

Christmas Greetings from Chic & Nancy Shaver

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Dear Friends and Loved Ones,

They were wise men. They asked King Herod, "Where is the one who has been born King of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him" (Matthew 2:2). When they found the infant Christ, "they bowed down and worshipped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh" (2:11).

When we truly know this Christ, it is natural to worship and give gifts to him. I met Dale in a fall revival. He told me when he entered a relationship with Christ eight years ago, he saw positive changes in his life. A heavy load was lifted from his heart, and he was walking on the tips of his toes. Now, Dale felt it was time to give back to God his forgiven heart and all his life. When he prayed for God to sanctify him (I Thess. 5:23-24), God rid his heart of some lurking bitterness issues. He sensed release as he let go of "the control."

Dale, you are helping us. Why not have a Christmas where we give back to Jesus Christ? May that be a joyous reality for each of you!

Nancy and I continue to follow Christ. We are thrilled at the tremendous recovery of our son, Paul, from cancer surgeries over the last fourteen months, now back to work full-time. Rachel and Miriam have been loving and supportive daughters.

Nancy is facing the challenge of dementia. Nancy and I have decided we will be a team and deal with this challenge together. The note from Nancy beside my chair this morning said, "You always watch my back as I have always watched yours. God is near, and all is well as I have a deep settled peace in my heart. Love you, Nan." Our children have been very supportive, and members of Disciples Class, our church and neighbors have given Nancy help, especially when I travel. We have great doctors and counselors encouraging us.

Seventeen of our family members vacationed once again at our favorite memory-filled spot, Treasure Island, Florida, this past June. After that, we spent a couple of days with our Prager nephews in Sanford, Florida. Nancy and I plan to spend some time with dear friends, Curt and Doris Bowers, in Nampa, Idaho, in early December. Then, Chic will head to northern Idaho mountains to preach for a week.

On June first, Nancy and I marked our fifty-sixth wedding anniversary. The love fire is still burning.

I have preached and taught in twelve cities from Michigan to Texas to Idaho. This includes ten revivals, one camp meeting, and eleven seminars on witnessing or prayer. In Kansas city, I taught Disciples class when I was in town. My Basic Bible Studies in the English language passed 721,000 this year and is published in 55 other languages. Nancy is still singing her sweet songs and counseling others.

Daughter Rachel, and her husband, Kim Rowley, continue living in Lee's Summit, Missouri, and are active at Kansas City First Church of the Nazarene. Kim is collision repair estimator for Chamber Brothers. Rachel is Systems Specialist for Teva, a pharmaceutical company, and was honored repeatedly this year for successful projects. Kim's son Kasey, wife Jessica, and children Kaiya and Kayden, live in nearby Greenwood, Missouri. Daughter Miriam of Overland Park begins her eleventh year at "Designers Only," which sells to high-scale interior designers. Her husband, Charlie, has surpassed numerous goals as a freight broker at J & J Driveaway. Both are active at Kansas City First. Charlie's daughter Patti, husband Branden, daughter Layla, stepson Lenny Landrum, and his children Evan and Kaylee all attend First Church, too.

Son Paul of Muncie, Indiana, drives a six-state territory for First Fleet and referees volleyball games. His wife, Lori, pours herself into Carly, sixteen, and Cabron, thirteen. Their daughter, Cambry, and husband, Jonathan Chambless, live next door. Daughter Chelsy, her husband, Chad Ray, with their children, Ckinley, Cayson, and Callan, live close by. Paul's family is active in their Christian school and Harris Chapel Church of the Nazarene.

Nancy and I have been active in Kansas City First Church of the Nazarene since 1974. The Chic Shaver Center for Evangelism continues to provide resources for Christian leaders, and resources and scholarships for students at Nazarene Seminary and other Christian schools.

Your wishes, thoughts, and prayers mean more than ever at this season of our lives. Thank you. Merry Christmas!

Love,
Chic Shaver

Merry Christmas from High Drive

Greetings from our home to yours! Life is a mystery as we face new challenges. God is never boring, is He? We choose to live outside our comfort zones, and as we age, God still has us on the front lines. Yet the enemy never gives up, and we don't, either. God is amazing at all He can do as His energy is endless, and I am not far behind. "Trusting and Obeying" has been our motto because it still works, and faith is the victory that overcomes the world.

We are blessed with our two beautiful daughters nearby; thus, they watch over us. They shine for Jesus everywhere they go, and I pray that you will tell others what a difference He has made in your life, too. We are so grateful for the beautiful family Paul and Lori have created, and for all of the loving people in their lives who support them. Sometimes it is not easy to accept the changes that come, yet we have no other choice except to be flexible and keep moving forward. Jesus sets me absolutely free, and He gives me liberty, and that's enough to make me sing. And yes, my song is even richer now than it was before. Only Jesus can satisfy your soul, and only He can cleanse your heart and make you whole. He'll give you peace you never knew, sweet joy, and heaven, too, for only Jesus can satisfy your soul.

I was standing in the kitchen when I first heard Paul telling us about his throat cancer, and I just fell in a little heap. "Lord, how could you let this happen? Please, Lord, not our only son!" and He said, "Yes, Nancy, I want to use Him." So, I surrendered right then, and in a few moments, He poured a bucket of peace over me. It stayed with me all through the thirteen-hour surgery; and when it was over, they had removed the cancer, rebuilt his esophagus and put in the tracheotomy. He was up and walking the next day, and you know the rest. You can trust God all the way home. I know this because God picked me up and held me in His arms that day, and He loved me and cared for me and filled me with strength to face the future with whatever happens because He knows Paul's name and yours and mine. You can take it to the bank and deposit it - the one in Heaven, I mean. He is making us stronger and braver because there is no fear in love. I am waiting to hear how many people you brought to Jesus this year. And that's enough to make me sing!

Our love and prayers for the next adventure,
Nancy Foreal Shaver