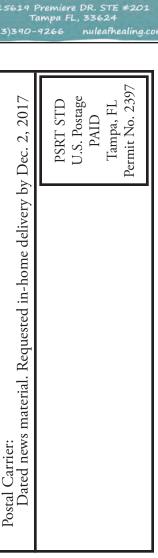




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There were, in the same country, shepherds abiding in the field keeping watch over their flock by night, and lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them and the glory of the Lord shone round about them, and they were so afraid.

The angel said unto them, "Fear not! For behold, I bring you tidings of great joy which shall be to all people, for unto you is born this day in the city of David a savior which is Christ the Lord, and this shall be a sign to you: you shall find the baby wrapped in swaddling clothes lying in a manger."

Suddenly, there was a multitude of angels of the heavenly host praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace and goodwill toward all men."

That's what Christmas is all about, Charlie later was shortened to Christmas.

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The Celebration of Christmas

Christmas is a celebration to remember the birth of Jesus Christ, who Christians believe is the son of God. It is celebrated around the world whether people are Christians or not. It's a time when family and friends come together and remember the good things they have, especially children because of the tradition of receiving gifts.

The name Christmas comes from the Mass of Christ or "Jesus". A Mass service, which is sometimes called Communion or Eucharist, is where Christians remember that Jesus died for us and then came back. The Mass of Christ was the only one that was allowed to take place after sunset and before sunrise the next day, so people had it at midnight! This was called Christ-Mass and later was shortened to Christmas.

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The family-owned business has grown to over 60 employees and now services cooling & heating, plumbing, and electrical. Cornerstone services residents and businesses throughout Hillsborough, Pasco, Hernando, and Pinellas counties.

For the last 6 years, Cornerstone has scored the highest ratings on Angie's List, an A+ rating with the Better Business Bureau, received the Brighthouse Business Award, and received the Central Pasco Chamber of Commerce Large Business of the Year Award for 2016. One of the keys to the success of the business are the employees and the care Dana takes in hiring.

She knows the importance of having trustworthy technicians thatt customers will feel comfortable with entering their homes.

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By Karen McBride, Staff Writer

Cornerstone is always diversifying with products to help meet the homeowners' needs. A highlight they are focusing on in 2018 is water treatment and whole home generators.

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In addition to repair and replacement, Cornerstone has a separate department for preventative maintenance and cleanings for air conditioning, plumbing, and electrical. One of the keys to lowering your cooling bills and reducing the risk of problems is with routine maintenance checks.

Cornerstone knows that problems occur at the most inconvenient times. Plumbing issues can happen on the day of the big party, or a breaker trips, or your air conditioning fails to cool when you get home from work. The phones are manned 24/7 and technicians are available to service your equipment even on weekends and holidays.

Cornerstone is located at 4946 Land O' Lakes Boulevard, Land O' Lakes, FL 34639. To schedule an appointment, call 813-990-0155 or you can visit their website at anytime online for further information at https://cornerstonepros.com.



Jesus Qualified You To Be Healed!

Dr. Douglas Wingate, Ph.D. Life Christian University

I conduct healing services on Thursday nights at Life Christian University. When we first started last year, the Lord prompted me to let all the people know that they qualify to be healed because Jesus qualified them.

You see, often when we are trying to help people receive the healing power of God, we have to deal with potential hindrances to receiving healing. If we are not very careful while doing this, many people's imagination runs away with them and they begin to mentally disqualify themselves from receiving healing. This comes from a tendency to condemn oneself based on a misunderstanding of righteousness.

Let me make a case for how Jesus qualified you to be healed.

First, you must understand that God has always been a healer of His people. Under the Old Covenant, He protected them, He provided for them, and He healed them. 1:8, "If we say that we have no sin, we deceive Now, under the New Covenant, Jesus has made a way for everyone who is part of His kingdom and His family to be protected, provided for, and healed.

the way for the Holy Spirit to dwell in His family members. This happens as soon as we are born again. You see, the Apostle Paul revealed You are a spirit, you have a soul, and both spir- empowered to live uprightly before Him. it and soul live in the body. When you confess Jesus as your Lord, the Holy Spirit takes

up residence in your spirit, which has been washed clean by the Word of God and made a suitable habitation for Him to dwell in.

This is why you can approach the throne of God in prayer and He sees you clothed in Christ's robes of righteousness. You see, God looks at your spirit, the real you, when He looks at you. This truth is corroborated by John's words in John 3:6. "That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit."

More about our new spiritual reality is revealed to us in 2 Cor. 5:7 - "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; all things have become new."

In addition to being a new creation, it is revealed in Col. 2:9,10 that we are now complete in Him. "For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily; and you are complete in Him, who is head of all principality and power."

The next fact about our new spiritual condition will explain two verses that unbelievers think is a contradiction in the Scriptures. Keep in mind that John the Apostle understood Paul's revelation that we are made up of spirit, soul, and body. In John's first epistle, he is referring to our soul when he says in 1 John ourselves, and the truth is not in us."

The moment you were saved/born again, your spirit became holy, but you still had the same soul and body. In order to follow the The first thing that Jesus did was to provide Lord as one of His disciples, you must begin the process of being transformed by the renewing of your mind. Your mind is one of the main functions of your soul, another is to us that we are made up of three parts: the your emotions. Your mind has to be renewed spirit, the soul, and the body (1 Thes. 5:23). to God's thoughts and ways, and then you are

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Light Up the Night

Written by Anne Childers

The Pasco County Sheriff's Office, com- cued from the lifestyle, rehabilitation in a safe munity businesses leaders, and concerned cit- house is a long term investment financially izens are coming together January 20, 2018 and emotionally. Proceeds from Light Up The for the third annual Light Up the Night to Night will benefit six local non-profits dedifocus a spotlight on the exploitation of hu- cated to the recovery of trafficked individuals. man beings for commercial sex, forced labor, or involuntary servitude.

David Maus Foundation, will feature a 5K Race/Walk at Pasco Hernando State College Porter Campus followed by the main event at The Shops at Wiregrass, upper level parking deck. Educational materials, music, vendors, a kid's zone, and a concert will make this occasion enjoyable for all ages. The Race begins at 4:30pm and the live concert begins money, identification, or travel documents at 6:00pm. .

Human Trafficking is the second largest criminal enterprise worldwide, ranking only behind illegal drugs and netting billions able to leave job of dollars annually. It is estimated between 500,000 and 2 million individuals are trafficked annually worldwide with an estimated 15,000 to 18,000 being trafficked in the United States every year.

Sadly, the #1 consumer of human traffickfor the innocent victims of these despicable Florida Abuse Hotline at 1-800-96-ABUSE crimes, and the Tampa Bay area ranks between 2nd and 3rd in the state.

and girls, between the ages of 12-14, and most com) is accepting members. Email for deof these children are American citizens. The tails, and anyone wishing to share informaaverage age of survival in this brutal environ- tion with this publication may send an email ment is seven years. If and when a child is restored to edit101@ddpnews.com.

Plan to attend and learn what you personally can do to recognize victims right here Light Up the Night, sponsored by the in our own communities. Force, fraud, and/ or coercion are most often used to control a victim. Possible indications of human trafficking include, but are not limited to:

- · Constantly accompanied by a controlling person or boss
 - Bruises, depression, fear, overly submissive
 - Lack of control over personal schedule,
- Transported to and from work, lives and works in the same place.
- Debt owed to employer/crew leader, un-

If you think you have come into contact with a victim of human trafficking, do not become involved personally, but do call one of the professional services trained to recognize and rescue victims.

The National Human Trafficking Hotline ing is the United States of America. The state at 1-888-373-7888, The U.S. Department of Florida is #3 in the nation as a destination of Justice Hotline at 1-888-428-7581, the (22873), the local Clearwater/Tampa Bay Area Task Force Hotline at (727)562-4917 Traffickers frequently target children, boys or 911. Pasco FREE, (pascoFREE@gmail.

"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.'

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Grace Lutheran December Events

Grace Lutheran Church at Carrollwood has punch, stories, crafts, and games. Adults are some exciting events happening in December that are free and everyone is welcome to join us.

