

Love and Compassion Ministries

In the Name of the Father, Son, and the Holy Spirit

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*Remember Your First
Christmas?*

Were You Excited?

After accepting Christ as your Savior did
Christmas change for you?
Do you see Christmas in a different light now?
Is Christmas more about giving than receiving?

Thank God!

NEWSLETTER

Being a Christian

Being a Christian is like being a pumpkin. God lifts you up, takes you in and washes all the dirt off of you. He opens you up, touches you deep inside and scoops out all the yucky stuff-- including the seeds of doubt, hate, greed, etc. Then He carves you a new smiling face and puts His light inside you to shine for all the world to see.



*All of us here at Love And
Compassion Ministries
wish to thank you for your
friendship, love,
prayers and
support.*

*May we never forget why
we celebrate this season.*

*Merry Christmas
and
Happy New Year!*

God Bless you all!

HOW TO LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE AT CHRISTMAS AND ALWAYS

Work with joy.

Pray with love.

Dream from your heart.

Share what you have.

Live simply.

Love deeply.

Thank God always.

Merry Christmas

**God Bless
You All!**

Here are some simple ways to keep Christ the central focus of your life this Christmas season and all year long:

Keeping Christ in Christmas means revealing daily the character of love that dwells in you, by allowing these traits to shine through your actions.

Give God one very special gift just from you to Him:

Let this gift be something personal, that no one else needs to know about, and let it be a sacrifice. David said in II Samuel 24 that he would not offer a sacrifice to God that cost him nothing. Maybe your gift to God will be to forgive someone you've needed to forgive for a long time. By doing this, you may discover a gift that you give back to yourself. Forgiveness is to set a prisoner free, and to realize the prisoner was you. Perhaps your gift will be to commit to spending more time with God daily. Or maybe there is something God has asked you to give up. Make this your most important gift of the season.

Plan a project of "good will" this Christmas:

Think about "adopting" a single mom. There are lots of people that are barely making ends meet and don't have money to buy gifts for their child. Do you have an elderly neighbor that is in need of home repairs or yard work? Find someone with a genuine need, involve your whole family and see how happy you can make someone this Christmas.

Take a group Christmas caroling in a nursing home or a children's hospital:

Incorporate Christmas caroling at a nursing home into your yearly staff Christmas party plans. Tour the facility while singing Christmas carols. Take pictures because you will want to reflect on the party for many years. Your hearts will be full of tenderness and it will be the best staff Christmas party you've ever had.

Give a surprise gift of service to each member of your family:

Jesus taught us to serve by washing the disciple's feet. He also taught us that it is "more blessed to give than to receive." Acts 20:35 The idea of giving an unexpected gift of service to members of your family is to demonstrate Christ-like love and service. You might consider giving a back rub to your spouse, running an errand for your brother, or cleaning out a closet for your mother. Make it personal and meaningful and watch the blessings multiply.

Set aside a time of family devotions on Christmas eve or Christmas morning:

Before opening the gifts, take a few minutes to gather together as a family in prayer and devotions. Read the Christmas story in Luke 1:5-56 through 2:1-20. Read a few other Bible verses and discuss as a family the true meaning of Christmas.

Attend a Christmas church service together with your family:

If you are alone this Christmas or don't have family living near you, invite a friend or a neighbor to join you.

Send Christmas cards that convey a spiritual message:

This is an easy way to share your faith at Christmas time. If you've already bought the reindeer cards -- no problem! Just write a Bible verse and include a personal message with each card.

Write a Christmas letter to a missionary or someone in ministry work:

This idea is dear to my heart! For many years now I have received a special letter from a special person each Christmas. Opening the letter is always like opening a priceless gift on Christmas morning. Many missionaries are unable to travel home for the holidays, so it can be a very lonely time for them. Write a special Christmas letter to a missionary or someone working in ministry work. Thanking them for giving their life in service to the Lord is one of the best things you can do. Trust me, it will mean more than you can imagine!

**Remember It's OK To Say
"Merry Christmas."**



Mark Decker
Will Be Missed!

I believe that all of our past, present and future directors have been picked by our Lord and Savior. It takes a special person to be a director of a ministry like Love And Compassion Ministries. I can say, with no reservations, that Mark Decker is truly a man of God. He is more than a friend or a brother. We all will miss him dearly. He has served this ministry as director for almost two years now and for the past year he has served as vice-president.

Mark is a General Contractor that specializes in home and condo building, additions, bath and kitchen design and remodeling of complete homes since 1986. I would recommend Decker Homes to anyone that desires to work with a man that stands on God's principles.

