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believing and declaring that God will expose deception on multiple levels of government fraud, and bring justice to elections and more! However, that does not take away our joy. In fact, Christ's joy is now at all-time level highs. Let's remember this good news is for "all people!" Amidst unprecedented stress and pressure, let's remember God sent Jesus to save us. Let's make our news, GOOD NEWS!



Quotes & Stats on Christmas

"This is what is meant by 'thy King cometh.' You do not seek Him, but He seeks you. You do not find Him, He finds you."

~ Martin Luther

"God grants the light of Christmas, which is FAITH; the warmth of Christmas, which is LOVE; the radiance of Christmas, which is PURITY; the righteousness of Christmas, which is JUSTICE; the belief in Christmas, which is CHRIST."

~ Wilda English

"Faith is salted and peppered through everything at Christmas. And I love at least one night by the Christmas tree to sing and feel the quiet holiness of that time that's set apart to celebrate love, friendship, and God's gift of the Christ Child."

~ Amy Grant

"For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given."

~ Isaiah 9:6

"They, then, who are destined to die, need not be careful to inquire what death they are to die, but into what place death will usher them."

~ Augustine

There's no place like church for the holidays—six out of ten Americans attend church at Christmastime... Many would welcome going to a Christmas service with someone they know.

~ LifeWay Research

Over half of Americans will go to church [for] Christmas. Of those who don't, 57% said they would be open to an invitation to go.

~ VEITH

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Saying Goodbye to Loved Ones; Yet Good News for IMA

By Dr. Timothy L. Warner; IMA National Chairman



I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. II Timothy 4:7

Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of His saints. Psalm 116:15

As you will see in the next few pages, some of our dear loved ones have departed. IMA honors those who have served our Lord and our Beloved Association. Many of our seniors are facing the reality of what the Bible calls pestilence; we call it COVID-19. Signs of Christ's coming are all around us. The worldwide harvest of souls is at hand.

The year 2020 has been like no other! It is the first time ever to have churches closed, business open to 10-25% capacity, six foot social distancing, governmental shut down, and mass-scale cheating

Christ Is Born!



on presidential elections. Saints

are weary, (USA) citizens skeptical, missionaries stranded, the entire world seemingly on hold.

Amidst all of this, let's take a few moments to consider the birth of our Lord Jesus. Let's pause to remember the difference this One Child made in the world He entered. Let's call to mind two verses which describe the birth of our Lord; and who indeed would be impacted!

Then the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which shall be to all people. For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord" (Luke 2:10-11 NKJV).

First, heaven speaks to earth to not

be "afraid." This is good news and great medicine for the twenty-first century troubled soul. Sound too simple? People need to be reminded to FEAR NOT. Approximately 365 times the Bible says, "Fear not." That is one for each and every day of the year!

Second; I bring you good tidings, said the angel. If you hear some preachers... You wonder if there is any good news. I make myself say, "The good news is...!" Our messages must convey the point that God loves us, He is for us, He has a plan, He came to save sinners.

How about joy. The American church is battling in spiritual warfare for the soul of this nation. We are praying,

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Honoring the Lives of Departed Loved Ones

PASTOR GEORGE AUTREY DUDLEY

*Founder of Christ Church;
Little Rock, Arkansas*



Pastor George Autrey Dudley, age 88, traded his earthly body in exchange for his heavenly wings on October 24, 2020.

Brother Dudley was just at the young age of 16, when God put Luke 4:18 in his heart, without him knowing what it truly was. It was there that he was set on a path to answer the call and devote his life to ministry.

He began his life of service as an evangelist for several years before becoming the

Pastor of his hometown church in Vernon at the age of 19. He was then called to pastor a church in Scott, Arkansas in 1960. In 1975, he and his wife Joyce, founded and proudly pastored Christ Church for 45 glorious years.

Brother Dudley was not only a devoted servant of God, he was also a restaurateur, having owned Curley's BBQ on 12th street. He and his wife Joyce served the best BBQ, footlongs, and hot tamales in town. As an entrepreneur, he had many business endeavors, from selling insurance to founding Dial and Dudley Funeral Home with his daughter and son in law.

