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## *Sister to Sister News*

**Ministry Purpose:**

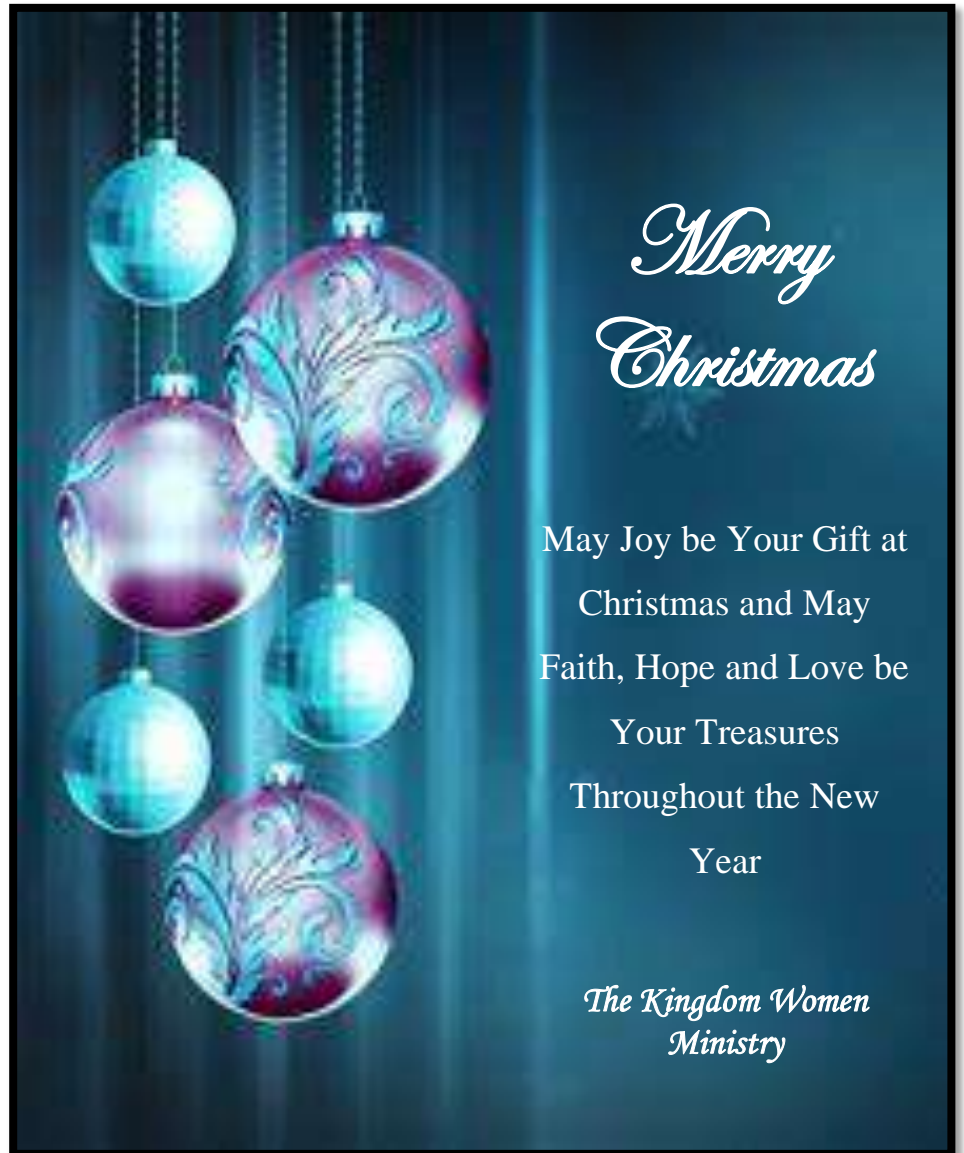
To equip, inform and inspire to nobler services as we share the gospel of Jesus Christ and the gift of salvation.

**Ministry Mission Statement:**

Kingdom Women vigorously seek the Kingdom of God and His righteousness. This requires earnest endeavor and diligent faith, spiritual warfare that includes the will to resist Satan and sin; and to hunger and thirst for the Word of God. Together, we will intercede through fasting and prayer for the lost, the family and the community. We serve God with whole hearts and willing hands, performing good deeds that please the Father. We will walk in love and protect the spirit of unity through the bond of peace among the sisters as we follow Christ Jesus.

