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Rejoice!

And when they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy. And they came into the house and saw the young child with Mary his mother; and they fell down and worshipped him; and opening their treasures they offered unto him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. Matt. 2: 10, 11

ATLANTIC UNION
A Faith Inspiring NY13 Event -- Celebrating Christ at Christmas: Rejoicing in the Harvest
Join thousands of Adventists and guests for two special evenings of Christmas music, praise, testimonies and readings. Don't miss this spiritually uplifting, inspirational NY13 event with the powerful preaching of Ted Wilson, Seventh-day Adventist World Church president, along with musicians blending their voices in a unique melody of Christmas praise, joined by New York City's own Strings and Harmony and Mark Prentice.

**Friday, Dec. 13 at 7:30 p.m.** at the Linden Seventh-day Adventist Church, 228-20 137th Ave, Laurelton, N.Y.

**Sabbath, Dec. 14, at 4:00 p.m.** at Hunter College, 695 Park Ave, New York, N.Y. Entrance on 69th Street. Trains 4 and 6 stop at this location. Tickets are required for entrance at Hunter College. Please pick up tickets from your local church pastor. All tickets lose their value 10 minutes before the program starts.

**COLUMBIA UNION**

**Chestnut Hill Christmas Musical**, Sunday, Dec. 15 at 6:00 p.m. Join the Chestnut Hill Seventh-day Adventist Church Adult and Children's choirs for a musical extravaganza with a lovely reception to follow. Philadelphia, Pa. [www.chestnuthillsda.org](http://www.chestnuthillsda.org), call: (215) 247-7022, or email: chestnuthillsda@gmail.com

**Christmas Celebration & Fellowship Luncheon**, Saturday, Dec. 21 at 10:45 a.m. Come for a great day of celebration! In beautiful music, spoken word, and joyful baptism commitments we will celebrate Jesus, who is truly God with us! Join them after the worship service for a delicious fellowship luncheon. Philadelphia, Pa. [www.chestnuthillsda.org](http://www.chestnuthillsda.org), call: (215) 247-7022, or email: chestnuthillsda@gmail.com

**Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols**, with the Spencerville Sanctuary Choir, under the direction of Dr. James Bingham, Sabbath, Dec. 14, at 4 p.m. This concert service consists of carols for choir and congregation, interspersed with traditional readings to tell the story of the plan of salvation from the fall of Adam to the coming of Christ to this world to atone for the sins of mankind. Admission is free. The Spencerville SDA Church, 16325 New Hampshire Avenue, Silver Spring, Md. (301) 384-2920.

**Highland View Academy takes part in three holiday concerts:**

- **Saint-Saën’s Christmas Oratorio**, 7:30 p.m., Friday, Dec. 13. - A vocal/choral concert featuring the Highlanders, Men’s Choir and the Hagerstown Church Choir;
- **Saint-Saën’s Christmas Oratorio**, 11 a.m. Sabbath, Dec. 14, with the HVA Highlanders, Hagerstown Church Choir, at the Hagerstown, Md. SDA Church, 11507 Robinwood Drive
- **Instrumental Concert**, 7:30 p.m., Sabbath, Dec. 14, with the HVA Bells, Strings, Wind Ensemble and Beginners’ Band at the Highland View Academy Church, 21600 Academy Terrace.

**The Wilna Children’s Choir** celebrates the birth of Jesus with choral music during the worship service at 11 a.m. on Sabbath, Dec. 14. The church is located at 101 Old Joppa Road in Joppa, Md. Info: vnozea@yahoo.com

**An Outdoor Nativity**, presented by the Dover Diamonds Pathfinder Club, at the Dover SDA Church, 647 Wyoming Avenue, Dover, Del. There will be three showings each evening, Saturday, Dec. 21, and Sunday, Dec. 22, with the first showing at 6:30 p.m. Highlights include singing, crafts for kids and food for purchase. Proceeds will be used to help Pathfinders attend the Oshkosh World Camporee. Info: (302) 358-0520 or 0526.

