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In 1897 an eight year old asked her father if there was a Santa Claus. He told her to ask The Sun

Newspaper, He said, "If you see it in the newspaper it is so." So Virginia decided to write a letter to the newspaper.

Dear Editor:

I am 8 years and some of my little friends say there is no Santa Claus. Papa says "If you see it in The Sun its so." Please tell me the truth;

Yes, Virginia, There Is A Santa Claus

is there a Santa Clause?

Virginia O'Halon 115

West Ninety-Fifth Street Virginia,

Your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age.

They don't believe except (what) they see. They think that nothing can be which is not comprehensible by their little minds. All minds, Virginia, whether they be men's or children's are little

In this great universe of ours, man is a mere insect, an ant, in his intellect, as compared with the boundless world about him, as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole of truth and knowledge.

Yes, Virginia there is a Santa Clause. He exist as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! How dreary would

the world be if there were no Santa Claus? It would be as dreary as if there were no Virginias.

There would be no child like faith then, no poetry, no romance to make tolerable this existence. We would have no enjoyment except in sense and sight. The external light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished.

Not believe in Santa Claus! You might as well not believe in fairies. You might get your Papa to hire men to watch in all the chimneys on Christmas Eve to catch Santa Claus, but even if they did not see Santa Claus coming down, what would that prove? Nobody sees Santa Claus, but that is no sign that there is no Santa Claus. The most real things in the world are those that neither children nor men can see. Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not, but that's no proof that they are not there.

Nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders there are unseen and unseeable in the world.

You may see tear apart the baby rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest man, nor even the united strength of all the strongest men that ever lived, could tear apart. Only faith, fancy poetry, love, and romance can push that curtain

And view and picture the supernal beauty and glory beyond. Is it real? Ah! Virginia, in all this world there

Is nothing else real and abiding?

No Santa Claus! Thank God! He lives, and he lives forever. A thousand years from now, Virginia, nay, ten times ten thousand years from now, he will continue to make glad the heat of childhood.

Francis Pharcellus The Sun Church Editor

MORE OBITUARIES

Monday, December 22, 2014

Dr. Glenn T. "Bo" Morris, 61

Dr. Glenn T. "Bo" Morris, 61, of Richmond, Ky., was called home by God on Monday, Dec. 22, 2014, after a courageous battle with cancer. He was born Aug. 9, 1953, in Heidelberg, Germany, the son of James and Doris Morris.

He was a loving husband to his wife, Judy Palmer Morris of 38 years, and a devoted father to his two daughters, Megan Morris Butcher and Greta Morris Strange, both of Richmond. Earlier this year, Bo gained two new sons-in-law, when Megan married Joey Butcher, and Greta married Danny Strange. He was also a wonderful Papa to his granddaughter, Sophia Monroe Morris. He also had one sister-in-law, Cheryl Palmer, and one brother-in-law, Alan Palmer, both of Richmond.

For the past 21 years, he was a cardiologist and touched many lives, providing care and compassion for his patients. He cared deeply for his community and the people in it, and always strived to make it a better place to live for everyone. He treated patients in Madison County at Baptist Health Richmond, and in surrounding counties, and the clinic at Marcum & Wallace Memorial Hospital in Irvine held a special place in his heart.

He loved his family, but the number one priority in his life was his faith and his



Dr. Glenn T. Morris

love of God. Bo was always glad to share his faith, and he often talked with friends about what God had done for him, and the knowledge that he would be with God in Heaven some day.

Bo's love of knowledge led him to recently earn his master's degree in health administration. He also enjoyed studying the Bible and gaining an even better understanding of God's word.

Photography was one of his hobbies, and he shared that love with many friends, whose lives were enriched by getting to know him through it.

Visitation will be from 5-9 p.m. Friday at Oldham, Roberts & Powell Funeral Home in Richmond, Ky. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at the funeral home, followed by burial in the Resthaven Memorial Park on Bardstown Road in Louisville.

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Joy in The World?
by BOB CASEY, Preacher
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As I begin this article, I want to wish all of our readers a joyful holiday season. May the next coming year be a blessing as well.

The angels from Heaven said unto the shepherds: "Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace. Good will toward men." But the first angel said; "Fear not: for behold I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people."

"And this was their sign, they were to go to the city of David. There you will find a baby wrapped in birthing clothes, and he would have a hay trough for a bed." And so it was they came, they saw, and as they returned they were glorifying God and praising Him for everything they had heard and seen.

We today will never see such a scene as this physically, but in our wonderfully made minds we can recapture this story as we read and visualize in a spiritual way this great story.

