

# Kingdom Builders Newsletter

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## Wholly Committed Code

We are wholly committed to serving others and to being positive role models. We seek to allow the Holy Spirit to guide our understanding and our actions in serving others and helping those in need.

To serve by the "Star Fish" Principle

If we can make a difference in the life of one person – we have accomplished a great thing.

There is a greater probability that we will be a positive influence and make an important difference in a person's life when we:

1. Are compassionate towards others
2. Not easily offended or quick to offend
3. Are ready to forgive those we work with and those we serve
4. Have a serving heart – willing to give of ourselves in service and not quick to tire

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## The First Christmas

This is an expose of the first Kingdom Builders of the Gospel. Sit back and enjoy as you find yourself in at least one of these valiant characters.

Mary had a lot to look forward to she was soon to be married to her prince charming. Late into the wee hours of the morning a message was delivered to her that would change the course of her life and bring hope to millions. Mary was very young, her attitude and character brought glory to God. She had such favor with God that he chose her as the vessel to bring the Savior into the world.

Knowing the ridicule that she would face, she whole heartily submitted to the will of God, trusting Him completely. Mary's calling brought her great joy, however, there was also much pain and suffering. Yet Mary lived her life as a woman of great faith.



Joseph was a skilled workman and respected in the community. He was a man of honor. When Mary came to tell of her condition his love and respect for her would not allow for him to make publicly known, what he first thought was, her shame.

Joseph dreamed and trusted that it was from God that told him not to fear. He and Mary were

to be the chosen couple to raise the redeemer of the world.

In obedience to the instructions of the angel of the Lord, Joseph, with self control, would remain faithful to his wife and not have intimate relations with her until after the birth of Jesus.

Zacharias and Elizabeth, a couple righteous before God and advanced in age were used of God to conceive, the forerunner of Christ, John the Baptist.

Zacharias after being visited by an angel did not believe that his wife would be able to conceive, because of his unbelief he was not able to speak until after the birth of his son. Instead of complaining and being angry with God the first thing he did, when he was able to speak, was to praise the Lord.

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## What's More Valuable than Gold?

What is your top priority for Christmas 2006?

1. To buy your children what they want for Christmas.
2. Have money to cook a traditional Christmas dinner.
3. To be close to your family and create special memories of this Christmas.
4. Celebrate Christmas as a Kingdom Builder.
5. To be late paying your bills so that you can buy gifts for everyone on your list.

This Christmas season as we rush to purchase gifts, and cook family dinners let us remember God is a God of relationships. More valuable than gold and the gifts that we will go in debt to purchase is love and relationships.



## Voices from Prison

"This has become my motto, Lord help me 2 maintain because I don't want 2 die living in vain. I'm trying 2 do right." Vickie

"I noticed in the newsletter that you were asking if people wanted to correspond with us behind bars. I'd love to have a Christian pen pal!" Tammy

"We must at all times do what is right and pleasing to God, this way we won't unknowingly lead, those who look to us for guidance, in the wrong direction." Janice



"He that the Son sets free is free in deed!"

"God is good, you are so right about making choices. Yes I have made my choice and my choice is to live the right way. I have accepted God as my savior." Diane

"...do I want to spend the rest of my life coming in and out of jail and prison this is not a game this is for real this has to stop and it can today right now. God I surrender my life to you..." Ann

"...they are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope. This verse is so compiling, even in my despair I remember that God has a special plan for me...The thing is, will I act on that knowledge, will I have the courage to carry it out? I know that my recovery, my deliverance is part of God's will. I began the process of carrying out his will by admitting how helpless I am over cocaine and trusting my life into God's loving hands." Michelle

## Inspiration Today

The pressure of directing a play, leading a choir or being the head of an outreach activity can be quite stressful. Our goal is to have a positive influence on our targeted audience, but in this process we can miss the opportunity to encourage and have a positive influence on those who are our helpers.