**Foundational Scripture:**

Esther 4:14-17



*Merry  
Christmas*

May Joy be Your Gift at  
Christmas and May  
Faith, Hope and Love be  
Your Treasures  
Throughout the New  
Year

*The Kingdom Women  
Ministry*



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## Greetings Kingdom Women,



On behalf of the Kingdom Women Ministry Leadership Committee, we want to thank you for entrusting us to seek God’s divine wisdom in how to lead His ministry of women here at the Fort for His Glory. What a joy and a privilege it is to be your servant leaders!

For the better part of 2020, we have had to endure the devastating emotional, financial and economic impact of the coronavirus pandemic, systemic racism, social injustices and a presidential race like no other in the history of our country. I am sure you will agree if it had not been for God’s grace, mercy, faithfulness and the power of prayer, we would not have survived such unprecedented times.

Despite a year filled with tragedy, pain, isolation and many other challenges and hardships, we can still say there have been many victories. Our unshakable faith inspired and led us to triumph over fear because we knew that God was in control and that He would see us through - and see us through is exactly what He did. He provided the technology for:

- Pastor to continue Sunday Worship Services and Wednesday Bible Study to feed the flock with the Word.
- His women to gather together each Thursday night in corporate prayer and praise.
- Organizing and executing impactful and meaningful Fellowships.
- Developing an amazing Newsletter with encouraging articles to lift the spirits.
- Implementing the KWM Web Channel on the Church’s website, so we may communicate with each other and others around the world.

I believe through these mediums and for such a time as this, our spirits are more connected than ever. The “Sisterhood” will grow stronger as we stay connected to God and each other.

Kingdom Women, we pray that you will be as excited as we are about what God is going to do in and through His “Women of Divine Power, Purpose and Influence” in 2021. **The 2021 KWM theme is: “Lift Your Sisters and Become One,” Scripture: John 13:34-35; 17:21-22.** There is no limit to our togetherness and together we will serve the Lord with gladness and each other with the Love of Jesus.

Our prayer for you is that God will bless you with joy, peace, protection, inspiration and strength and may you always know that He is faithful to His promises. *“Now the God of peace...equip you in every good thing to do His will, working in us that which is pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever and ever. Amen”* (Heb. 13:20-21)

The KWM Leadership Committee wish you and your family a Merry Christmas and a Prosperous and Fruitful New Year!



**Rev. Betty Horton-Hodge**, Chair and  
Kingdom Women Ministry Leadership Committee

## Christmas Prayer

Gracious God, our Heavenly Father,

We come before you in the precious Name of Your Son, and our Savior, Jesus Christ. First, we come before You to give You praise, glory, and honor. We want to thank You for this day You made for us to rejoice and be glad. We are thankful for life and all of its goodness. Father, we confess our sins, and ask that You would forgive us of our sins.



Now, we pause to thank You for the Joy at Christmas in celebrating the birth of Your Son. Help us to remember it's not about the presents we find under the tree, but about receiving Your best gift to us, Your only begotten son, Jesus, who came wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. Even during this difficult season our country is going through now, we are grateful in knowing that we have a Savior who was born to save us from our sins; that He will keep us in perfect peace as we keep our minds stayed on Him.

As we think on the real meaning of this time of celebration, we are also thankful for family and friends, far and near. We ask Your blessings on those who have lost hope, those who have lost loved ones, or those who may be alone and afraid. Allow us to share Your love with them to let them know they are never alone, and that You will never leave them nor forsake them.

Please help us to always keep this wonderful time of celebration of joy and love deep within our hearts and minds. This, we pray, in the Mighty Name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and King. Amen.

*Submitted by Rev. Brenda Allen*



### **A REWRITE**

T'was a month before Christmas,  
And all through the town,  
People wore masks,  
That covered their frown.  
The frown had begun  
Way back in the Spring,  
When a global pandemic  
Changed everything.  
They called it corona,  
But unlike the beer,  
It didn't bring good times,  
It didn't bring cheer.  
Contagious and deadly,  
This virus spread fast,  
Like a wildfire that starts  
When fueled by gas.  
Airplanes were grounded,  
Travel was banned.  
Borders were closed  
Across air, sea and land.  
As the world entered lockdown  
To flatten the curve,  
The economy halted,

And folks lost their nerve.  
From March to July  
We rode the first wave,  
People stayed home,  
They tried to behave.  
When summer emerged  
The lockdown was lifted.  
But away from caution,  
Many folks drifted.  
Now it's November  
And cases are spiking,  
Wave two has arrived,  
Much to our disliking.  
Frontline workers,  
Doctors and nurses,  
Try to save people,  
From riding in hearses.  
This virus is awful,  
This COVID-19.  
There isn't a cure.  
Too early for vaccine.  
It's true that this year  
Has had sadness a plenty,

We'll never forget  
The year 2020.  
And just 'round the corner -  
The holiday season,  
But why be merry?  
Is there even one reason?  
To decorate the house  
And put up the tree,  
When no one will see it,  
No-one but me.  
But outside my window  
The snow gently falls,  
And I think to myself,  
Let's deck the halls!  
So, I gather the ribbon,  
The garland and bows,  
As I play those old carols,  
My happiness grows.  
Christmas ain't cancelled  
And neither is hope.  
If we lean on each other,  
I know we can cope

## The Reason for the Season



*For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given: and the government shall be upon His shoulder: and His name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The Mighty God, The Everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. Of the increase of His government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon His kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even forever, The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this. – Isaiah 9: 6-7*

Often, we have heard these verses of scripture read during the Christmas season. However, have we stopped to consider the beauty of this passage, the Greatness of our God, and His faithful commitment to us?

How totally awesome to think that God in His Holiness, His Perfection and Righteousness loved His creation so much that HE (not a substitute), wrapped Himself in human flesh to be born of a woman for the purpose of redeeming man-kind from the penalty of sin and death. Born to die for us. **Hallelujah!** During this time of uncertainty in our country, in our world, there is one thing we may surely stand on with great certainty. OUR GOD, OUR HEAVENLY FATHER is committed to His people. We can and should find rest for our souls in Him. Jesus said in Matthew 11:28-30: “Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.” What a wonderful promise from a wonderful Savior. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, *Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace, good will toward men. Luke 2:13-14.*

The Lord Jesus Christ was and IS that perfect gift given to man-kind. No longer is He that babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. He IS the Lion of Judah, the Great I AM, worthy of our worship and praise. **Hallelujah!** As this blessed and beautiful Christmas season is upon us dear Kingdom Women, my sisters in the faith, let us **gratefully** consider the **best gift** ever given. As we enjoy the wonderful songs of Christmas, beautifully decorated Christmas trees, homes filled with poinsettias, colorful decorations meticulously placed throughout our homes, as we enjoy the smell of deliciously baked cakes and cookies, and time with our families (remember social distance), let us pause, I mean really pause and think about the true meaning of Christmas: “For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life”. – John 3:16

The true meaning of Christmas? **JESUS IS THE REASON FOR THE SEASON.** O come let us adore Him, Jesus Christ the Lord. **Hallelujah and Bless His Name.**

*Amen and Merry Christmas.*

Written & Submitted by Sister Deborah Smith

**ARE YOU READY FOR CHRISTMAS?**

Ah...Christmas time. I LOVE Christmas. As we prepare for its coming, I think of all the traditions we had in my home as a little girl. The tradition I hated, but loved its results was “gym”-cleaning. My mother and I recently had a conversation about why this type of cleaning was called “gym”-cleaning. She said, “Well, we didn’t know any better...it should have been called “general cleaning.” Well, I’m here to tell you that I think the name, “gym”-cleaning was right...because we used every muscle in our bodies in every imaginable way.... We washed curtains, washed windows, washed baseboards, dusted every piece of furniture...including the thousands (I’m exaggerating here) of knick-knacks on them, washed and heavily starched the couch and chair covers (which I had the privilege of ironing), mopped and waxed linoleum floors and my most favorite ...NOT...we hand-waxed and buffed the hardwood floors. But when all was done, we were ready for the freshly cut tree from my Grandparents’ farm and ready to start shaking the gifts that started to appear under it. It wasn’t until I was an adult that I learned about Advent.