Saturday, December 2 from 5-8pm come join us for "A Night In Bethlehem." Be transported back in time to Bethlehem on the night when Jesus was born. Experience village life as you wander through the shops in the marketplace—bakery, leather working, scribe, pottery shop and more. Participate in the Nativity story with live animals. The event will take place rain or shine.

Sunday, December 10 at 4:00pm "The Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols" will be presented by the Chancel Choir and Chamber Orchestra. The concert features Scripture foretelling Christ's birth and music by G.F. Handel, John Rutter, Bob Chilcott, and others. A reception will be held following the concert. The concert is free but a free will offering will be collected for our Homeless In the Community Ministry.

celebrate Jesus' birth with us! Children will contact the church office at 813-961-8747 be treated to a birthday party with cake, or visit our website at www gracetampa.org.

invited to enjoy coffee, cake, and fellowship. Everyone is welcome and the event is free.

December 3rd, 10th, 17th and 24th join us on Sunday morning during the Advent season as we prepare for the celebration of Jesus' birth. Our traditional service begins at 8:30am and our celebration service begins at 11:00am. There will be one Advent service on December 24th led by our contemporary group "Spirits on Fire". We will light the Advent candle and offer communion at every service.

Sunday, December 24th a join us as we celebrate Jesus' birth on Christmas Eve.

Family Service at 5:00p. in the Sanctuary Quiet Christmas Service at 6:30pm in Grace Memoria Chapel (Communion offered)

Carols and Candlelight Services will be at 8:00pm and 10:30pm in the Sanctuary (Communion offered)

Grace Lutheran Church at Carrollwood is located at 3714 West Linebaugh Avenue off Sunday, December 17th at 9:45am come Dale Mabry Highway. If you have questions

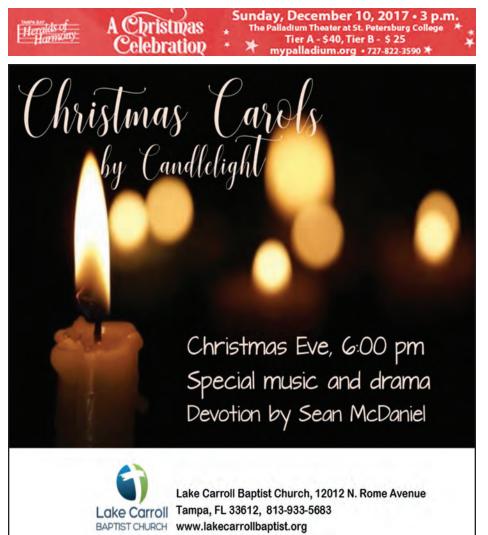
Oakdale Christmas Light Display

2719 Oakdale Street So., St. Petersburg, FL 33705. It will be held Fri. Nov. 24 through Wed. Jan. 3 from 6 to 10pm. Website: Christmasdisplay.org.

Pasco Sheriff's Bingo

Cash prizes up to \$2250! Bingo is held every Tuesday by the Fraternal Order of Police starting at 6pm. Doors open at 4pm. Enjoy the social, bring a friend, come early, and visit the snack bar. The location Is Pasco County Sheriff's Lodge 29 on 21735 YMCA Camp Rd., Land O'Lakes, FL 34639 (northeast corner of US 41 & Bell Lake Rd.). No one under 18 admitted. Call 813-388-5912 for more information.







Calling All Elves!

it is time to remember those among us in our 300 individuals. The items that they need communities who have suffered life chang- replaced are simple items that we often take ing events, injury, illness, or those who are for granted such as clothing items, hygiene disabled. These individuals, requiring care, items, shoes, sensory and social stimulation will be spending the season in care facilities. items, books to read, and activity books. "Elves for Elders" is a program created to provide these seniors, veterans, and disabled to make a monetary donation. Those funds adults with the items they are in need of, as go to cover the cost of medications, transa gift, so that they too can share in the spirit portation, and other harder to find personal and joy of the season!

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As the Holiday season quickly approaches, vard Counties. We are currently serving over

There is also a gift fund if you would like items or adaptive equipment. We thank you for considering "Elves for Elders" during this most wonderful season of giving.

