



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

It has been reported, they "presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh" (Matthew 2:11). That was the action of eastern wise men who traveled to Bethlehem to worship the newborn Christ.

I saw that giving spirit in a Kansas town during revival services. Three teens came forward to pray, and all had finished their first Bible study assignment within 48 hours. Sonny was a high school sophomore, sang in the local church praise team, and attended every service of the revival—except one. He was troubled, though. His high school choir concert conflicted with Tuesday night revival. His teacher told him absence from the concert meant an "F" in his music class. He asked his pastor and me for advice. We were happy to tell him the Tuesday night message had been previously recorded; a member of the church bought the message for him. Yes, it was OK to sing in concert, he would hear the Tuesday night message after all, and as soon as choir ended, he showed up for the last five minutes of the service. Just think—a teen concerned about missing even one service out of five. It seemed to me that he was giving himself totally to Jesus. Can you think of a better thing to do this Christmas than giving ourselves to Jesus? That's what Nancy and I are doing.

Our son Paul, after five cancer surgeries over his adult life, is now taking mild chemo by pill. He enjoys his truck driving job delivering food to Kroger grocery stores in eight states. After our June Treasure Island family vacation, he drove to Orlando to referee an international high school volleyball championship of over 2700 teams and over 24,000 players from eight nations. He referred 32 games with his electric whistle. Paul is happy and committed.

Nancy is amazing. Her Alzheimer's, now in the seventh year, has not stopped her joyous singing. She sang every night at the Ottawa, KS, revival with anointing. The people loved her. She will be one of the singers in the Kansas City First Church of the Nazarene Christmas concert on December 16. A few days ago, she sang at the monthly Alzheimer's music meeting.

Over twenty family members vacationed at our favorite vacation spot—Treasure Island. June 1 was our 59th wedding anniversary, and these are the best days of a wonderful marriage.

I have preached and taught in 13 U.S. cities from Delaware to Texas this past year. This includes nine revivals, two campmeetings, one retreat, and thirteen seminars on witnessing or prayer. I've officiated in two funerals and regularly taught Disciples Class, Kansas City First Church of the Nazarene, when I've been in town. My book, [The Bible Speaks to Me about My Witness](#), has been revised and freshly published. It is also available for free on the Wesleyan Holiness Digital Library (whdl.com). I have completed a twelve lesson online course on witnessing—soon to be released. The Foundry Publishing reports this year that my [Basic Bible Studies](#) in its several English forms has now passed 744,000.

Daughter Rachel and husband Kim live in Raymore, MO. Kim's cancer has grown, and he continues aggressive treatment with a new round of chemo. Rachel has been promoted to senior commercial trainer at Teva, a pharmaceutical company, and has had over 29 years with the company. Kim's son Kasey and wife Jessica, with children Kaiya and Kayden, have been living in Greenwood, MO, but are in process of a move to Kansas City, KS.

Daughter Miriam, Overland Park, begins her 14th year at "Designers Only," which sells to high end designers. Husband Charlie continues as a freight broker for trucking companies. Charlie's daughter Patti, husband Branden, and grandchildren Layla and Lucas live in Baldwin, KS. Stepson Lenny Landrum lives in Olathe, KS. His children are Evan and Kaylee.

Son Paul and family live in Muncie, IN. His wife Lori keeps very busy with school and sports activities with kids and grandkids. Cabron, 16, attends a Christian school in Anderson and recently played in a state soccer tournament. Carly, 19, enjoys work as a dental assistant. Cambry and husband Jonathan have recently rehabbed a house and moved to Middletown. Daughter Chelsy and husband Chad Ray and children Ckinley, Cayson, Callan, and Crossten live in Yorktown. All of Paul's family is active in Nazarene or Baptist churches.

Nancy and I are active in First Church of the Nazarene, Kansas City. The Chic Shaver Center for Evangelism continues providing resources for Christian leaders and resources and scholarships for Nazarene Seminary and other Christian schools.

Your kindnesses and prayers have meant a lot to us this year. O, join us in [giving to Jesus Christ](#) this Christmas.

Love,
Chic and Nancy Shaver

Greetings from High Drive - from our house to yours!

December, 2018

My Christmas wishes for you are wrapped up in two devotionals published in the past in Come Ye Apart.

Joshua son of Nun, who had been Moses' aide since youth, spoke up and said, "Moses, my lord, stop them!" But Moses replied, "Are you jealous for my sake? I wish that all the LORD's people were prophets and that the LORD would put his Spirit on them!" (Numbers 11:28-29).

DON'T STOP GOD'S CHOSEN

Is it not good that our Heavenly Father is in control? I say let us rejoice and give thanks wherever, whenever, and however God chooses to work. Let us give, encourage, support, cheer, and be there for each other as we go about our Father's business.

Let no one rain on our parades. Let no one say our dreams can't come true. Let no one drop their negativity onto our visions from God, because He chooses the most unlikely. He uses those who are available. He selects the cream of the crop, He convicts those I don't think are ready, He calls those who are already too busy, He convinces me that "I can" in His strength, He scares me out of my comfort zone because He cares so much, and He always gives me another chance.

So let's keep on when we're struggling. Let's keep on when we can't see clearly. Let's keep on when doubts arise and fears dismay. Let's keep on until we get home—because we have been chosen.

—Nancy Shaver

SING TO THE LORD: "**The Solid Rock**" No. 436

On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;

All other ground is sinking sand.

All other ground is sinking sand.

—Edward Mote

But now he has reconciled you by Christ's physical body through death to present you holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation (Colossians 1:22).

TO BE PRESENTED HOLY

If I am going to be presented to God, I'd want my best bib and tucker on. Yet, somehow I don't think that's where He's going to look. I have been living in the Kingdom for years now and I have seen many blemishes. I have mine memorized.

There is a path of forgiveness at our house—a well-worn one. Sometimes I would rather not use it because it's easier to "do unto others as they do to me." It's not easy to choose love, but it works. It's not easy to respond instead of reacting, but it works. It's not easy to confront a problem that needs resolution that I'd rather not face, but it works. It's not easy to let a little thing go, but it works.

God must look and not see my blemishes just as I looked at each of my three newborn babies and said, "they are perfect." Because of God's gift to me, I am reconciled. What was broken is mended. What was separated was brought together. What never was, now is. It works!

—Nancy Shaver

SING TO THE LORD: "**Have Thine Own Way, Lord**" No. 480

Have Thine own way, Lord! Have Thine own way!

Thou art the potter, I am the clay!

Mold me and make me after Thy will,

While I am waiting, yielded and still.

—Adelaide Pollard

Love and prayers,

Nancy Shaver