He was also a faithful member of the IMA for over 40 years and proudly served on

the National Board. He was honored to serve as Chairman of the Board for several years. There is no possible way to list all his accomplishments and the number of lives he touched.

Brother Dudley treasured his family, his church family, and his many friends. Of all his titles and accomplishments, the one he was most proud of was "Poppy." His grandchildren were his world, and he was theirs. Whether it was Friday night sleepovers, dinners, Holidays, BBQ in the backyard, or school functions, he was there to share memories and be the patriarch to his family. He treasured life and lived every moment to the fullest. He loved hunting, fishing, and playing dominoes with his family and friends.

MISSIONARY JOHN FREDERICK MORTIMER



John "Fred" was adopted into the Mortimer Family, April 15, 1949. He was raised on a farm in Sheldon, Wisconsin. By the age of eight, he had Rheumatic Fever twice. (God gave him a new heart).

He married Helena Rose Willett, Dec. 8, 1962. They had two children, Cheryl and John E. Cheryl has two children, Wade and Aberham.

John (Fred) was trained in ministry by Pastor Paul Tucker. He graduated from Language School in the Fall of 1974 and he and his wife moved to Mexi-

co as full-time missionaries. They ministered to the Aztec Indians in the Mountains of Mexico until 1982 where many had never seen a white person before. Feeling it was time to head to the Amazon Jungle, they turned their ministry over to missionaries they had trained.



John "Fred" had a vision from the Lord of a houseboat on a big river he felt was the Amazon. Stepping off of the boat onto land, he saw Indians he had never seen and preached in a language he had

never hear before and thousands gave their hearts to the Lord.

Shortly thereafter, they found the houseboat from his vision in Northern Duluth, MN. They purchased the boat and captained it from Duluth, MN in 1983 and headed for South America, arriving Iquitos, Peru in 1988.

Life was lived by making Jesus known with signs and many miracles along the way. John (Fred) was proud to have four generations on the Mission Field. He was a member of IMA!



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Note from Member Service Coordinator

It's time for Renewals!

As we say goodbye to 2020 and look forward to 2021, we do so with the hope of better days, but with a resolve for come what may. We know that, no matter what, the Church WILL stand strong and it WILL be victorious.

Incumbent upon all of us during this time is to stay plugged in and to stay connected. Now, more than ever before, is the time for unity and fellowship within the Body of Christ. While forces are seemingly aligned to keep us all alone and isolated—both literally and figuratively—we know that a "threefold cord is not easily broken."

It is for this very reason that I look forward to working with each of you in the coming days and weeks as we all renew our IMA memberships. Be on the lookout for 2021 Membership Renewal packets by mail; online renewals are also available at imainfo.org.

God bless you all.

Sean Alexander; IMA Member Services Coordinator



REVEREND ROGER MICHAEL SHIELDS



Rev. Roger Michael Shields received the call from his Lord to preach the gospel at the age of 23 in Hot Springs, Arkansas; and answered his second calling at 9:30pm, Friday, October 30, 2020, into His glorious presence from the Arkansas Heart Hospital in Little Rock.

Brother Shields was ordained as a minister in the Pentecostal Church and was licensed with the International Ministerial Association (IMA). A student of the word of the Lord from an early age, he was bap-

tized and received the gift of the Holy Spirit.

He pastored the Apostolic United Pentecostal Church in Parkersburg, West Virginia. In 1976, he pioneered the Apostolic Gospel Tabernacle, where he pastored for 42 years, serving as senior pastor for three years. He encouraged thousands of the faithful and baptized hundreds of wonderful brothers and sisters throughout the years in the lovely name of Jesus Christ.

Mickey, as he was known, was also gifted with a beautiful voice, and played the guitar and loved to sing hymns to his Lord and his God. Mickey took great delight in seeing all his children, his grandchildren and his great-grand children become active in ministry and in

their home church. He was the owner and founder of Triple S Feeds, and he loved to ride horses, bird hunt and fish. He owned Black Angus cattle and loved working with them. He was also an accomplished quilter.

Mickey loved people and enjoyed celebrating special occasions with friends and loved ones. He was loyal to and proud of his Lord, his family and his country.

"He has fought the good fight, he has finished his race" and has "joined that great cloud of witnesses." He is encouraging us to also "lay aside every weight and to run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith."