

# In The Way

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## Merry Christmas to All!

*"Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world. He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs." - Hebrews 1:1-4, ESV*

This last month was a second month of busy travel, as I visited Houston, Elgin, Azle and San Antonio in Texas, as well as Shreveport, Mandeville, Metairie and Lake Charles in Louisiana, and Vienna, Virginia and Bethlehem, Pennsylvania. A great big thank you to all the people and pastors who hosted me, invited me to Christmas parties, and were willing to share their lives and experiences as I shared mine.

After the celebration of the nativity of our Lord, we will be on our way to Ohio for some visits with family and with congregations. If you are in the southwest Ohio, eastern Indiana or northern Kentucky areas, here is where you might run into us!

- Sun., Jan. 1<sup>st</sup>, 9:00 AM and 10:30 AM  
Messiah, 4715 Holly Ave., Middletown, OH  
Bible Study and Preaching
- Thu., Jan. 5<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM  
Peace, 1451 Ebenezer Rd., Cincinnati, OH  
Chili Dinner and Presentation
- Fri., Jan. 6<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM  
St. Peter, 18000 Van Aken Blvd., Shaker Heights, OH  
Snack and Presentation
- Sat. Jan. 7<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 PM and Sun. Jan 8<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 AM and 10:30 AM  
Redeemer, 300 W. Mason Rd., Sidney, OH  
Preaching, Presentation Sunday Morning at 9:00 AM
- Sun., Jan. 8<sup>th</sup>, 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM  
Immanuel, 8538 N. 500 E-1, Decatur, IN  
Presentation after Youth Dinner

## Christmas Greetings from Deb

This has been an exciting and busy month for our family! While Charles was accumulating thousands of miles connecting with supporters, we were here observing Advent. This year the decorations are much sparser due to the addition of our very active cat, Jasmine. The small tree that used to be "for the girls" is our main tree this year. It's actually quite nice. There is beauty in simplification. With all the unrest around the globe, it is peaceful to give thanks that we have a safe, warm, stable place to call "home". Refugees are not hauling around tubs of Christmas decorations to create the "perfect holiday decor". Many do not even know that the reason we Christians put so much effort into this observance is that we are in awe that our God would choose to take on human flesh and then sacrifice it to save us several decades later. Less decorating leaves more time for prayer!

Family News Item of the Month: I got my permanent residency on Dec. 22. I am now permitted to stay in Canada indefinitely. Whew! Border crossings just got a whole lot easier. Contrary to the US system, I was told I would have to wait 4 years before I can even apply for citizenship. Seems like a prudent approach. Cards are written, cookies are baked, parades and dinners attended, and now the anticipation of the upcoming services. May the Christ Child bless your time with Him today and always.





*ABOVE LEFT: Nativity Window at Redeemer, Mandeville, LA with Rev. Aaron Stinnett; BOTTOM LEFT: With Janice Tackett and Tom Dubois at Memorial, Houston, TX; CENTER BOTTOM: Bilingual Children's Program at Ascension, Montreal; CENTER: Rev. Perry Culver, lifting high the cross in Shreveport, LA; TOP: At Good Shepherd, Azle, TX; BOTTOM RIGHT: Deb, receiving her Canadian Permanent Residency on December 20!*

## Prayer Concerns

For the health of Abasifreke Ite, who continues to have problems related to kidney function, in Kingston, Jamaica,

For safe travels during the winter months, to the midwest for all of us and to the Caribbean for Charles in January,

For Victor and those seeking Christ, that Jesus may draw them to Himself through his Gospel,

For the blessings of the Lord, that we be able to continue our work on our "four islands".

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