Even though Advent is a tradition that we can participate in during the church service, have you ever meditated on what it means to you individually? As we anticipate the birth of Jesus Christ, Advent allows us to “shake” the packages of what we anticipate Jesus’ birth will bring to us: Hope, Love, Joy and Peace. Let’s look at Hope. Can you imagine living with no hope? Take a minute to ponder that. I worked with a young man, Jonathon, who was having many personal problems. One of which was his wife had separated from him and then she had prevented him from seeing his child. A couple months later he started making plans to go to Disney World with her and the child. Sitting in my office, he told me that he thought they might get back together. I remember that moment, as he was smiling about his plans. When I came into work about two weeks after this, everyone was trying to meet me in the garage before I got into the office area...you see about two (2) hours earlier that morning, Jonathon had jumped to his death from the 7<sup>th</sup> floor window of his office. He had learned two days before that there was not going to be reconciliation with his wife. He... had... no...Hope.

While Hope is just one of the Advent virtues, the birth of Jesus Christ brings to us...we should take time during the Advent season to meditate on just what Jesus’ coming means to us. Can you imagine a world with no Hope, no Love, no Joy and no Peace?

On Christmas Eve, I love sitting by the tree and gazing into the lights recognizing that what the tree’s lights does for our home, is what Jesus Christ does for our lives. Jesus is the Light of the World. 2020 has been a tough year for many of us, but “shake” these Advent gifts from our heavenly Father as you start a new tradition...don’t just leave the Advent celebration in the church, but meditate on how God’s gifts through His son, Jesus Christ fills and strengthens you. And during this season, “May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace” as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. (Rom 15:13 NIV)

*Author Charlean Sandidge*



# Prime Timer's Biblical Facts

## The Prefix “OMNI” Means “All”

- **Omnipotence** – all powerful - Example scriptures: Psalm 115:3; Isaiah 55:11; Jeremiah 32:17
- **Omniscience** – all knowing - Example scriptures: Ps 147:5; John 2:17; Heb 4:12-13; I John 3:20
- **Omnipresent** – present everywhere at the same time - Example scriptures: Genesis 17:7; Exodus 6:7; II Corinthians 6:16

## God's Greatest Commandments

- Love - Matthew 22:37-40
- Love - I Corinthians 13:13
- Make disciples - Matthew 28:18-20

## Division of Psalm

- The book of Psalm consists of 50 poems divided into five books
  - Psalm 1-41
  - Psalm 42-72
  - Psalm 73-89
  - Psalm 90-106
  - Psalm 107-150
- The first four books are marked by concluding doxologies and Psalm 150 serves as the doxology for the entire collection.



Submitted by Deaconess Emeritus Erma Boyd Hines

## **Don't Forget “Momma Knows Best” Is Ready to Serve YOU!**

***Momma Knows Best*** is based on **Proverbs 9:10** “Fear of the Lord is the foundation of wisdom, knowledge of the Holy One is good judgement.” (NLT)

“***Momma Knows Best***” is your opportunity to submit questions anonymously about sensitive and intimate subjects and receive wise and godly counsel. It is a two-way dialogue between women of all ages to share and discuss topics in the journey of life. From shared experiences, we will grow and learn spiritual insights to handle all of life challenges. Ladies, feel free to share your reflections in the journey of life.

You can expect a response within 3-5 business days. With your permission, questions and responses will be posted in the **Kingdom Women's Monthly Newsletter**, or they will be kept confidential, if permission is not received. The ***Momma Knows Best*** Submission Form can be found on our new **Kingdom Women Ministry Web Channel** at <http://www.fortfootebc.org/kwm>.

If your need or concern is beyond the expertise or authority of the ***Momma Knows Best*** Team, it will be referred to the Church for assistance.





***Kingdom Women Ministry  
Weekly Prayer Call***

***Every Thursday  
7:14 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.***

***Dial Teleconference  
Call Number  
425-436-6357  
Access Code -543895#***

**BEAUTY**

flows from the heart of a young woman who is resting in the truth that she is loved, seen, known, wanted, and lovely to her heavenly father.