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"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come. The old has gone, the new is here! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation." - 2 Corintihians 5:17-18



It's that time of year! Carolers caroling and trees getting trimmed. Our children love Christmas. The number one question that people ask us this time of year is how they can help a child at Hope this Christmas. We've narrowed it down to 3 easy ways that anyone can help.

The first way to help this season is through our general wish list. These are items that the House Parents and staff have decided that the child might need or want throughout the year. These are items like clothing things that the children may not ask for Christmas but are things that are a huge blessing to us during the year when the child might need those socks or underwear. We have also created gift registries to places like Walmart and Amazon where you can purchase those items, and have them sent to us or drop them off. The second way to get involved is by donating gift cards. Our children LOVE getting gift cards! After Christmas, we load up the buses, head to the mall, and use those gift cards to buy things that they want

or need throughout the year. Lastly, you can give a financial gift. It takes a great amount of finances to take care of all these children and facilities - not only at Christmastime, but all year-round. Each financial gift will help us as we continue to rescue the next generation of abused, abandoned, and neglected children throughout the year. Thank you so much for your desire to help and Merry Christmas!

See how you can help at HopeChildrensHome.org/



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Royal Pets Market & Resort

By Karen McBride



When planning your holiday gift list, don't forget your four-legged family members. Pamper your pet during this holiday season with a trip to Royal Pets Market & Resort ("the resort"). The resort offers complete spa and veterinary services. Treat your pet to a number of spa services available including:

- Bath and hair styling
- Cucumber facial scrub
- Creme rinse conditioner
- Ear cleaning
- Nails trimmed and grinded for a smooth finish

If your pet suffers from allergies, you may try medicated baths and moisture therapy wraps. The specialized system combines water and oxygen with specially formulated shampoo to penetrate the coat down to the skin. The natural, soothing shampoo reduces inflammation and irritation.

For nervous and anxious dogs, treat them to an aroma therapy bath. Some dogs may not like being bathed, and aroma therapy is known to help relax them.

To get into the spirit of the holidays, why not pamper your pet with the Winter add-on (\$15)? The special includes sugar cookie shampoo and cologne, a royal holiday-themed bandana, a therapeutic massage, and teeth brushing.

Preventative medicine is the key to keeping your pet healthy in order to enjoy their company for a long time. The resort offers a complete plan for maintaining your pet's good health, from dental visits to vaccinations.

A trip to the vet can be an expensive visit. However, the monthly wellness plans are very reasonably priced. The monthly plans start at \$39.95 for cats and \$49.95 for dogs. The plans will give you peace of mind knowing that your pet has access to the professional veterinarians at an affordable price. Some of the key features of our Wellness Plans are:

- \$10 unlimited vet visits
- all annual core vaccines
- annual blood work & wellness tests
- free visits to our hotel & salon

The resort is offering free enrollment for Wellness Plan signups until January 31 (a \$49.95 savings). Don't miss the opportunity to take advantage of this cost saving plan.

If your pet suffers from acute and chronic illnesses such as diabetes, thyroid disease, Cushing's Disease, Heartworm, or allergies, the highly-trained staff can work with you to determine and implement the proper treatment plan for your pet. Schedule an appointment today to learn the options available to you.

Mark your calendars for the Annual Winter Wonderland event. It will be held Saturday, December 16 at 11am. Santa will be there for free holiday pet photos and ornament decorating. There will be big sales, so you don't want to miss out!

The resort has three convenient locations in Carrollwood, St. Petersburg, and Palm Harbor. A fourth location in Apopka will be coming soon. For more information about additional services offered at the resort, including doggie day care, go to www.royalpetsmarket.com.



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Faith Goal Setting



their new business year. So let's view this as a

serves as the basis for Life Planning. May I

important that the actual goals. Yet it is es-

timated that only 3% of Americans actually

set goals—written goals. The reason this is so

important for Christians is because it helps identify the "Biblical Stewardships" that are

to be used as God-given gifts and resources

(time, talents, treasures, truth, relationships,

etc.) for the accomplishment of God-given

1. They provide direction and purpose.

3. They provide personal motivation.

2. They help us to crystallize our thinking.

4. They are a statement of God's will for us.

2. Concern that it takes a great deal of time.

3. Lack of knowledge of how to set goals.

4. Lack of understanding of what goals to set.

Why Should We Set Goals?

