

## **DECEMBER BIRTHDAY PARTY**

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**There is going to be a  
special Birthday party.  
Rich and poor invited.  
Shout the news!  
Don't be tardy.**

**The honored birthday person  
is our Savior Jesus.  
December has the date.  
He's seeking  
a gift from us.**

**He does not expect too much  
only wants your heart.  
Offer to give it all  
He is worth  
much more than part.**

**He is coming back real soon;  
taking us to His Home.  
Hearts ready only for Him  
In Heaven will roam.**

# **CARE CENTER CORNER**

**"Treating Older People the Way We  
Want to be Treated When We are Old"**

## **CHRISTMAS FOR THE LONELY**

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**St. Nicholas delivered baskets of goodies to poor children, giving as Christ would give. The idea of giving, started with St. Nicholas about 350 A.D. many years after the Birth of the Savior. St. Nick had no intentions of starting a holiday. He had a desire to spread cheer in the lives of the poor.**

**Some how the focus of St. Nicholas was lost by others. Many poor children today see very little under the tree. Some don't know who Santa is, but worse yet, they never heard of Jesus.**

**People, today, do many things this time of the month to prepare for December 25. They buy gifts for family, friends, co-workers, bosses, mail delivery person, paper delivery, and even for their pets. Their houses are decorated with bright lights. They might go to church as a once a year family tradition. Do they remember the poor in spirit? But most important do they know who Jesus is?**

**JESUS left a glorious HEAVEN to come to the 'stable' of earth to transform my life and yours. He came by manger to go to the cross to take the punishment for our sins. He came back to life through God's power and lives to bring power into our souls to live for Him.**

**Instead of going shopping in celebration of His birth, we'll give Him our lonely sinful hearts, and ask Him to fill it with His Love, Joy and Peace. God's Love is always available for those who come to Him. He is waiting to give you His peace for your soul.**

**"But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid; for I bring you good news of great joy which will come to all the people. For to you is born this day in the town of David, a Savior, Who is Christ (Messiah) the Lord!'" Luke 2:9-11 Amp. Bible**

**J - Jesus + O - others + Y - yourself = JOY**

# **The Christmas Gift**

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*Last night I built a town on my mantle -  
A two-story house with a wraparound porch,  
wreaths in every window  
and a warm "welcome home" glow.  
A school, church, library, train station . . .  
And snow . . . lots of snow  
weighing down the branches of evergreen trees  
and creating a winter wonderland.  
Ice skaters on a pond, carolers,  
and children playing in the snow,  
completed my idyllic setting  
of cherished Christmas memories.*

*This morning the Internet's headline reads:  
"Al Qaeda: 'Gift' of terror on its way."  
The reality of today's world  
slams me in the face.  
I cannot live in the past  
or hide from the present threat.  
But no matter what the future brings  
I will rejoice that the Babe  
born in that manger so long ago  
still lives and rules and is coming again.  
His life is the light that shines in the darkness.  
I will unwrap His gifts of faith, hope  
and love that will never end.*

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**May you also unwrap His gifts  
and be filled with His joy this Christmas  
and throughout the New Year!**

**BIRTHDAY POEM**  
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I'm sanctioned to send a  
Sachet of Birthday blessings  
To a Seasoned Servant of our Savior.  
May He surround you with sweet Surprises.  
Happy Birthday

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(can also be used for Anniversary)

**Anniversary Poem**  
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I'm sanctioned to send  
a sachet of anniversary blessings  
to seasoned servants of our Savior.  
May He surround you with Sweet Surprises.  
Happy Anniversary

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