### Reflections on Life by Johnny Lewis, III, BASIC Group Leader

As children of Father God and disciples of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, we should be developing a whole new way of thinking about our use of

language in our daily lives. In other words, we need to strive to refrain from using words that are vulgar, rotten, corrupt, unwholesome, and unholy. The Apostle Paul tells us in Ephesians 4:29, "Let no unwholesome word proceed from your mouth, but only such a

word as is good for edification according to the need of the moment, so that it will give grace to those who hear" (NASB). Our words should build up the body of Jesus and not hinder the people's growth. Anything that isn't holy or true grieves the Holy Spirit who lives within us. As we move into the Christmas season, let's ask ourselves, "Are we being true representatives of Christ and really building up the faith of those who hear us speak?"

### Have a Very Merry Christmas!

#### **CHRISTMAS TRIVIA**

- 1. Who was the one trying to kill the baby Jesus?
- 2. What did King Herod tell the wise men that he wanted to do to Jesus?
- 3. What were the first words spoken by the angel to the shepherds about Jesus?
- 4. To which town did Mary & Joseph return after the dedication of Jesus?
- 5. Bethlehem is often referred to as the town of



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Senior Adult Ministry

### **B.A.S.I.C. BUNCH**

(Brothers and Sisters in Christ)

#### **DINNER MEETING**

Tuesday, December 12th 6:00pm Meet in the Worship Center



#### PRAISE & WORSHIP:

#### THE SINGING BEES"

(Honey Island School Chorus Christmas Concert)

Dinner in the Fellowship Hall
following Praise & Worship

#### **MENU:**

Ham, Mac & Cheese, Green Beans, Dessert

#### **RESERVATIONS REQUESTED**

Sign up on the Sunday bulletin tear-off or call the church office by noon on **Monday, December 11th.** Thank you.



Janet Richard	1/1	Eddy Hudson	1/23
John Boteler	1/3	Jane Dier	1/23
Sandra Willis	1/8	Ted Harmon	1/24
Linda Bankston	1/10	Benjamin Hendrick	1/25
Karen Weldon	1/14	Gene Thomas	1/26
Catherine Shinn	1/18	Sheralyn Smith	1/26
Kitty Ballinger	1/19	Beth Crain	1/27
Mike Lively	1/20	Joseph Prattini	1/28
·		Marilyn Rutecki	1/31



LIVING NATIVITY will take place December 16 & 17 from 6:00-9:00pm. Invite your family and friends to come and experience this special celebration of Jesus' birth. We need volunteers to help. Please signup.

#### **Upcoming Christmas Events at GMBC:**

**Advent Sundays,** 10:30am Worship Service. Each Sunday leading up to Christmas Eve (beginning December 3rd) we will have a special focus on the birth of Jesus.

- ◆ Dec. 10, 1:00-4:00pm—Christmas Open House Tour— Macedonia Missions
- ◆ Dec. 17, 10:30am—Kids' Christmas Musical, "The Whole World Sings"
- Dec. 16 & 17, 6:00-9:00pm—Living Nativity
- ◆ Dec. 24, 10:30am—Christmas Eve AM Service
- Dec. 24, 5:00pm—Christmas Eve Candlelight Service



Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift.

2 Corinthians 9:15, KJV

#### **NEW LADIES BIBLE STUDY**

"THE GREAT DISAPPEARANCE"
By Dr. David Jeremiah

Begins Thursday, January 11, 2024 at 10:00am in the Fellowship Hall.

Books are available for \$10.00.

Please call Elizabeth Hanna, (985) 290-3791 if you want to attend.

#### **Upcoming B.A.S.I.C. Bunch Events**

Friday, January 29, 2024 USS Kidd Destroyer
 \$13.00 Lunch: City Restaurant



#### **EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES**

## Every Sunday @ 5:00pm Grace University Bible Studies for Women and Men

#### Every Tuesday @ 6:00am

Men's Breakfast/Bible Study Led by Bro. Jerry Smith—Fellowship Hall

# Every Wednesday @ 6:30pm Adult Bible Study: "Majoring in the Minor Prophets"

Led by Bro. Jerry Smith—Fellowship Hall

### Every Thursday Morning @ 6:30am All Men Meet for Breakfast and Bible Study LA Pines on Robert Blvd.

#### 1st, 3rd, & 5th Wednesday each Month, 10am Greenbriar Care Center Ministry

(Next ministry opportunities: Dec. 6, 20 & Jan. 3)

# Third Friday of each Month Mt. Olive Food Ministry (No volunteers needed at this time)



#### **Answers to Trivia**

- 1. King Herod
- 2. Come and worship Him.
- 3. "Do not be afraid."
- 4. Nazareth
- 5. David