

Christmas Greetings from Chic & Nancy Shaver

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Dear Friends and Loved Ones,

Peace! Can you think of a time in your history when you wished for "peace" any stronger than now? In our imploding and exploding nation and world, how we need peace.

Angels spoke or sang about peace when Jesus Christ was born. They said, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests" (Luke 2:14).

Could this peace be more than military and political? He was a big man who went forward to pray in an Arkansas revival. I didn't even get his name, but as I approached him as he rose from his prayer, he blurted out, "I'm free!" That's all he said, but obviously was much moved. Isn't it safe to think that when you are freed from your sins, bitterness, resentment, and more, you have peace? I'm sure that's what he meant. And, for everyone we care about, we are wishing "Jesus' peace"!

Nancy and I continue to enjoy "Jesus' peace." Our son Paul had a fifth cancer surgery this past spring, removing a tumor the size of a ping pong ball from his neck, and in a different spot than the cancer that required voice box removal in 2014. He was quickly back to his truck driving job. After spending time with us in June on vacation in Treasure Island, Florida, he drove to Orlando to referee again at the international high school girls' volleyball tournament of 1400 teams. This time he refereed 40 games in a week with his electric whistle. Paul is joyous and lives in peace.

Nancy continues doing quite well despite her Alzheimer's. She went with me to revivals and sang like an angel in Anderson and Bedford, Indiana, and Bryant, Arkansas. The Arkansas people asked, "Couldn't you sing some more?" She also sings in the Kansas City First Church of the Nazarene choir and solos regularly at the Alzheimer's music meetings. Loving people give us much support.

Nineteen family members vacationed again at our favorite vacation spot - Treasure Island, Florida. June 1st was our 58th wedding anniversary. These are very sweet days in our marriage. On October 3rd, on the table when I sat down for breakfast, I found this note:

To my handsome and loving dapper guy - How is it that I love you more every day? It is exciting to be your wife. An honor I do not take for granted (is) to help you in ministry to love and win the lost...Love, Nan

I have preached and taught in 11 U.S. cities from Maryland to Arkansas. This includes 10 revivals and 10 seminars on witnessing or prayer. I've also officiated in five funerals and one wedding. The number sold of my Basic Bible Studies passed 738,000 this past spring; they are translated and used around the world. I've had articles published in Grace and Peace magazine and Adult Teacher this fall.

Daughter Rachel, and husband Kim Rowley live in Raymore, Missouri. Since Kim's surgery for stage four colon cancer in 2016, he continues a regular chemo regimen. Rachel is a commercial trainer in the sales training department for Teva, a pharmaceutical company, has now had over 28 years with the company, and was recognized this year with the President's Award. Kim's son Kasey, wife Jessica, and children Kaiya and Kayden live nearby in Greenwood, Missouri.

Daughter Miriam, Overland Park, begins her 13th year at "Designers Only," which sells to high-end designers. Charlie, husband, continues surpassing goals as a freight broker for J and J Driveway. Charlie's daughter Patti, husband Branden, and grandchildren Layla and Lucas live in Baldwin, Kansas. Stepson Lenny Landrum lives in Olathe, Kansas. His children are Evan and Kaylee.

Son Paul, Muncie, Indiana, drives an eight-state territory for First Fleet. Wife Lori is major taxi service for her kids and grandkids. Cabon, 15, attends a Christian school in Anderson, Indiana. Carly, 18, has graduated high school, finished dental training, and is working as a dental assistant. Daughter Cambry and husband Jonathan live next door. Daughter Chelsey and husband Chad Ray, and their children Ckinley, Cayson, Callan and recently born Crossten live nearby in Yorktown. They are all active in local Nazarene churches.

Nancy and I are both active at Kansas City First Church of the Nazarene, where I regularly teach Disciples Sunday School when I am in town. The Chic Shaver Center for Evangelism continues providing resources for Christian leaders, and resources and scholarships for students at Nazarene Seminary and other Christian schools.

Your wishes, support, and prayers mean so much to me. Thank you. A "Jesus peace"!

Love,

Chic and Nancy Shaver

Greetings from High Drive - from our house to yours!
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Dear friends and family,

Yes, Chic continues to be the best husband ever. We are still in love, and it seems to get richer, fuller, and deeper - just like the song says, "Sweeter as the years go by."

We are still amazed at how God loves us and cares for us. We still tell His story - how He forgave us and remade us. Is it still a mystery? All I know is my heart is full of love for Him, and may it continue to spread. "The love of God is greater far than tongue or pen could ever tell. It goes beyond the highest star and reaches to the lowest hell."

MY CHRISTMAS WISH FOR YOU

If Jesus came to your house and knocked upon your door
Would you rush to let Him in and be excited to the core
Would your heart skip a beat as He stepped inside the door
Would you thank Him and praise Him, and then you'd sing some more
To know He saved you, then forgave you, and peace came all day long
So now you share His love and grace and forgiveness for the wrong
You pray for those who need Him, to have a heavenly point of view
To live their life with love and grace with a heart that beats brand new
We thank Him and praise Him for all our earthly days
To know that He is with us and blesses all our ways
It pays to serve Jesus - it pays every day - it pays every step of the way
Though the pathway to glory may sometimes be drear
I will trust Him each step of the way

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May God bless you and yours,

Nancy