**MID-AMERICA UNION**

**Annual Christmas Concert** at Union College (UC), Lincoln, Neb., featuring the UC Chamber Orchestra, the UC Concert Winds, the Unionaires, “The Twelve” chamber choir, the UC Guitar Ensemble and V7, a sacred vocal jazz group, Dec. 13 at 7:30 p.m. at College View Church. Info: (402) 486-2880 or email: tebock@ucollege.edu
The Humblest Places, 11:00 a.m., Dec.14. – A stingy inn keeper learns that making money is not the answer to helping people. The play will be held in the Rapid City, S.D. SDA Church. The public is welcome. Info: http://rapid22.adventistschoolconnect.org, or email debragirl01@hotmail.com, or call (605) 343-2785.

Searching for the King, 7 p.m., Dec. 14 - A dramatic Christian musical featuring a dynamic contemporary story which parallels the biblical story. A young soldier stationed in the Middle East 2000 years later is looking up at the same stars. All are searching for the truth, and they find it at the foot of the manger. The public is welcome. Dakota Adventist Academy, Bismarck, N.D. Info: www.dakotaadventistacademy.org, or email: sharonheinrich@yahoo.com, or call (701) 258-9000.

Choose Life, 9 a.m.-noon, Dec.14 at the New Life Community Church, Olathe, Kan. Follow the adventures of two friends as they make choices which will affect their eternity. Info: Pastor Jim Martin (785) 821-0462 or sdaprjim@gmail.com.


The Gift of Christmas—A Musical Drama - Chapel Oaks Christmas Cantata, Shawnee, Kan., 7 p.m., Dec. 13, and 5 p.m., Dec. 14. The thread that is woven throughout the cantata is that Jesus is the Gift of Christmas as well as the giver of the gift! Info: (913) 314-0621 or email: mfenton62@gmail.com

Reason to Believe, a Christmas story combined with musical acts to tell the story of a young man searching for a Reason to Believe. At Piedmont Park Church, Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 14, at 10:50 a.m. with Heaven's Bells Choir, Children's Bell Choir, Brass Ensemble, soloists, guitar players, and live narration. Pastor Michael Halfhill  (402) 318-1856  mhalfhill@gmail.com

Journey to Bethlehem - Live Christmas Nativity. Live actors and animals; drive through six scenes depicting Jesus' birth story. Piedmont Park Church, Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 14 at 6:30 - 8 p.m.  Info: (402) 318-1856 or email: mhalfhill@gmail.com.

Church Christmas Program, 10 a.m., Dec. 21, special Christmas service by and for the Staples, Minn. Adventist Church. Info: (218) 820-4890

Children’s Ministry Christmas Program, Dec. 21 at 11:00 a.m. The Children’s Ministry department will provide a Christmas program. The public is welcome. Bismarck Adventist Church, Bismarck, N.D. Info: www.bismarcknda.org, or email: bismarcksdasecretary@midconetwork.com, (701) 223-6830.

LAKE UNION

Christmas Concert Series of the Adventist Hinsdale Hospital. Performances are scheduled throughout the month of December. Each show is free, and the public is invited to attend along with their family and friends:
• Hinsdale Adventist Academy Chorus & Bells, Noon, Dec. 17
• A Christmas cantata, by the Hinsdale Fil-Am SDA Church Choir at 2:00 p.m., Dec. 21
Both concerts at Adventist Hinsdale Hospital, Hinsdale, Ill. Info: christopher.lafortune@ahss.org or call (630) 856-2354

NORTH PACIFIC UNION

The “O Magnum Mysterium,” Christmas Concert at Walla Walla University Church, by the University Singers, I Cantori, and the Symphony Orchestra, at 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 13. The primary work that will be performed for the concert is the “Magnificat,” composed by Jonathan Willcocks. It shares the song of Mary, mother of Jesus, as told in Luke 1:46-55, and
emanates a sense of wonder at the incarnation of Jesus Christ. During the concert, listeners will be taken through the story of Christ’s first advent and experience the hope brought by his second advent. The concert will be available online through live stream at 8 p.m., Friday, at www.wallawalla.edu/concert. Both concerts will be performed in the University Church, 212 SW 4th St., College Place, Wash.

Five Falls Christian School – 11:00 a.m., Dec. 14, at the Great Falls, Mont. Adventist Church. The program is a mix of music as well as two reader theaters and a short nativity play.

Helena Adventist Christian School – 11 a.m. church service, Dec. 14, at the Helena, Mont. Adventist Church

"The First and Second Coming" 11:00 a.m. in the Libby Adventist Church. A variety of musical offerings and narration from the Bible and the Desire of Ages that highlight the tragic lack of preparation for Christ's first coming and our opportunity to be ready for His second coming. All are welcome to join the fellowship meal at the school following the service.