The fear of a few showing up, and that all our hard work in the planning and execution of our program will be wasted is a real concern. As Christians, however, we must remember that if we are doing God's will we have done well. God's plans will always succeed, He will draw the people. Be it many or few.

We are simply to be God's willing vessels even if our efforts reach just one precious soul.

For Kingdom Builders to be ready in season and out of season we must see every person that will cross our path as an opportunity to encourage, share God's love and the message of Christ.

## A Christmas Wish

**We have included a list of what our ministry longs for as we enter into the New Year.**

1. Volunteers and Ministry Leaders
2. Used and broken musical instruments
3. A business or churches willing to share space for weekly meetings for various support groups and community outreach
4. Application submitted for non profit status before the end of the year.
5. City wide Sunday school classes and church home groups to sponsor our families and outreach activities.
6. Churches to partner with us to help transport our children and families.
7. Books to help teach reading skills
8. Donations of Recovery Bibles, children and teen Bibles.
9. A projector
10. Our own ministry building

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Elizabeth, as the elder of Mary, gave her great comfort and encouragement as she spent time with Mary.

The shepherds, field hands of lowly stature were visited by the angel of the Lord. They were the honored guess of the birthday entrance of the Savior!

Having their fears calmed and trusting that God would take care of their sheep hurried to see the Christ child. The shepherds did not worry if they would be laughed at. They spread the news far and near of the glorious birth of the King.

Simeon was a just man devoted to God. He believed in what the Holy Spirit revealed to him.

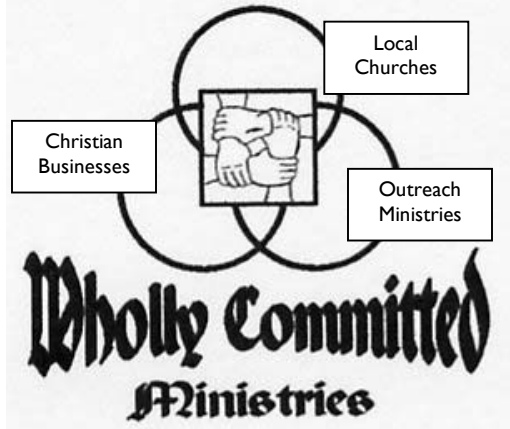
He believed that he would not see death before seeing the "Lord's Christ". It was his sensitivity to the Spirit that lead him to the Temple the day the child Jesus was brought to be dedicated. Simeon praised God and proclaimed the good news of the Savior.

Anna, a prophetess of great age, served God with fasting and prayer night and day. She too was at the temple that faith filled day. She gave thanks unto the Lord and spread the

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## Someone Needs You



### We need you!

Wholly Committed Ministries is looking for people with the heart to make a difference in the lives of the hurting and the lost.

**We need people to help us. Won't you consider being a volunteer, a sponsor, a partner?**

For a copy of our needs list or for additional information please call Sheila Green at 512-636-1381.

*We are walking with people through the challenging times of their lives.*

*Won't you join us?*

*We can accomplish great things together!*

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news of the savior to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

The last to revisit were the wise men who traveled from afar to worship the King. They had great joy as they followed the star that announced the location of Christ.

These men did not let their standing in life or their great knowledge keep them from bowing down before the baby, to worship the Christ. They brought with them treasures of great worth to give as gifts in honor to the Newborn King.

It was a dream that warned these scholarly men not to return to Herod. They trusted the message from God and obediently departed another way to their own country.

Let us follow the star (Jesus) as we faithfully trust and obey and in doing so we too, just as the ancient Kingdom Builders, will bring honor to God.

*Sheila Green*

Read more in Matthew 1: 18 – 2: 23,  
and Luke 1: 5 – 2: 39



*Merry Christmas*

The goal of our organization is to live out the prayer of St. Francis of Assisi. We desire to bring light where there is darkness, hope where there is despair and to sow love. We hope that you will support this ministry and feel confident that your contributions and/or volunteer time will go towards the services that will bring hope into the lives of many.