



# THE GOOD NEWS



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## Christmas: They Loved Jesus

Of the Wise Men we read, "When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh" (Matthew 2:10-11, underlining mine). Isn't it fair to say they loved Jesus?

What a year we've had with people who love Jesus. Most recently, we've been impressed with a little Nazarene Church in Slidell, Louisiana. Because of faithful people loving people, this little church shines and bears its witness.

Carl and Brenda are two of the Slidell lay people. They were so kind and considerate and loving to Nancy and me. We took an extra day after the revival ended, and they gave their day to lead us around the city of New Orleans. At the end of the day, at a restaurant overlooking Lake Pontchartrain, they treated us to a tremendous fish dinner, and they paid the bill. Carl and Brenda and the Louisiana Nazarenes showed us so much love. I feel like they did more for us than we did for them. What is behind such love?

Carl told us he'd accepted Christ in a Nazarene church in San Diego when the Navy stationed him there. Married, with five children, he was 35 years old. One of the first things God showed him was the challenge to begin to tithe (giving ten percent of his income to the work of the Lord). "Now," he told me, "I give 30% to make up for the lost years." He loves Jesus. Behind loving us is loving Jesus.

May you have a "Love Jesus Christmas."

- Chic Shaver

## A Baby in a Manger - The King in His Glory

If the first Christmas was the Baby in the manger, could this Christmas be the King in his glory? In my recent regular Bible reading, I've been impacted by numerous proclamations about Christ's return. Let me simply quote some of these verses (all NIV).

**Hebrews 9:27-28** - *Just as people are destined to die once, and after that to face judgment, so Christ was sacrificed once to take away the sins of many; and he will appear a second time, not to bear sin, but to bring salvation to those who are waiting for him.*

**Titus 2:11-14** - *For the grace of God has appeared that offers salvation to all people. It teaches us to say "No" to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age, while we wait for the blessed hope - the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness and to purify for himself a people that are his very own, eager to do what is good.*

**II Thessalonians 1:7-10a** - *[God will] give relief to you who are troubled, and to us as well. This will happen when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven in blazing fire with his powerful angels. He will punish those who do not know God and do not obey the gospel of our Lord*

*Jesus. They will be punished with everlasting destruction and shut out from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of his might on the day he comes to be glorified in his holy people and to be marveled at among all those who have believed.*

For further study, read 2 Timothy 4:1-2, 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17, and 2 Peter 3:9-13.

I'm ready!

- Chic Shaver

## A Devotional Book

For some time, I have been writing devotionals for a future, hoped-for book. It's been off and on progress, but over 80 are written. About four months ago, I felt led to write this devotional. In October, I felt it should be included in this newsletter.

So, here is a sample of what I have been writing....

## A Hero Under a Villain

*"Now the famine was severe in Samaria, and Ahab had summoned Obadiah, who was in charge of his palace. (Obadiah was a devout believer in the Lord. While Jezebel was killing off the Lord's prophets, Obadiah had taken a hundred prophets and hidden them in two caves...)" I Kings 18:2-4.*

You could hardly get a more ungodly, evil, villainous king than Ahab (I Kings 16:33). Under this evil king was Obadiah, the palace manager. Then there is the side note - "Obadiah was a devout believer in the Lord" (underlining mine). And he demonstrated that belief by his actions. Ahab had the power and was evil; Obadiah was the servant and was good. Did he ever see a possibility of godly influence?

Despite fear of being killed, Obadiah arranged a meeting between Ahab and the prophet Elijah. This meeting led to the contest between the prophets of Baal and Elijah's God. This led to God's answer by fire and the destruction of the 450 evil prophets of Baal. Obadiah, I'm glad you didn't quit or despair or decide you couldn't have a godly influence.

It was a perilous time in the United States. One hundred thousand people had marched in Washington, D.C., to protest the Vietnam War. President Nixon was to address a joint session of Congress. I was preaching in Washington for a week in a local church. Because the chief recorder of debate for the U.S. Senate was a member of that local church, he got a seat for me at that joint session. I do not remember the words of the president, but I've never forgotten the thoughts of the chief recorder. "I've seen such evil in the cloak room of the Senate. Sometimes I wish I could just go back to my native Wyoming. But then I think, 'What will happen to our government if the godly people leave?'"

Oh yes, under an evil king, or in the middle of evil in the Senate, the godly will still have their impact. Where do you find yourself today? Do not miss your opportunity for godly impact! Even under a villain, you can still be a hero.