Mountain View Elementary – 10:45 a.m. at the Missoula, Mont. Adventist Church

Christmas Cantata at Mount Ellis Academy, Dec. 14 at 11:00 a.m.

Highland View Christian School, Butte, Mont. – Dec. 18, at 6:30 p.m.

Glacier View Christian School, Ronan, Mont., Dec. 18, at 6:00 p.m., with refreshments and open house to follow the program.

Christmas Concert, 7:00 p.m., Dec. 19, Mount Ellis Academy chapel

Bridger Church – 6:30 p.m., Dec. 24, at the church


Christmas Concert by Vocalist Sandra Romero, Dec. 14, at 6:30 p.m. Enjoy a wonderful evening of Christmas music. Sandra's music will fill your heart with peace and joyful inspiration as you experience her message of hope. Admission is free, but a freewill offering will be received. Hood View Adventist Church, 26775 SE Kelso Rd. in Boring, Ore. Info: (503) 663-5611.

Marylhurst Chamber Music Concert, Dec. 14, at 4:30 p.m. This will be the second Marylhurst Chamber Music Program at Lents Adventist Church, 8835 SE Woodstock Blvd., in Portland, Ore. These musicians are exceptional! The Portland Adventist Elementary School Choir will also be performing. There will be a light reception following in the Activity Center.

Sunnyside's 32nd Annual Musical Christmas Program, Dec. 20, at 7:00 p.m. Bring your music and join in singing the "Hallelujah Chorus" for the finale. An offering will be taken at the door for the ministry that feeds the hungry at O'Bryant Square. At Sunnyside Adventist Church, 10501 SE Market St., Portland, Ore. Info: (503) 252-8080.

Homeward, a quintet from Healing Hope Church, will be performing "In Adoration of the King of Kings" at Healing Hope's church service on Dec. 28 at 11:00 a.m. Created and Arranged by Camp Kirkland and Tom Fettke, this piece tells the story of King Jesus coming to our world through song and word. Healing Hope is located at 15150 NE Glisan St. in Portland, Ore.
**Born a Savior, Born a King**, Dec. 13, at 7:00 p.m., with the Tabernacle Choir and Orchestra performing a beautiful Christmas cantata of praise and promise that is sure to inspire and comfort. Please bring family and friends for music, fellowship, and a reception of treats and hot cider. Free to everyone. Enjoy an evening of music as we celebrate the advent of our Savior and King, Jesus Christ. The Tabernacle Adventist, 26 SW Condor Way, Portland, Ore. Info: (503) 223-0623.

**Christmas Cantata, Adore Him**, three performances by the Healing Hope Choir. Concerts are FREE and open to all:
- Dec. 21, 11:00 a.m. at Healing Hope Adventist Fellowship, 15150 NE Glisan St., in Portland, Ore.
- Christmas Brunch begins at 9:00 a.m. with a kids program during brunch. Cantata to follow at 11:00 a.m.;
- Dec. 21, 4:00 p.m., at The Village Retirement Center, 4501 West Powell Blvd., in Gresham, Ore.
- Dec. 24, 7:00 p.m. at Columbia Life Center, 27938 SE Stark Street, Troutdale, Ore.

See [GleanerOnline](https://www.gleaneronline.org) for complete North Pacific Union listings

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**PACIFIC UNION**

**Blue Christmas Service** - Each year as the season approaches some people are filled with sadness or anxiety. They have no heart for the cheer and the bustle, the anticipation and the excitement. For those who have experienced loss – through death, divorce, depression, or many other life challenges – the holidays can be a time of grieving and personal struggle. If this is you, or you know someone who is having a difficult time this season, you are invited to come to the Blue Christmas Service on Wednesday, Dec. 18, at 6:30 p.m. The service will be a time to reflect and heal together. This service is open to anyone in our congregation or in the community who has suffered a loss and wishes to have a space to worship together and acknowledge the blue side that can accompany the holidays. Fresno, Calif. Sunnyside SDA Church. Info: [www.sunnysidesda.org](http://www.sunnysidesda.org)


**Food For Your Soul,** a musical celebration featuring “God’s Favor,” and friends, under the direction of Diane Andrews. Presented by Altadena Praise Productions. Free admission. Refreshments will be served after the program. Dec. 14, 6:00 p.m. Altadena Church, 2609 Lincoln Ave., Altadena, Calif. Info: (626) 437-5969; Facebook/Altadena Praise Productions.