Why Don't We Set Goals?

1. Fear of Failure.

Goal setting is an ongoing process which

"Goal Tune-Up!"

goals and objectives.

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1 Peter 5:7

So, as you can see, we are not just look-Ha! This is a big topic that very few people accomplish. Now I know we normally might ing at setting goals from the world's motivational speakers' mindsets. We are setting talk about goals for the New Year. Well, in "Faith Goals" or "An objective toward which many lives we might begin a new school year with goals or plans goals for the "Snowbird" I believe God wants me to move." season, and some companies set goals for

I feel I need to emphasize the word "faith" by a couple of definitions:

- "Faith" is acting on the basis that this is what God wants me to do." —Ron Blue
- "Faith is acting on the belief that the add that the process of goal setting is more Bible is true in spite of my feelings and experiences to the contrary." —Ken Boa
 - Faith is not the denial of reality, but the acceptance of a greater reality." —Beth

This "Faith Goal" has 2 parts: my part and God's part. So here is the question:

How do I set a Faith Goal?

- 1. Spend time with God.
- 2. Write down your impressions.
- 3. Make it measurable. (It is not a goal until it is measurable. At best it is a good in-
 - 4. Take action or take the first step.
- I will end with one more encouraging quote:

"A dream is just a dream. A goal is a dream with a deadline and a plan." —Harvey Mackay

What are your "Faith Goals?"

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Samantha Taylor Samantha Taylor Fitness

Why do you think that so many women have a hard time asking for help with their weight loss? For many women it's because of pride and for many others it's sheer frustration of not knowing how to do it on their client comes to my studio is that she has tried everything yet she is not losing weight. It was when she finally realized she couldn't do it by herself that she reached out and got help.

now before you do something about it? The and sick of not seeing the results. It's okay sooner you catch it, the easier it is to lose it. to get help, it's actually a good thing because I think most women don't think of searching you can expediate your results. out for help to lose weight because it seems simple—eat healthier and exercise. A no I encourage you to take action this month brainer, right? But there is a little something called "life" that does tend to get in the way.

Life getting in the way consists of getting caught up with the day to day tasks being pulled in one direction to the next. Unfortunately, it seems that so many put their health and fitness on the back burner until continually putting it off starts to show up in their clothes not fitting anymore or the scale being the highest number they have seen or seeing a picture of themselves where they couldn't even recognize themselves. Then they are forced to deal with it.

reach that point and say, "I can't take this year celebrating Christ!

I Can't Do This On My Own

another second! I know I need help, I can't do this on my own." It's in that moment of frustration that can actually be your greatest step towards victory because you are fed up.

Actually being fed up with your current situation can be a good place to be because that is when you are most likely to do something about it. I heard someone say, "You will never change what you tolerate." That is SO true because if you tolerate it or put up with it, then it will stay the same.

So you have to ask yourself, "Am I fed up own. The most common thing I hear when a enough with the results I have had on my own to do something about this?" If so, congratulations, that is a good place to be!

It actually takes strength to admit you can't do it on your own, not weakness. It The question is, why let it get worse from $\;\;$ takes realizing you are sick of wasting time

> I know everyone is busy in December, but instead of waiting until January. We are going to give you a HUGE special on our programs, so let's talk. This is only for readers of this paper, so make sure you mention it when you see us.

> If you are ready to stop being frustrated and start getting results, then I would like to give you a Body Transformation Analysis. We will show you some tips on nutrition and map out a plan for how we can achieve your goals together.

Visit www.SamanthaTaylorFitness.com or call 813-377-3739. Merry Christmas! May It's at those moments that most women you enjoy celebrating this amazing time of

"So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you, for this sums up the Law and the Prophets." — Matthew 7:12



Women-n-Charge December Meeting

on Friday, December 1st from 11:15am-1:15pm at Pebble Creek Country Club (10550 Regents Park Dr., Tampa, 33647). The meeting includes lunch, a presentation, and time to network. We share our talents, build relationships, and share our resources with other women in business.