- Chic Shaver

**Contributions Were Made In Memory Of:**

- \* Pastor John Bullock
- \* Anita Farley
- \* Alex Gibson
- \* Gerald Oliver
- \* Rosalie Whittington

**And In Honor Of:**

- \* Chic and Nancy Shaver

**Because You Gave, We Gave**

- \* Discipleship materials to LifeChange Camp, Clinton, Missouri
- \* Discipleship materials to pastors & leaders in Pennsylvania, Kansas, Missouri, Illinois and Louisiana

**2000 Bibles = 2000 Bible Studies**

The Christian Literature for Africa Association (260-489-2393) has received a donation of 2000 Bibles. They plan to insert a Basic Bible Studies for New and Growing Christians in every Bible. The Chic Shaver Center for Evangelism is donating 100 Bible Studies.

**First Revival in Over Ten Years**

**Chanute Church of the Nazarene**

When Pastor Suttles arrived at Chanute in March 2016, he found out the church had not had a revival in over ten years. Early after his arrival, Dr. Shaver offered to come for a love offering and was even willing to stay at the parsonage with the family (and their new 80 lb. German Shepherd puppy). Pastor Suttles, having had Pastor Shaver several times before for revival services, accepted the offer immediately.

The church accepted the call to pray for revival. For forty days leading into the revival, someone prayed for revival and for the upcoming revival services. Several people were trained in how to follow up with new Christians with the Basic Bible Studies. In fact, several were leading new Christians before Pastor Shaver arrived. The people were open and willing to hear from God.

During the revival, altars were regularly filled with about twenty-two seekers. People were saved and filled with the Spirit. In fact, we found out that some who thought they were coming for sanctification were actually saved for the first time. One person was saved outside of revival services during the week. One lady experienced genuine transformation as God enabled her to forgive people from her past. The whole countenance on her face seemed to change that night at the altar. Here are some other highlights:

- \* There is a deeper sense and awareness of the Holy Spirit's presence.
- \* We are continuing to see new conversions inside and outside the church walls.
- \* People are recommitting and being sanctified on a regular basis.
- \* Our families are seeing financial blessings and, in turn, our church is seeing it as well.
- \* People are responding in obedience to the messages.
- \* At least five new leaders have risen up and come forward with definite callings to serve. New ministry avenues are opening up as well, with new small group leaders.
- \* People are committing to Wednesday night prayer meeting.

\* There is also an awareness that revival is still going on, and a sense of anticipation of what God is continuing to do!

Wow! God is truly moving! It really is important to reflect on what God is doing, or we may just miss it!

- Pastor Steve Suttles

**Ministry Update**

	Total Attendance	Seekers
<b>Church of the Nazarene Confluence, PA</b>	<b>210</b>	<b>11</b>
Witness Seminar	22	
<b>Church of the Nazarene Somerset, PA</b>	<b>231</b>	<b>26</b>
Witness Seminar	20	
<b>Church of the Nazarene Oil City, PA</b>	<b>407</b>	<b>28</b>
Witness Seminar	25	
<b>KC First Church of the Nazarene Kansas City, MO</b>		
AM Worship	<b>300</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>First Church of the Nazarene Chanute, KS</b>	<b>487</b>	<b>27</b>
Prayer Seminar	12	
<b>Holiness Church of the Nazarene Stilwell, KS</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>First Church of the Nazarene Joplin, MO</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>1</b>
Prayer Seminar	7	
<b>First Church of the Nazarene Casey, IL</b>	<b>450</b>	<b>36</b>
Witness Seminar	10	
<b>East Side Church of the Nazarene Mattoon, IL</b>	<b>255</b>	<b>11</b>
Witness Seminar	21	
<b>Church of the Nazarene Slidell, LA</b>	<b>146</b>	<b>7</b>

**Chic Shaver's Upcoming Ministry Schedule - 2017**

Open Time - Spring 2017 (Your church's invitation is welcome)

<b>Aug 26-30</b>	Casey, IL	<b>Revival</b>
<b>Sept 9-13</b>	Anderson, IN	<b>Revival</b>
<b>Sept 16-20</b>	Bedford, IN	<b>Revival</b>
<b>Oct 21</b>	Little Rock, AR	<b>Pastors Witness Seminar</b>
<b>Nov 4-8</b>	Chanute, KS	<b>Revival</b>

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