"Let the Whole World Sing" Christmas Cantata, a celebration of Jesus’ birth in sound and imagery. Featuring: Los Angeles Central Youth Strings, Northridge Church Choir, Northridge Church Youth Department. Dec. 14, 7:00 p.m., Northridge Church, 17700 Plummer St., Northridge, Calif. Suggested donation: $25 Adult, $15 (12 and under). A benefit program for a new sound system. Info: Joy Wyler, (818) 624-1540, or Danielle de Asis, (818) 620-4589.

**Christmas Candlelight Concert.** Voices, pipes, bells and brass. Join in to celebrate the Advent season. Dec. 14, at 6:00 p.m. Vallejo Drive Church, 300 Vallejo Dr., Glendale, Calif. Info: (818) 246-2476


"The Birth of the Messiah," a Christmas musical play presented by *Devotion*. Dec. 21, 5:00 p.m. Berean Church, 4211 W. Adams Blvd., Los Angeles, Calif. Info: (323) 735-7552
**Ninth Annual Christmas Eve Candlelight Service.** Celebrating the first Advent and the Christ to come. Join us as we worship in word and carol! Light refreshments to follow. Dec. 24 at 11:00 p.m. Santa Clarita Church, 24436 Valley St., Santa Clarita, Calif. Info: (661) 259-5420

**The 28th annual Christmas Festival of Music and Lights** will feature the Gary Bonner Singers with orchestra in “Sounds of the Season.” The Gary Bonner Singers is a 60-voice chorale directed by Bonner, recent dean of the School of Music at California Baptist University. Founded in 1995, they have made 20 recordings, and performed in many places around the world including the White House and Crystal Cathedral. Presentations are 6 p.m. Dec. 20, and 4 and 6 p.m. Dec. 21, at the Calimesa Seventh-day Adventist Church, 391 Myrtlewood Drive, Calimesa, Calif. [MORE]

**“The Jesus Gift,”** Christmas Concert, Napa, Calif. Community SDA Church, Friday, Dec. 20 at 7:30 p.m. and again Sabbath, Dec. 21 at 11:00 a.m. It will feature the children's choir, adult choir and full orchestra. Free. Info: email marvinwray@sbcglobal.net or call (707) 252-2444.

**“A Celebration of Christmas 2013,”** Sabbath, Dec. 14 at 11:00 a.m. A Christmas musical presented by the Placerville, Calif. Adventist Church featuring orchestra, children’s choir, vocalists, woodwinds and the Spoken Word. Also, on December 21 at 10:45 a.m., the Annual Christmas Church Service, which will feature the Sacramento City College Alumni Chorale, plus various other musical numbers. The service will end with Handel’s Messiah the “Hallelujah Chorus” as the grand finale. Info: [www.placervillesda.org](http://www.placervillesda.org), or call (530) 622-2446.

**Handel’s Messiah**, featuring the Carmichael Church choir, Sacramento Adventist Academy choir, community, church/school orchestra, under the direction of Arladell Nelson Sperey, Friday, Dec. 13, at 7 p.m. in the sanctuary. Info: [http://carmdsa.org](http://carmdsa.org), or email: office@carmdsa.org, or call: (916) 487-8684.

**“The Christmas Chronicles,”** Tired of the world's depressing news? Our news reporters have the BEST news of all time for you in “The Christmas Chronicles” program. Hear all about it on Thursday, Dec. 19, in the gym at Summit Christian Academy, 4020 S 900 E, Salt Lake City, Utah. The evening will begin with a soup 'n salad supper at 6:00 p.m. The program will follow at about 6:45. Besides the musical play, our handbell and recorder choirs will also perform. If you plan to dine with us, please RSVP (801) 613-1722 or pam@scautah.us by Thursday, December 12. **FREE - NO ADMISSION**

**A Special Musical Christmas Sabbath** on Dec. 21. Utah Samoan SDA Church youth choir, singing groups, families and Individuals, will present Scriptures from the birth, the life, and the last scene of Christ on Earth. There will be inspirational music that will warm your heart for this delightful and joyous season. Everyone is invited. The program will take place following the Sabbath School program, at the church: 4973 Redwood Road, Taylorsville, Utah. Info: email tomtupito@yahoo.com.

