thank you from the depths of our hearts, there would be no mission without you. Also, to all Mission Sisters who helped with counting, itemizing, tabulating, and boxing donated items and the brothers who loaded the boxes to be transported to the designated facility, thank you for being obedient to God. Thank you Sisters and Brothers for your love and support in this endeavor. Without God and your support, this mission effort could not be what God would have it to be. Our congregation gave a generous donation of 632 items to the Central Texas Food Bank which equated to 657 pounds of food! This will end up providing 548 meals to Central Texas families in need. Also, our Mount Family gave \$2,667 in monetary donations to support the Foreign Mission.

Our next and last 5th Sunday Mission Emphasis Day for 2023 is December 31st. We are praying God's continued blessings as we serve Him by serving others. To God be the Glory! Sis. Jackie Owens serves as Coordinator and Sis. Joyce Brisco, Co-Coordinator for 5th Sunday Mission Emphasis Day.



Sis. Rhonda Fenner, 1st Vice President ~ Sis. Jackie Robertson, President, Senior Mission Auxiliary

INTERMEDIATE MISSION NEWS

Intermediate Mission is on the move.....again!! After our summer break, we came back ready to serve and be of service to others.

First stop, we wanted to hear from one of The Mounts most recent authors, Zophelia Conley Mays. If you haven't heard, Zo Mays wrote the book, "Rehearsed" about her time in the foster care system. We, in Intermediate Mission, wanted to hear in Zo's own words her story as well as why she wrote the book. The discussion was so enlightening and served as a reminder to pray for those children that are still going through the foster care system.

Second on the tour, we continued our service with Community First Village, where we fed people as well as shared in the bible lesson going forth. This time we were joined by one of our youth, Aniyah Wiley as well as representatives from ST. James Baptist Church, South Austin Community Church, and Peace of Christ Church. Our time sharing at Community First is always a blessing to us. Once again, we thank Chef Murray for the delicious chili and another thank you to all those that helped complete the chili bar with either purchasing items or contributing to the cost. Thank you, Thank you!! Serving together is a joy.

Lastly, we had to celebrate the birthday of one of Intermediate Mission's Pearls, in the form of Peggy Modesty. Her birthday is October 31st but we did a surprise "drive by" on October 28th with some flowers, balloons, gifts, and lots of love. We love to give people their flowers while they can still enjoy them. Sis. Peggy brings a lot of love and wisdom to Intermediate Mission and we just want her to know how much she is loved in return.

If you would like to join Intermediate Mission, please contact Ola Jobe @ 512-826-4163



In Our Mailbox

Please address any items that you wish to be published to:

Cards and Greetings:

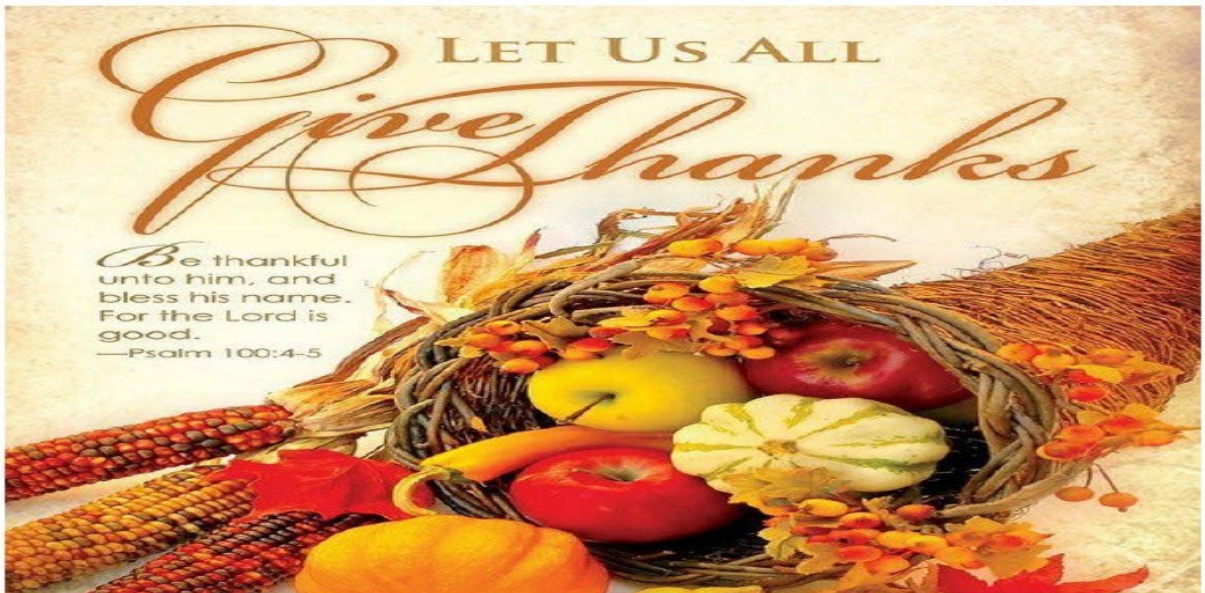
- "To Pastor Mays and Mt. Sinai Family, the family of Mary Gilbert would like to thank you all for all your kind expressions of love during the loss of our family member. The cards, calls, food, hugs and all expressions of love was and is appreciated."