Mark and his wife Kathy have purchased a farm and he now needs to spend more time with his family on the farm. Mark has been such a blessing to LCM. He has given so much to this ministry in time, money, substances and influence. He is wise and desires to continue to serve within the jail system teaching the Word of God and he will be starting a new Bible study on "end times" for adults at the LCM office starting February 11, 2013.

If you wish to contact Mark call - 239-872-8349

If you wish to be part of the Bible study call - 239-574-5683. Thanks!

Love And Compassion Ministries
Wishes to Thank
A Wee Promise Christian School
For Their Thanksgiving Collection

This year for Thanksgiving, Amy York along with other teachers and the students at **A Wee Promise Christian School** gathered together a collection of canned goods and paper items for Love and Compassion Ministries. The school is also planning to do a second much needed collection for the Christmas holiday. They hope to collect both canned and boxed food items but also collect different items that can be given as Christmas gifts. **A Wee Promise Christian School** has been helping to collect these items for Love and Compassion Ministries for more than three years now and plans to grow this effort with the growth of the school.



In the fall of 2011, **A Wee Promise Christian School** was able to move its ministry to First Baptist Church here in Cape Coral after having its eight year ministry in Fort Myers off of Cypress Lake Drive. They have had to work through many changes but have found God's blessings and provisions to always meet them at every turn. They thank God for every year He gives them to reach out to children, through the use of a strong curriculum by Pensacola Christian College called, "The A Beka Book Curriculum". They are also able to provide additional ministry opportunities such as a weekly chapel, Christmas programs with a Godly message, and outreach to our community for the Lord, with special events.

Please join me in thanking all that make this possible and in praying for growth of the school. Their classes consist of ages 2yr. old through 3rd grade with a plan to add a new grade level each year. Their ultimate goal and prayer need is to one day be able to offer a tuition free Christian education to the public. This of course is a large goal but with God's help all things are possible. All at **A Wee Promise Christian School** wish all of you Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

If you wish to contact A Wee Promise Christian School, you can do so by going to <http://awp-fm.com/> or call them at **239-542-4257**.

The Doll and the Rose

I was walking around in a store. I saw a cashier hand this little boy his money back saying "I'm sorry, but you don't have enough money to buy this doll." Then the little boy turned to the old woman next to him: "Granny, are you sure I don't have enough money?" The old lady replied: "You know that you don't have enough money to buy this doll, my dear."

Then she asked him to stay there for five minutes while she went to look around. She left quickly. The little boy was still holding the doll in his hand. Finally, I walked toward him and I asked him who he wished to give this doll to.

"It's the doll that my sister loved most and wanted so much for this Christmas. She was so sure that Santa Claus would bring it to her." I replied to him that maybe Santa Claus will bring it to her after all, and not to worry. But he replied to me sadly. "No, Santa Claus can't bring it to her where she is now. I have to give the doll to my mommy so that she can give it to my sister when she goes there."

His eyes were so sad while saying this. "My sister has gone to be with God. Daddy says that Mommy is going to see God very soon too, so I thought that she could take the doll with her to give it to my sister." My heart nearly stopped. The little boy looked up at me and said: "I told daddy to tell mommy not to go yet. I need her to wait until I come back from the mall." Then he showed me a very nice photo of him where he was laughing. He then told me "I want mommy to take my picture with her so she won't forget me."

"I love my mommy and I wish she didn't have to leave me, but Daddy says that she has to go to be with my little sister." Then he looked again at the doll with sad eyes, very quietly.

I quickly reached for my wallet and said to the boy. "What if we checked again, just in case you do have enough money?" "OK" he said "I hope that I have enough." I added some of my money to his without him seeing and we started to count it. There was enough for the doll and even some spare money.

The little boy said: "Thank you God for giving me enough money!" Then he looked at me and added "I asked yesterday before I slept for God to make sure I have enough money to buy this doll so that mommy can give it to my sister. He heard me!" "I also wanted to have enough money to buy a white rose for my mommy, but I didn't dare to ask God for too much. But He gave me enough to buy the doll and a white rose." "My mommy loves white roses."

A few minutes later, the old lady came again and I left with my basket. I finished my shopping in a totally different state from when I started. I couldn't get the little boy out of my mind.

Then I remembered a local newspaper article two days ago, which mentioned of a drunk man in a truck, who hit a car, where there was one young lady and a little girl. The little girl died right away, and the mother was left in a critical state. The family had to decide whether to pull the plug on the life-assisting machine, because the young lady would not be able to recover from the coma. Was this the family of the little boy?

Two days after this encounter with the little boy, I read in the newspaper that the young lady had passed away. I couldn't stop myself as I bought a bunch of white roses and I went to the funeral home where the body of the young woman was exposed for people to see and make last wishes before burial.