**Music and drama** will fill the Sabbath 11:00 a.m. service, December 21, at the Provo SDA Church, 255 S 700 E, Provo Utah. Info: dr.william.davis@gmail.com.

**A Christmas service will be filled with music and drama,** Sabbath Dec. 28, 11:00 a.m. Vernal SDA Church, 263 W Main Street, Vernal, Utah. Info: email dr.william.davis@gmail.com.

**“The Best Christmas Present Ever,”** Wednesday, Dec. 18 at 6:00 p.m. at the Ogden, Utah SDA Church, 2185 Taylor Avenue. Deamude Adventist Christian School's annual Christmas Program. Info: [http://ogden.adventistfaith.org/](http://ogden.adventistfaith.org/)

**“Night of Nights,”** Sabbath, Dec. 21 at 11:00 a.m. The event will include a small drama by the children of the church, and several musical numbers by them and our adult members. After the program, there will be a celebratory potluck. Following the meal, we are planning to distribute several Christmas food baskets to families within the Truckee Community. Truckee, Calif. SDA Church. Info: Haroldbarcelo@aol.com.
SOUTHERN UNION

"Upstate Christmas Festival," Sabbath, Dec. 14, 5:00 p.m. An afternoon of praise in celebration of our Savior’s first advent! We are having a special Christmas music program between various SDA churches in the Upstate, S.C. region, and are hoping to continue this tradition as a way to foster a spirit of community between our churches. This year it will be hosted at the Clemson, S.C. SDA Church. Info: www.clemsonsda.org or call (269) 697-3455 or (803) 403-3538.

Annual Christmas Program, 11:00 a.m., Dec. 21, Burnsville, N.C. SDA Church. It will be a delightful mix of local talent and will include readings, stories, several special music numbers presented by the children, the choir, the Mountain Band, and other solos, both vocal and instrumental. They invite all who can to come and be blessed.

Handel’s Messiah, Dec. 21, at 11 a.m., at the Atlanta Berean SDA Church, 291 Hamilton E. Holmes, Atlanta, Ga. Join live or online at: Churchpond.com: http://goo.gl/d6TFi9 or Praizevision.com: http://goo.gl/5DR2KA

Showing of the "Fountain View" Christmas D.V.D., at 5:00 p.m., Dec. 21, for Vespers at the North Anderson, S.C., SDA Church. Info: (803) 403-3538.

Savannah First Church in Ga. has their annual Christmas Concert on Sabbath morning, Dec. 14, 11:00 a.m. The church choir will sing, along with the Savannah Adventist Christian School handbell and tone chime choirs, students in the Early Childhood Program, and other groups performing. The public is welcome. Info: (912) 748-5977.

Savannah Adventist Christian School in Ga. will present their annual Christmas program on Thursday evening, December 19, at 7 p.m. in the Savannah 1st church sanctuary. Each class will have a special presentation. The public is welcome. Southern Union, Pooler, Georgia. (912) 748-5977.

Fifth Annual Community Sing-Along of Handel’s Messiah, Part I, plus the “Hallelujah” chorus - Welcome the Christmas season by attending on Dec. 15 at 3 p.m. Join in song with the core choir, accompanied by a chamber orchestra, harpsichord, and organ. Free admission. All are invited to the rehearsals in the sanctuary on Dec. 10, 7-9:15 p.m., and Dec. 14, 6:00 p.m. at Chattanooga First SDA Church, 7450 Standifer Gap Road, Chattanooga, Tenn. Info: (423) 605-2468.

Christmas Concert, including the Conyers Adult Choir, the Youth Choirs, the Bells and soloist, Sabbath, Dec. 21, Conyers, Ga. SDA Church. The community is invited. Info: (770) 483-0764.

Annual Fund Raising Banquet, Sunday Dec. 29, Conyers, Ga. SDA Church. The funds will go to support youth. The theme this year is international food and dress. Info: (770) 483-0764.

Collegedale Academy’s Concert Band Christmas concert: 7 p.m., Dec. 12, Collegedale Academy Auditorium, Collegedale, Tenn. Info: (423) 396-2124.

Vivaldi’s "Gloria" Concert, with Collegedale Academy's choirs and orchestra, 7 p.m. Dec. 15, Collegedale SDA Church, Collegedale, Tenn. Info: (423) 396-2134

Christmas musical program at the Jellico, Tenn. SDA Church, Dec. 14 during the church service starting at 11:00 a.m. Info: jellico22.churchconnect.org.