The cost is \$15 for members (who RSVP by Tuesday before) and \$18 for all guests. ephant Gift Exchange!

Join the vibrant ladies of Women-n-Charge Please register at www.women-n-charge.com. For more information, please call Judy at 813-600-9848 or info@women-n-charge.com.

Annual Christmas Party Luncheon & Gift Exchange

Jingle, Jangle, Jingle! It's time for Women-n-Charge to Mix & Mingle! Please join us for some holiday fun! Remember to bring a gift (no more than \$10) for the White El-

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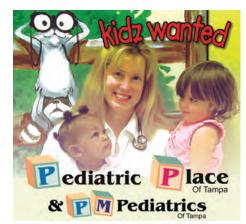
Written by Anne Childers

Dr. Michele Johnson-Towson is a boardcertified pediatrician with 26 years of experience in caring for children ages newborn to 21 years old. The doctor is encouraging patients to schedule now for flu shots. Vaccines are available and same-week appointments are possible.

Dr. Johnson-Towson and her staff are dedicated to keeping patients both healthy and educated on changes in children's healthcare. The live attenuated nasal flu spray vaccine is not recommended this year due to the Center for Disease Control (CDC) failing to prove it was adequate enough over the last 3 flu seasons to keep patients from contracting the influenza A (H1N1) type virus.

Normally, it is recommended for patients ages 2 to 49 that are healthy without underlying medical problems. The flu shot, which contains coverage against the influenza A&B strains, is available in proper doses for ages 6 months and up.

Tampa Bay students have been back in school for several weeks, sharing germs right along with academics and sports. Be sure to call Pediatric Place of Tampa and schedule Call today at 813-264-2288 and schedule checkups and physicals to keep your whole for protection against the flu season!



family healthy. It is important for shots to be up-to-date and hearing and vision tests current so students are ready for learning and healthy playing.

Pediatric Place of Tampa accepts all insurances as well as self-pay patients. New patients are always welcome! Pediatric Place of Tampa is conveniently located at 1338 W. Fletcher Avenue in Tampa. The cheerful, kid-friendly office is on the bus line, too.

GFWC Lutz Arts & Crafts Show

GFWC Lutz Arts & Crafts Show happening December 2nd and December 3rd. 18105 Gunn Hwy. Campus of Keystone Prep High School, Odessa. Hours 10am-4pm. \$5 parking.

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Holiday Dangers for Pets

The holiday season is fast approaching. It is important to be aware of some common pet dangers during this wonderful time of the year. Unhealthy treats, toxic plants and dangerous decorations top the list.

Holiday Food Dangers

Chocolate: Chocolate (of any type) can be toxic and sometimes deadly to dogs.

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Keith Chandler, Journey Christian Church

Researchers are discovering that many of the problems we have physically are a result of us not letting things go emotionally.

Pastor Craig Groeschell says, "The fastest way to kill something special is to compare it to something else."

You know that's true. Here's the problem. The moment we begin to do that, one of two things happen: we either feel superior or inferior, and NEITHER honors God.

There's a story in Scripture about the apostle John and the apostle Peter in John 20. The Bible is so honest because it lets us know all the ridiculous things they do.

When you read about their interactions with Jesus, you hear one say. "I get to sit next whom Jesus loved was following them." to Jesus," and the other one is saying, "Jesus, do you think I'm the greatest?"

I say this with all due respect that the apostle John might have been a little annoying.

Here's why I say that: he refers to himself in third person. He refers to himself as "the one Jesus loved."

It's similar to when Moses, who wrote much of the Old Testament, said, "Moses was the most humble man around." That's funny! Read John 20.

tomb after Jesus death to prepare the body with spices to help it decompose better. So Peter and the other disciple started out for the tomb. They were both running, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first." John 20:3-4

Yeah, yeah, Jesus is risen, but I'm faster than Peter. Let's get that written down, okay?

"Then the disciple (In case you've forgotten) who had reached the tomb first also went in." John 20:8

Fast forward a little. They have a meal with Jesus. Then the disciple Jesus loved (John) said to Peter, "It's the Lord!" In other words,

Not letting go can devastate our relationships. "I'm the first to notice it's Jesus!"

