Christmas and New Year's Blessings, Prayers and Services

A Message from President Dan Jackson
Though we know that Jesus was not born on Christmas day we do know that He was born. The evidence of history amply proves that fact. There is however, another great body of evidence.

The greatest evidence of the birth and existence of Jesus is found in the life testimony of those who claim Him as their Savior. So at this season of the year where celebration is in the air and where we visit with family, friends and neighbors, let us remember that the mission of the Christ Child was to bring Heaven’s message of hope and wholeness to a world in need.

In doing so, let us look for opportunities to carry out the mission in the way we interact with all those we meet. Have a wonderful Season and may God bless you and all you meet.

-- Pastor Dan Jackson, President
North American Division

All-Night Prayer Dial-in Teleconference, January 5:

Join anytime at your convenience - Praying for the NAD Prayer Summit (January 12-15), the Adventist Ministries Convention (January 15-18), and for our children.

Join this prayer conference at whatever time you wish between 10 p.m. Thursday night, January 5, until 5 a.m. Friday morning, January 6. At the time you wish to join, just call 712-432-0031, and at the prompt, enter the access code: 435650 plus the # sign.

Invite your church and prayer group members to join. Download the flier/bulletin insert.

Media Events:

“God’s Christmas Cards” is a series of seven Christmas programs presented by Dan Jackson, president of the North American Division of Seventh-day Adventists. He is joined by five speaker/directors of the radio and television ministries of the Adventist Media Center. What would God say this year if He were to send a Christmas card to Casey Anthony or U.S. President Obama? What might He say to Bernie Madoff, Tiger Woods, John Edwards or Jaycee
Enjoy this seven-part series of “God’s Christmas Cards” airing on the Hope Channel (also DIRECTV ch. 368) or live online each evening at 7:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m. EST from December 17–23. Also airing multiple times December 24 and 25. See details below or check www.hopetv.org for listings:

1- Dan Jackson, Dec. 17, 7 and 10 p.m. EST; Dec. 24, 4 p.m. EST.
2- John Bradshaw, Dec. 18, 7 and 10 p.m. EST; Dec. 24, 4:30 p.m. EST.
3- Frank Gonzalez, Dec. 19, 7 and 10 p.m. EST; Dec. 24, 8 p.m. EST.
4- Fred Kinsey, Dec. 20, 7 and 10 p.m. EST; Dec. 24, 8:30 p.m. EST.
5- Mike Tucker, Dec. 21, 7 and 10 p.m. EST; Dec. 25, 4 p.m. EST.
6- Carlton Byrd, Dec. 22, 7 and 10 p.m. EST; Dec. 25, 4:30 p.m. EST.
7- Dan Jackson, Dec. 23, 7 and 10 p.m. EST; Dec. 25, 9:30 p.m. EST.

“God’s Christmas Cards” are now available video-on-demand on The Adventist Channel.

Breath of Life’s (BOL) Christmas Special, “The Present: Unwrapping the Gift of Christmas,” is a dazzling musical event featuring Grammy-winning TAKE6 and recording artists Jennifer LaMountain and Jamie Jorge. Dr. Carlton P. Byrd, speaker/director of Breath of Life telecast, will present the message to bring hope and encouragement through a new look at the gifts of the Wise Men and the ultimate “Present” of the Nativity. Filmed live at the Berean Seventh-day Adventist Church in Atlanta, Ga., it is produced by the Seventh-day Adventist Church, and will be presented by the National Council of Churches and shown on NBC affiliates across the U.S. on Christmas Eve and/or Christmas day.

Please plan to watch this special program and kindly invite your family, friends, co-workers, and neighbors to view it as well. Watch and share the promo video. Check local listings and BOL website for times in your area. If you do not see your affiliate area listed and would like to view this program, please contact your local NBC affiliate directly and request, "The Present."

Download the bulletin announcement/flier. Advertise in your church newsletter. See MORE about Christmas specials on television and satellite.

Local Church Events:

MID-AMERICA UNION:
Bowdon, North Dakota: Bowdon Country Seventh-day Adventist Church: Christmas Selections. Scripture Readings with a variety of music specials. December 24, 11 a.m. 182 43rd Avenue, NE, Bowdon, ND. Directions to church: 4 miles east of Bowdon, North Dakota, on Hwy 200, turn south at flashing yellow light and travel 1 mile. The church is on the east side of the road. For more information contact: Pastor Terry Pflugrad, 701-652-0626

PACIFIC UNION
Belen, New Mexico: A Candlelight Communion and Agape Feast will be held on Friday, December 23, at 6 p.m. There will also be a Christmas Eve Pageant, Sabbath, December 24, at 4 p.m.