"The First Few Christmases," Ooltewah, Tenn. Adventist School's annual Christmas program, Dec. 15, 5:30 p.m., in the Ooltewah Church Fellowship Hall. Info: (423) 238-4449.

The Oakbow Band from Ooltewah Adventist School will have a concert in the Ooltewah, Tenn. SDA Church Dec. 17, and at the Bowman Hills Church on Dec. 18. Info: (423) 238-4449.
Festival of Carols - A Sacred Christmas concert, Sabbath, Dec. 14 at 11:00 a.m. in the Georgia-Cumberland Academy (GCA) Church. This program will include GCA Chorale, Camerata, GCA Youth Choir, and Testify. We will be sharing the Christmas story through songs and Scripture. Info: (706) 629-4591. The event will be streamed at www.gcasda.org.

A Camerata Christmas 2013 Sacred Christmas Concert, Sabbath, Dec. 14, at 4:00 p.m. in the Georgia-Cumberland Academy Church. Students will share the story of the "Birth of the Christ Child" through song. Come and be blessed. Info: (706) 629-4591. The event will be streamed at www.gcasda.org. Also on Sunday, Dec. 15, Camerata will be participating in the Christmas Cantata at the First Presbyterian Church in Calhoun, Ga., at 11:00 a.m.


A Christmas Program, Thursday, Dec. 12, at 7:00 p.m. at the Lester Coon Adventist School in the gym at 11429 Bates Road, Apison, Tenn. Info: (423) 236-4926.

The Atlanta Romanian Church will have a special children's program about Bethlehem on Saturday, Dec. 14. at 11:15 a.m. It will be held inside; no tickets needed. Second part of the event will take place between 5-8:30 p.m. with the adults program followed by an Animal Show prepared for the kids at 6 p.m. Lawrenceville, Ga. Info: www.sdaro.org

Cantata, "Noel, Night of Everlasting Love," Sabbath, Dec. 21, at 11 a.m., at the Calhoun, Ga. SDA Church. The choir will sing the cantata and the event will feature a live nativity. Info: (706) 629-5470.

3rd Annual Alpharetta, Ga. Christmas Concert, Sabbath, Dec. 21, at 11 a.m. This sacred concert will be filled with songs of praise and many well-known songs that commemorate Christ's birth. The concert will feature participation from invited musicians and church musicians. Info: (678) 778-1778.

Good News, Great Joy! Dec. 21 at 11:00 and 5:00 p.m. Knoxville, Tenn. First SDA Church. 11:00 a.m. - Special Christmas message by pastoral team; children's choir and candle light service. 5:00 p.m. Musical vespers with groups from different churches in the Knoxville area. (865) 524-7842.

Annual Christmas Program, Dec. 21, 11:00 a.m. at the Chatsworth, Ga. SDA Church. Info: (706) 517-5124.

"Come, Walk Through Bethlehem" Pageant, Dec. 12 and 14, 7-9 p.m., a collaborative effort of the Oglethorpe, Ga., SDA Church and eight other churches in the Oglethorpe/Montezuma communities. Guides will take groups through the City of Bethlehem where they will experience Roman soldiers, tax collectors, bakery shop, wine shop, carpenter shop, fruit and vegetable stand, The Inn, shepherds in the field, and more. Ultimately they will experience the Nativity Scene with special musicals. While waiting their turn, the visitors will enjoy singing carols and eating refreshments. Info: (478) 472-2388.

Children's Christmas Program, Sabbath, 11 a.m., at the Decatur, Tenn. SDA Church, Dec. 14 and Dec. 21. It will include a Christmas Cantata and Bell Choir. Info: (423) 476-9493.

Christmas Party for the Homeless - The Hixson, Tenn. SDA Church has been collecting items including: blankets, sleeping bags, and gloves to give to the homeless for Christmas. The church will hold a Christmas party in downtown Chattanooga, Tenn. on Dec. 15 to share their gift packages. Info: (423) 386-5451.

"Come to the Manger," a live nativity drive-thru, presented by the Fannin County, Ga. SDA Church, Dec. 23, 24, from 7-9 p.m. This production, in its 19th year, is not just the nativity, but a presentation of the entire life of Christ. Involving more than 50 people, live sheep, goats, donkeys,
and even a live camel, it is a blessing for all who come to view it. The church is located at 527 Forge Mill Road, Morganton, Ga. (706) 374-5149.