# Upcoming Events

**Kingdom Women Ministry 2021 Theme:**

*“Lift Your Sisters and Become One”*

Scripture: John 13:34-35; 17:21-22



You are invited to join your Sisters-in-Christ to the following 2021 First Quarter Zoom Fellowships as we begin our journey of “Sistering:”

**January 9, 2021**

Prayer Breakfast: Theme: Devoted to Prayer

**February 13, 2021**

Theme: Falling Deeper In Love With Jesus

**March 13, 2021**

Theme: Meet Me at the “[Blue Table](#)”: Conversations About Coping With Today’s Issues

*Zoom access information will be provided via Realm Communication*







## *Christmas Cranberry Pecan Oatmeal Cookies*

### *Ingredients:*

- 1/2 cup butter, softened
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1/2 cup packed brown sugar
- 1 large egg
- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1 cup all-purpose flour
- 3/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
- 1-1/2 cups old-fashioned or quick-cooking oats
- 1 cup dried cranberries, coarsely chopped
- 1 cup chopped pecans



### *Directions:*

1. Preheat oven to 350°. Total Time Prep: 25 minutes to bake .
2. Cream butter and sugars until light and fluffy; beat in egg and vanilla. In another bowl, whisk together flour, cinnamon, salt, baking powder and baking soda; gradually beat into creamed mixture. Stir in remaining ingredients.
3. Drop by tablespoonfuls 1 in. apart onto ungreased baking sheets. Bake until light golden brown, 12-15 minutes. Cool on pans 2 minutes. Remove to wire racks to cool.

***Cake Baking Tip:*** To bake a moist delicious cake that taste like a cake from scratch – add to a box cake mix a small box of pudding (same flavor as the cake mix) and use milk instead of water

*Submitted by Elizabeth LaGrange Smith*





# *Pearls of Praise Christmas Concert*

**O Holy Night – Tasha Cobb**

<https://youtu.be/fwT2ZQmC5rI>

**Mary Did You Know – Pentatonix**

[\[Official Video\] Mary, Did You Know? - Pentatonix - Bing video](#)

**Christmas Gospel Medley – Jennifer Hudson**

[Jennifer Hudson Disney Christmas Gospel Medley - Bing video](#)

**Breath of Heaven (Mary's Song) – Amy Grant**

[https://youtu.be/L8\\_475FKJWQ](https://youtu.be/L8_475FKJWQ)

**Now Behold the Lamb – Kirk Franklin**

[Now Behold the Lamb- Kirk Franklin - YouTube](#)

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## CHRISTMAS BIBLE QUIZ

### Tricky Questions Based on the Bible and Our Carols

Test your knowledge with this Christmas Bible Quiz that includes question about our Christmas carols. Some questions are definitely easier than others! (A Hint: In the carol questions, if you can hum the tune that fits the words, you will often guess right!)

- 1) What baby was born to a relative of Mary's, about six months before the birth of Jesus?
- 2) What Old Testament prophet predicted the miraculous virgin birth of Christ?
- 3) Which two of the four Gospels make no mention of the birth of Christ?
- 4) Which Christmas carol has been voted the most popular one of all?
- 5) What is the meaning of the name "Jesus"?
- 6) Joseph and Mary lived in the town of Nazareth, far to the north of Bethlehem. What was it that brought them to Bethlehem, just before Christ was born?
- 7) Where does the Bible tell us that Jesus was born on December 25th?
- 8) What carol began in the ancient church as *one single word*? And what was that word?
- 9) Was the Lord Jesus born in a stable?
- 10) When hosts of angels appear to them, announcing Jesus' birth, a carol says the "shepherds quake at the sight." In what carol is the quoted line found?

Answers [www.wordwise-bible-studies.com](http://www.wordwise-bible-studies.com)

Live  
Laugh  
Love



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We hope you enjoyed **YOUR** Kingdom Women Ministry Quarterly Newsletter.

Please be encouraged to submit topics you would like to see in future newsletters or suggestions for Newsletter improvements. If you would like to join the KWM Newsletter Team, please contact:

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