She was there, in her coffin, holding a beautiful white rose in her hand with the photo of the little boy and the doll placed over her chest. I left the place, teary-eyed, feeling that my life had been changed forever. The love that this little boy had for his mother and his sister is still, to this day, hard to imagine. And in a fraction of a second, a drunk driver had taken all this away from him.

Please be an angel this year... Don't drink and drive!

Love And Compassion Ministries

is in desperate need of your monetary support.

Many are hurting in these difficult times.

Together we have the power to change lives!

Please give and don't forget to pray for us!

When you support this ministry it gives us the power to reach the lost, imprisoned, homeless, troubled youth, veterans and hurting people of this area!

All donations are tax deductible, but we do not know for how long.

Congress and the President are talking about removing this deduction.

Whether you give one dollar or thousands, please write your congressman / woman and let them know how important this deduction is to the ministries that are already having problems raising money to keep the ministry doors open.

Thank You!



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ARE YOU SERIOUSLY GIVING US ALL WOOLIES FOR CHRISTMAS?!?



Friends and Partners,

May God bless you all during this holiday season with peace, love, and a brighter future. May we all reach out to someone and touch them in a way where they will feel the love and compassion from our Savior as The Holy Spirit ministers, directs, and guides us!

My grandfather was a man of honor. He worked hard six days a week. He never made more than five hundred dollars in a year's time and never took government money. He and grandmother never had a hot water tank, shower, bathtub or many of the modern conveniences we enjoy every day yet, they raised twelve children on what they did have. During many cold nights, the windows would ice up on the inside of the house. They had to cut and split wood to heat the house and cook. They drank from a cistern that had some of the worse water you have ever tasted. They raised cattle, mules, hogs, chickens and grew many a crop to eat and sell.

Granddad paid for a two hundred acre farm by clearing other land at one dollar an acre. That was cutting the trees down, cutting the timber up, pulling out the stumps or blowing them out of the ground with dynamite so that people could plant crops. This was very hard work with nothing but an ax, a team of mules and some explosives. All this hard work made him strong and yet very wise in many ways. He made what they needed, but was always willing to share what he had with less fortunate people. He cared about others, and he was proud to be able to tell others many times how God saved his life.

No matter how bad things got, Granddad never gave up. Many storms of life fell upon his shoulders and yet nothing broke his will to carry on, even when all looked doomed. He pressed on. I thank God for my family and what they were able to do in their life time, but I know from experience how hard it is to not give up and throw in the towel. Ministry work is not for the faint of heart nor for the one that wants to get rich. Matter of fact, it is not for the ones that expect things to just fall into place. Ministry work is a twenty-four hour a day job, seven days a week. Ministry work takes a lot of faith, prayer, love and willingness to go anywhere, at any time, when God calls, and believe me there is an unseen evil force that will do all they can to side track you and or destroy you at the same time.

I guess I have a lot of my grandfather in me for I believe if you are going to do anything, do it with all your heart, with total commitment or nothing. I have discovered that you can always do more than you think you can do. I am willing to sacrifice my life and all I own to reach the lost, but I need your help!

Together we can honor our Father in heaven and help the imprisoned, homeless, drug addicts, troubled youth and so many more. It is our choice. I have made my choice. I am pressing on. What are you going to do? I pray that together we will start using Love as an action. Please help us to reach the lost of this world with love and compassion.

Let us not allow satan to steal the true meaning of Christmas from us. May we all view this Christmas in a new light as we let the Holy Spirit build within us and bubble over into others. Enjoy the season, give from your heart and worship the Lord. May this be the season that we use every day we have left on this earth to show God's love to others.

Thanks and God Bless You All!

In the Presence of our Lord,

Ron Willis

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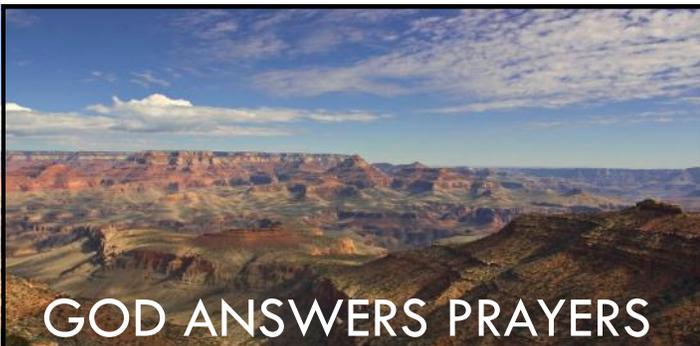
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