Los Lunas, New Mexico: A Candlelight Communion and Agape Feast, Friday, December 30 at 7 p.m.
Gridley, California: Sabbath, 11 a.m. service, December 24: Special concert, Charge from the Word of God, Celebration of the Lord's Supper, closing off the afternoon with a special musical concert focusing heavily on the life of Jesus Christ.

December 24 - Children's Christmas Program. Share with us the peace, joy and glory of Christmas. The program will be followed by a Christmas potluck. 11:00 a.m. at the Glendora Church, 770 N. Glendora Ave. Everybody is invited. Info: 951-233-0318.

December 24 – Christmas Eve Candlelight Service presented at 11:00 p.m. by Santa Clarita Church, 24436 Valley St., with Christ Church of the Santa Clarita Valley. What a way to welcome the Messiah! Join us as we tell again the story in lessons and carols, and affirm the joy that has come into our world. All are welcome! Info: 661-259-5420

December 24 - A Christmas Cantata featuring Valerie Gonzales-Tambaoan and the Glendale Filipino Adventist Church Choir (606 S. Louise St.) during the Hour of Worship (11:00 a.m.) All are invited. Free admission. Info: Pastor Dem Robles, 818-391-7769.

December 25 – The Present: Unwrapping the Gift of Christmas, one-hour Christmas special telecast on KNBC-TV (Channel 4). Featuring Carlton P. Byrd, speaker/director, Breath of Life telecast, with special guest and recording artists, Grammy-award winning TAKE 6, vocalist Jennifer LaMountain and violinist Jaime Jorge. 5 a.m.

December 26, 27 - Chanuka Party, at two locations:
   Mon., December 26, at Thousand Oaks Church, 480 W. Gainsborough Rd. at 6:00 p.m. in the multi-purpose room.
   Tues., December 27, at Vallejo Drive Church, at 6:00 p.m. Group chanukiya lighting, hot, home-made potato pancakes, sing-along, traditional games and message at either location. Sponsored by the Beth Shalom Adventist Congregation.

December 30 - January 7 – All About Jesus Seminar, with Pastor Lee & Marji Venden, at the Simi Valley Church. 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. except Sabbath afternoon, when the meeting will be from 2:00 - 3:30 p.m. No evening meeting on Saturday. A soup supper will be served in the campus center nightly from 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. The meetings will focus on developing a personal daily devotional life with Christ, a more meaningful prayer life and how to share Jesus with others. The seminar is child friendly, with activities at each meeting for school-age children and childcare for preschoolers. Info: 805-526-0141; email, simiadventist@gmail.com.

December 31 – Christian Edition New Year’s Eve Concert at Vallejo Drive Church, 300 Vallejo Drive, Glendale, at 8 p.m. Also featured: Yolanda Innocent Palmer and Trumpeters Craig Mohr and Giovanni Santos. Elder Larry L. Caviness, Southern California Conference, will give a devotional message. Info: 818-246-2476

January 1 - New Year's Day Worship Service at the Gardena Japanese Church, at 10:00 a.m., 16115 S. Denker Ave. Info: 310-532-6610
Chanukah Celebrations with Beth-El Shalom (Jewish Heritage Ministry, part of NAD Jewish Ministries): Please join us for the gigantic, 10-foot, menorah lighting, yummy latke eating, Chanukah song singing, and a great deal of fun having. Receive a free Hebrew Calendar.

**St. Petersburg, Florida:** Friday, December 23, 7 p.m. - 9 p.m. 1701 29th Ave North (at 17th St.), St. Petersburg (Phone 727-345-7777)

**New Port Richey, Florida:** Sabbath, December 24, 5 p.m. - 7 p.m. (with special guest, Senator Fasano, who will be lighting the 10-foot menorah); 6209 Congress St., [just south of Main St] New Port Richey (Phone 727-375-7502)

**Beginning on January 1,** a 7-day program to stop smoking will be held at the New Port Richey synagogue.

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