But sadly today, there seems not to be as much joy in the world as our Lord intended. When we listen to the news we are made aware of the great assaults from Satan as men are killing one another at home as well as abroad. Religious factions are determined to eradicate whole countries who will not recognize them as God's people. All this is in direct opposition of everything our Lord died to bring about. In **Galatians 5:22** the first three attributes of the Holy Spirit are love, joy, and peace. So, where has it gone?

So, today men are seeking for joy but for the most part are seeking for it in all the wrong places: Walmart, JC Penny's, and a host of others are attempting to bring joy through physical means, but also in preparing a great feast for family or friends. These are not wrong in themselves as long as we remember where the only real and everlasting peace comes from. Paul wrote **Romans 14:17**, "For the kingdom of God is not in meat or drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost." So today, let me from a long experience tell you that the only true peace and joy that I have ever enjoyed is when I obeyed the gospel of Christ. As I heard the gospel and believed it, I repented of my sins, and I gladly confessed my faith in Christ as the Saviour of this world, and this, when I was baptized into Jesus, all my doubts, fears, turmoils were washed away in His blood. Many of you have shared this same experience as well. **Luke 17:7-10** tells us that heaven rejoices when one sinner repents. Jesus said to His disciples in **John 15:4** "These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy remain in you, and that your joy might be full." So, in closing, what about your friend. Have you found true joy? Or maybe you once had it but you lost it. There is good news. First, Christ came to forgive and restore the ones who lost their joy for one reason or another. He will also forgive you when you return in repentance. So start the New Year off in Christ. Let Him be your joy. You will never be sorry.

My favorite holiday song is "Joy to the world. The Lord is come."

Call or visit us soon.

Sincerely, Bob Casey, 1-(859) 369-4165

BIBLE TRIVIA
by Wilson Casey

1. The main Christmas story is paraphrased from what two New Testament books? Mark/John, Acts/Romans, Matthew/Luke, Jude/Revelation
2. Approximately how old was Jesus when the wise men (Magi) arrived with their gifts? 1 day, 2 weeks, 2 months, 2 years

3. Where did the angel Gabriel appear to Mary saying, "Blessed art thou among women"? Nazareth, Tyre, Ninevah, Gazi
4. In what city of Judaea was Jesus born? Damascus, Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Gezer
5. Who plotted to kill the baby Jesus? Archelaus, Herod, Pontius Pilot, Caesar Augustus
6. How many times does the word "Christmas" appear in the Bible (KJV)? Zero, 1, 2, 7

Bible Trivia Answers are at the bottom of Page 10



And while they were there, the time came for her baby to be born. She gave birth to her first child, a son. She wrapped him snugly in strips of cloth and laid him in a manger, because there was no lodging available for them.

That night there were shepherds staying in the fields nearby, guarding their flocks of sheep. Suddenly, an angel of the Lord appeared among them, and the radiance of the Lord's glory surrounded them. They were terrified, but the angel reassured them. "Don't be afraid!" he said. "I bring you good news that will bring great joy to all people.

The Savior - yes, the Messiah, the Lord - has been born today in Bethlehem, the city of David! And you will recognize him by this sign: You will find a baby wrapped snugly in strips of cloth, lying in a manger."

Suddenly, the angel was joined by a vast host of others - the armies of heaven - praising God and saying, "Glory to God in highest heaven, and peace on earth to those with whom God is pleased."

When the angels had returned to heaven, the shepherds said to each other, "Let's go to Bethlehem! Let's see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about."

They hurried to the village and found Mary and Joseph. And there was the baby, lying in the manger.

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Saturday, December 20, 2014
John Thomas Richardson, 55

John Thomas Richardson, age 55, of Irvine, Kentucky, husband of Peggy, passed away Saturday, December 20, 2014, at his home.

Funeral services will be conducted 11 a.m. Friday,

December 26, at Oldham, Roberts & Powell Funeral Home in Richmond. A graveside service will follow at 1 p.m. in the Lexington Cemetery.

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Wednesday, December 24th @ 6pm

Wisemantown Christmas Eve Service

The Wisemantown United Methodist Church Christmas Christmas Eve service will be Wednesday, December 24,

2014 at 6 p.m. at the church. All are invited and visitors are always welcome.

Sunday, December 28th

Stump Kickers At Irvine 1st Ch./God

Irvine First Church of God, 199 Broadway, will be having guest singers, "The Stump Kickers," during

morning service on Sunday, December 28, 2014. Everyone is welcome to attend!

THE ILLUSTRATED BIBLE
...The time came for the baby to be born, and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them.
Detail of Baby's First Caress (1891) by Mary Cassatt
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