

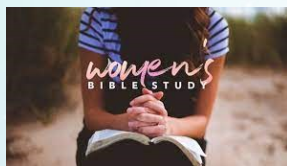
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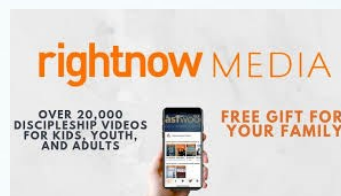
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Please have any information you wish submitted for the following month's newsletter by the 20th of the current month.

I MAY NOT BE A "WISE MAN," BUT AT  
LEAST I NEVER GOT SO LOST I HAD TO ASK  
HEROD FOR DIRECTIONS.



**MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF  
HARBOUR LAKE BAPTIST CHURCH  
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Thank you everyone for your generosity! Because of you, 52 children will receive gifts with clothes, toys, hygiene products, and school supplies. The most important thing is each of them were prayed over and each child will receive the Gospel.

Also, this year we used tracking labels, so when I find out where these gifts were delivered, I will let you all know. It cost \$10 each to send these boxes and we were able to do that because of you.



Thank you for your faithfulness every year,  
*Teresa*



Dear Church Family,

Our current candidate we are working with developed a serious lung infection a few weeks ago. He was in the hospital for five days. When I spoke with him last he was home doing better but had further testing scheduled trying to determine the nature of the infection. We are waiting for his health to improve before moving forward. Please pray for his healing and recovery, the Lord's guidance, wisdom and discernment for all of us. Thank you for your patience and prayers thus far.

In Christ's service,  
Ken Wilkes  
PST Chairman



Our Annual Christmas Party/ Ornament Exchange will be on Saturday, 10 December, at 5:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome, including children but no childcare will be provided. Please bring an ornament for each family member to trade in the Ornament Exchange. Dress is casual/semi-formal. See Jeanmarie Luther for what food may be needed & to RSVP. She needs to know how many will be there.



Join us for the Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at 6:00 p.m. on 24 December.



TRAYNE OF THOUGHT  
Pastor Joe Traynham

Now that we have celebrated Thanksgiving, we begin the season of Advent. The word "advent" is from the Latin and means "coming," indicating the first coming of our Lord Jesus Christ at His birth in Bethlehem long ago. During this time we reflect on His birth and all its ramifications.

But Advent is also to be a time to think about the Second Coming of Christ. While He came as a poor child in a barn and died suffering for humankind, in the Second Advent He returns as King of Kings calling His Church to reign with Him for all of eternity. Advent is meant to be a time to ponder your relationship to Jesus. Pray for a closer walk with Him. Pray to put Him first in your life. Pray to live and love as He did. Share the joy of Christ with others. Praise His name. Happy Advent!

On a side note, Debbie and I want to thank you for the way you have welcomed us into the Harbour Lake Baptist Church family. You have made us feel at home and it is a joy to serve the Lord with you.

Regarding the title of my article, my family's name comes from Old English and the title is a takeoff on it.  
Celebrating the season of Jesus' birth,  
Joe

### JOY TO THE WORLD

*from David Jeremiah's The Book Of Signs.*

Isaac Watts began writing poems when he was 7; and after his college years, began writing hymns. Isaac lived in a time when hymns were frowned upon, for many British believers only sang the Psalms in church. But Isaac wrote hymns anyway, and he is remembered today as the father of English hymnody. Many of his hymns are widely sung, including his great Christmas carol "Joy To The World". But Watts would be chagrined to know that "Joy To The World" is sung today as a Christmas carol, because he was not thinking of the birth of Christ when he wrote it, but of our Lord's return and the golden age that would follow the second coming. This hymn first appeared in a 1719 hymn book, in which Watts took many of the biblical Psalms and paraphrased them through the eyes of the New Testament. "Joy To The World" is based on his interpretation of Psalm 98 and the words do not refer to the birth of Christ at all. As you sing, let your mind's eye fast forward to the Lord's second coming, and consider: Did the things in this hymn happen when Jesus was born? Did the earth receive her King? Was nature transformed? Fields & floods, rocks, hills, & plains? Did thorns stop infesting the ground? Was the curse lifted? Did sin & sorrow cease, and does Christ currently rule the world with truth & grace? Do nations acknowledge His righteousness and wonder of His love? Let's think about the millennium & Christ's 1000 year reign as we sing.