**SOUTHWESTERN UNION**

"Follow the Star, Follow the King", a musical celebration to commemorate the birth of Christ, Dec. 14, 6:30 p.m. Santa Fe, N.M. Rancho Viejo Church. It will be accompanied by a special story 'round the tree for the kids who will get a small gift after the story. There will also be a couple of fun, informative videos about Christmas. Local church talent as well as the choir from the Santa Fe English SDA Church will be providing the musical selections. Tickets have been distributed around town by members inviting guests. The goal is two-fold; to provide a fun evening as well as outreach to the community to help church members and guests alike to put/keep their focus of the season on the greatest Gift ever given - Jesus Christ.

**Christmas American Revolution**, Dec. 17, at 6:30 p.m. at the Adventist Academy of Santa Fe, N.M., connecting Christmas and the American Revolution through skits, piano solos, dulcimer, choir, and readings. Santa Fe, NM. Info: (505) 954-1845

**Christmas Concert**, Dec. 21 at 5 p.m. at the Albuquerque Three Angels Church of New Mexico. A Tamale Fest in the gym at 6 p.m. will immediately follow the concert. Everyone will have a chance to learn how to make different kind of Tamales (Green, red, sweet, etc). Tables will be set for the different stages of the tamale preparation, all the way to the cooking process. The unique aroma of the tamales will be blended with the delicious "Ponche" aroma (Hot Mexican Apple Cider with a mix of different boiled fruits) that will also be prepare there. The kids will also enjoy the event by breaking "piñatas" full of candy. Everyone is invited, and those wanted to participate will be asked for a small fee before the event. Visitors don't have to pay the fee. Info: email prjmrh8@aol.com

**Agape/Communion Supper**, Dec. 13, 5:30 p.m., at the Beacon Hill SDA Church, De Queen, Ark. Heralds of Hope, a special Christmas program, Dec. 21, 11:00 a.m. in the church.

**Christmas Traditions** – a presentation by church members of music, narration, tableau and Scripture will be presented at the Rogers, Ark. SDA Church, 301 N 33rd Street, Sabbath, Dec. 14 at 6:00 p.m. All are welcome. Christmas party to follow. Info: (479) 426-1511.

**A Christmas Musical**, Sabbath, Dec. 14, at 4 p.m. at the Slidell, La. SDA Church. All are welcome.

**A Christmas Concert**, Dec. 19, at 6:30 p.m., at the Bentonville SDA Church School.

**A Christmas Cantata**, Dec. 21, at 11:00 a.m. in the Bentonville, Ark. SDA Church, presented by the Bentonville SDA Church Choir along with the Children’s Choir.

**A Folk Mountain Gospel Christmas Concert**, Dec. 21, at 4:00 p.m., will be presented by Don and Donna Mohl in the Bentonville SDA Church sanctuary. Their unique style of music blends biblical and traditional instruments such as hammered dulcimer, bowed psaltery, zither, mountain dulcimer, mandolin and guitar.

Shreveport, La. First SDA Church will sing for patients at the Overton Brooks VA hospital in Shreveport, Dec. 21, at 2:00 p.m. All are invited and urged to join our group who will go from floor to floor singing Christmas carols and visiting with the veterans in the hospital this holiday season. If you play an instrument, you are especially urged to bring it and play for the veterans as well.

Springtown SDA Church, Gentry, Ark. We’ve all heard about Christmas angels… you know, the whole “angels we have heard on high” thing. There’s great joy and meaning in their part of The Christmas Story. Could there really be more to the story than we’ve heard for generations? We’ll try to answer that question during a morning of great food, warmth, songs and fellowship. Christmas Breakfast will be served at 9 a.m. Christmas Worship Service will begin at 10:30 a.m. Please plan to be part of this Springtown tradition. Bring your family, call a friend and make this a wonderful beginning to Christmas week.
Gentry SDA Church, Gentry, Ark., will enjoy the students of Ozark Adventist School in their Christmas program at the Gentry SDA Church, Gentry, Ark. All are welcome.

Shreveport South SDA Church, La., on Dec. 14, will have the annual Colquitt Christian Academy School Christmas Program featuring the students and great music. On Dec. 21, the church Christmas Music Program will be held, featuring the church choir.