-Mary O. Gilbert's Family

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If you are sending anything with the desire for it to be published, please address your it to the Mountaineer Editor. This will insure an uninterrupted line of communication and to have your items published in a timely fashion. Thank you for your assistance!



On behalf of Mt Sinai Thanksgiving's Committee and The Brotherhood We extend our greetings of thanks to all who worked so hard to make 100 families have a blessed Thanksgiving.

Ann Halson, Chairman
A. W. Anthony Mays, Pastor

I AM YOUR CHURCH OFFICE

I am your Church Office. Sometimes I feel neglected. When you are planning to move, you notify everyone else, but you fail to notify me. When a member of the family is ill, you seem to call all your friends, but me. I like to know about all our members who are sick so that it can be included on our prayer list. This makes it easier for the Pastor and others who may want to visit and mail cards. Also, inform me when progress is made so we won't continue to carry them on the prayer list.

I am your Church Office, thanks for listening.

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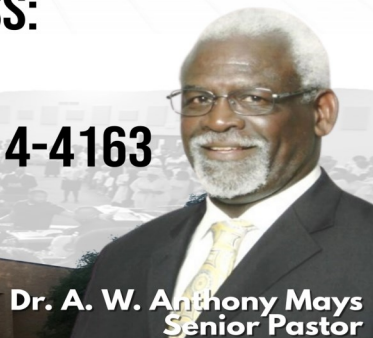
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Jesus *is the Reason for the Season*

Ten years ago, at the Boyd Vance Theater in the Carver Museum and Cultural Arts Center, Baby Girl Productions produced and directed a musical production that I wrote titled, "The Reason for The Season". The first time we presented it was during Thanksgiving Weekend. The next year we decided not to be so bold as to compete with the Black

Friday mania. We settled on presenting the production the first weekend in December. And you would think that because we did the production before that everything would be as easy as Sunday morning, but that is not so. Once it was decided that we would present this show another year, Satan got busy. Some persons backed out of their commitments, some persons didn't follow through with their tasks, some persons just simply became obstacles. But, we stayed in prayer asking God to guide and direct us. We continued to ask for His blessing. And I definitely felt His presence and His strength as we pressed forward. But, I must admit that when my laptop just stopped working a week before the show, I was ready to throw in the towel. It shouldn't have been so hard. It seemed that everything that could go wrong was going wrong. I was DONE! But then I saw a news story about a school who had to shut down their Christmas Toy Drive simply because "Christmas" was in the name, and I realized then why it was so hard. The evil one didn't want the word to go out, he didn't want us to remind persons of "The Reason for The Season". And I knew that the God who begun a good work in me would carry me through. As it turned out, despite our simple set with simple lighting and simple wardrobes, the show was received well. The goal was that the audience would not concentrate on us but to hear the message loud and clear. As we approach this Christmas season, it's our prayer that we will continue to remind others that it's not about Black Friday, but it's about Good Friday. We celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, because when God sent His Son, He sent Hope, Peace, Love, Salvation, Mercy and Grace. He sent us the greatest gift! How dare we not remember "The Reason for The Season"!



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**Merry
Christmas!**
*and a
Blessed New Year*