

*Christmas Greetings from Chic & Nancy Shaver,
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Dear Friends and Loved Ones,

I can't tell you how exciting it is for me to travel to a different city or town week by week and tell people the Good News about Jesus Christ in churches, camps, restaurants, and homes. I see lives changed by Jesus and I meet lives changed by Jesus.

This fall, I met Billy in Owosso, Michigan. He sat on the front row of the Saturday seminar and his face was beaming. By week's end he told me his story. He went from drugs, \$30,000 a weekend gambling, \$200 a fifth Johnny Walker Blue Label, \$1,100 a box of cigars, bar fights, three divorces to a prayer:

"God, if you're there I can't do this anymore. I don't know why You'd want me because You can't trust me, but if You take me, I'll never leave You again regardless of what I do."

to today:

He's remarried to Nancy, peace has settled on their home, family relationships healed, leads a men's discipleship group in his local church, filled with joy and peace, and excited about the Lord.

Is this really what Christmas is all about? Is Billy's changed life a repeat of what Bethlehem shepherds heard from angels: "Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord" (Luke 2:11, NIV)? Yes - a Savior for Billy, shepherds, you and me!

My beloved sister, Joanne Prager, passed away, age 76, on July 27, 2013. She courageously battled lung cancer since October, 2011. Nancy and I visited with her in January. Twenty-three family members vacationed together on Treasure Island, Florida, June 15-22, and Joanne was at the center of it all. Family, who gave her great support, provided an outstanding life celebration for Joanne August 12th. Many supported Joanne with kindnesses and prayer. Miriam prayed a significant prayer with her by phone shortly before her passing.

I have preached and taught in 19 cities and towns from New York to Texas this past year. This includes ten revivals, three camp meetings, several training seminars including a session with over 200 pastors and leaders, Circleville, OH, and a standing room only crowd at a General Assembly seminar in Indianapolis. My Basic Bible Studies in the English language passed 700,000 this year.

Nancy is still telling her personal story, counseling numerous people, and singing specials in some of my revival assignments.

Daughter Rachel and Kim Rowley continue living in Lees Summit, MO. and are active at First Church. Kim is collision repair estimator for Chamber Brothers. Rachel is Sales Training Systems specialist for Teva Neuroscience, a pharmaceutical company which moved to their beautiful new

office at Nall and 111th this year. Kim's son Kasey, wife Jessica, and daughter Kaiya have purchased and moved to a new home in Greenwood, MO.

Daughter Miriam, Overland Park, KS., continues at "Designers Only" which sells to high scale interior designers. Charlie is a national account manager for MultiService, Inc, a premier fuel financing company for transportation. Charlie has done an amazing job of discipling his daughter Patti and husband Branden and step-son Lenny Landrum through a Gospel of John Bible Study.

Son Paul, Muncie, Indiana, has begun a new job as truck driver for First Fleet delivering to Kroger stores. Lori is substitute teaching while investing in Carly, 14, and Cabron, 11. Cambry, 20, is now working as a dental assistant. Jonathan, her boyfriend is a student at Ball State, majoring in architecture. Daughter Chelsy has a photography business and her husband Chad Ray is doing kitchen remodeling. Their children are Ckinley and Cayson. Paul's family is active in their Christian school and Harris Chapel Church of the Nazarene.

Recently Carly's volleyball team won first place in the Indiana Christian School Association. Carly played a defensive specialist. Carly also sang the National Anthem for the 400 athletes competing in the Muncie Endure-a-Thon.

Nancy and I are active at Kansas City First Church of the Nazarene where I teach Disciples Class when I'm in town. The Chic Shaver Center for Evangelism continues to provide resources for Christian leaders and scholarship for Nazarene Seminary students.

Thank you for your love and friendship. Merry Christmas!
Sincerely,
Chic Shaver

...And Merry Christmas to you from High Drive

Just listen to the beautiful message of Christmas through music. "When I think of how He came so far from glory, came and dwelt among the lowly such as I, to suffer shame and such disgrace on Mt. Calvary, took my place, then I ask myself this question, Who am I that a King would bleed and die for? Who am I that He would pray 'Not My will, but Thine Lord'? The answer I may never know just why He ever loved me so, that to an old rugged cross He'd go. Who am I?"

What songs are you singing this Christmas? Do you have a story to tell? Have you found God or are you still searching? He came down in love to rescue us from sin and darkness, fear, shame, guilt and ignorance that keeps us enslaved. God has always been here, it just takes some of us longer to find and trust Him. There was a time when I wanted freedom from all the things that held me down and kept me back. My comfort zone limited my life until one day I found the courage and took a risk to live outside those lines and life has been an exciting adventure ever since. He is my Author, Creator, Redeemer, Teacher, Healer, Anchor, and Friend. He gives hope when we are hopeless, courage when we are not quite sure. His eyes roam over the earth looking for those who are fully committed to Him so He can strengthen them. When we claim His promises we never have to walk another day alone. Quotes I keep: 'If I do not keep that which is above me within me, I will succumb to that which is around me', and 'Greater is HE that is in you than he that is in the world'.

His grace still shines as we walk in step with Him,
Nancy