"When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his tunic (for he had stripped for work), and jumped into the water." John 21:7

This is where the story moves from funny to really powerful. Jesus predicted Peter would deny him three times. Peter is thinking, "I NEVER had a chance to tell him I'm sorry."

Peter and Jesus start this walk along the seaside; and Jesus looks at Peter and asks him. "Do you love me?" Peter says, "You know that I do."

Did you catch the irony here? Three denials, three questions.

"Peter turned and saw that the disciple John 21:20

Peter and Jesus are having this important conversation, and John's walking behind them trying to listen. "You guys talking about me?"

'When Peter saw him, he asked, 'Lord, what about him?" John 21:21

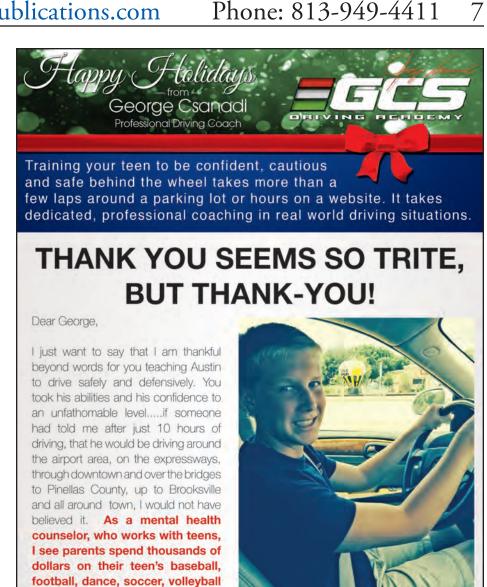
What's he gonna do? What Jesus says next has the power to break the spirit of envy in us all.

"Jesus answered, 'If I want him to remain "A group of woman were going to the alive until I return, what is that to you? You must follow me." John 21:22

> If I have a job for him that is better than yours, what is that to you? YOU follow me. We cannot faithfully follow Jesus if we're always comparing ourselves to somebody else. When you're looking around and you see somebody's talent. Stay in your lane.

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A traditional Christmas - the phrase brings with it many familiar images: trees with bright lights and garland, carols in the air, gifts wrapped in brightly colored paper, fun with friends and family, and so much more. But that is not the traditional Christmas I'm referring to.

The one I'm thinking about occurred more than 2000 years ago. It was the original Christmas, the day of the Christ-Child's birth. We find the story in Luke 2:1-20. It paints a very different picture from the one we recall when we hear the words "traditional Christmas."

It was a difficult time for Joseph and Mary. When most expectant mothers would be sheltered in preparation for childbirth, they were forced to leave home and make an arduous journey to a small village outside of Jerusalem. On the night of Jesus' birth, they found no sanctuary, had few provisions, and

no family or friends present. It was not a time of bright lights, brightly colored packages, happy songs and loving friends. It was a scary, lonely, very difficult time.

You may be facing a similar Christmas. Maybe there is no money for celebration. There are no family or friends to share the season. Times are difficult, the world seems hostile, people indifferent, and loneliness overwhelms the heart. You may feel totally disconnected from Christmas, but you are not. You are at the heart of Christmas. This was the Christmas of Joseph, Mary and Jesus. God sees you and He cares.

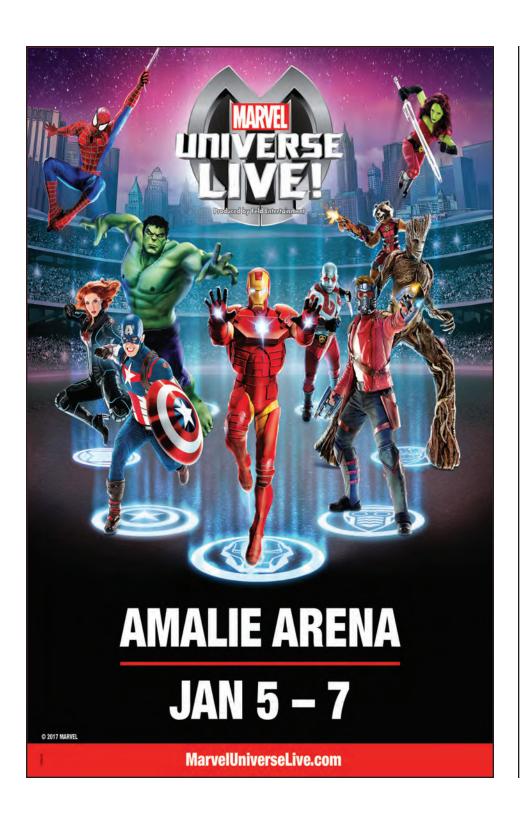
On that first Christmas night, there were no bright lights or candles in the stable, but God placed a bright star in the sky. There was no one to sing carols, so He sent His angels to proclaim the Glad Tidings. There were no friends to celebrate, so He found some lonely shepherds and asked them to go. There were no gifts to share, so He sent Wise Men from the East.

