

"Look to the fields. . ."

SHAD WILLIAMS EVANGELISTIC ASSOCIATION

"We Go To Them"

Merry Christmas!

December 14, 2023

Dear Treasured Friends,

Do any of you feel like Christmas has arrived this year a little quicker than usual? It sure seems that way to me! When Sheila and I returned from Africa on October 14, I thought, "Oh, good, it's just mid-October – we have plenty of time to get the year wrapped up before Christmas and get ready for 2024. Well, here we are, and we're still working on it. Of course, what we did not figure on was our daughter, Rachel, spending weeks in the hospital being treated for lung disease and our having to spend so much time being available to her. Even as I write this letter today, she is being discharged once again – hopefully, not to return for a while.

But, in the midst of it all, Sheila and I want to take a moment to wish all of you, our treasured friends, our brothers and sisters in Christ, a **VERY MERRY and VERY BLESSED Christmas!** For the first time in many years, we find ourselves with literally no time to pick out Christmas cards, get them addressed, and have them in the mail to arrive on time. But Sheila and I join our hearts together in praying that Christmas 2023 will be the most wonderful celebration of the birth of Jesus you have ever experienced.

Last Sunday we participated in a wonderful Christmas musical at our church entitled "Behold The Lamb". You can go to "Sharon Baptist Church – Savannah, TN" on Facebook and view it. It was a powerful reminder that Christmas is not just about presents, lights, and decorations. All those things are wonderful, but the **REAL MEANING**, the real message of Christmas is about a Lamb slain before the foundation of the world for the payment of our sin. It's about **JESUS**, The Lord of Lords and King of Kings. The image most often associated with Christmas is a newborn baby boy in a manger. But the REAL image is that of our Royal Redeemer on the cross. He was born in this world to die, so that we may be born into His world to live for eternity. THAT is what this season is all about.

So, as we make our way through these days leading up to Christmas Day, and on into the coming year, let's all make a concerted effort to stay focused on Jesus, and influence as many people as possible to do the same. In every circumstance, at every turn, let's lift our eyes from the cradle to the cross and **BEHOLD THE LAMB.**

Again, Sheila and I want to tell you all that we love you very much, we treasure your friendship and fellowship in the Gospel, and we wish you all a **VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS!!!**

Much love in Jesus,



Shad and Sheila