He can do the same for you. It may not look like a "traditional" Christmas, but it can be a wonder-filled time. The Christ-Child can place His Light in the midst of your darkened situation. He can cause His Spirit to sing songs deep within your heart. He can send His angels to keep you company. And, He can give you the gifts of joy, love and peace.

I pray we will all experience a traditional Christmas this season, one filled with wonder in the presence of a Savior born as a Babe in a Manger. Merry Christmas!

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The Celebration of Christmas

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No one knows the real birthday of Jesus, tian tradition says that it was the day Mary for no date is given in the Bible, so why do we celebrate it on December 25th? It was during the time of the Roman Emperor Constantine, who defeated Roman Emperor Maximinus at the battle of Milvian Bridge in 312. After saving the Christians who fled into Italy from Maximinus, Constantine became the first Christian Roman Emperor.

The first recorded date of Christmas being celebrated on December 25th was in 336, during the time of the Roman Emperor Constantine. He was the first Christian Roman Emperor. Years later, Pope Julius officially declared that the birth of Jesus would be celebrated on the 25th of December.

Though there are many different traditions and theories as to why Christmas is celebrated on December 25th, early Chris-

was told that she would have a very special baby, Jesus. This is called the Annunciation, which is still celebrated today on the 25th of March.

But December 25th might have been chosen because of the winter solstice, a day which had the shortest time between the sun rising and the sun setting, meaning winter was over and spring was coming. The ancient pagan Roman midwinter festival called 'Satunalia' was a festival that took place that honored the Roman God Saturn, called 'Dies Natalis Solis Invicti,' and took place around this date in December, when people were already celebrating these things. Most of us celebrate Christmas as the first coming of Jesus as a lamb, a baby boy. And he said "I will go and make a place for you."



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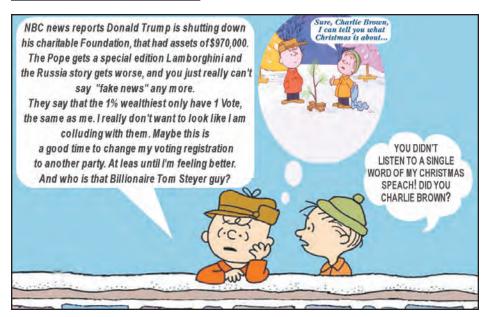
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delivered from them when you get there.

But John goes on to say in 1 John 3:9, when speaking about our spirits, "Whoever has been born of God does not sin, for His seed remains in him; and he cannot sin, because he has been born of God." John knew that your soul would not become perfect and sinless, but since your spirit is the "whoever" that is born of God, it has already become perfect and cannot sin because the Holy Spirit's seed dwells within you.

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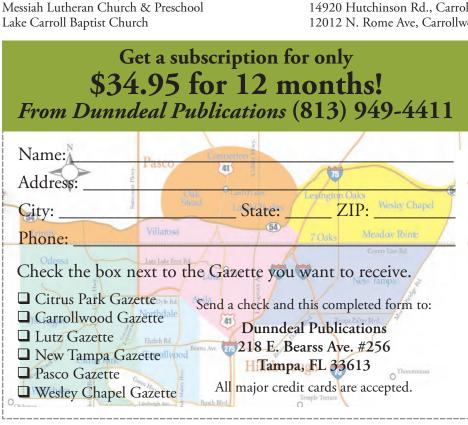
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