



The Signal

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Perspective Christmas

“It’s the most wonderful time of the year”.

During the month of December, surely, we will find ourselves singing this popular Christmas song, released in 1963 on The Andy Williams Christmas Album.

Our Heavenly Father intended for it to be the most wonderful time of the year. He sent His only Son as a babe in the manger to save the world. (see Luke 2:11)

We acknowledge, however, that Christmas is a difficult time for many. As we gather for family celebrations, our hearts hurt for loved ones no longer with us. Or maybe the secular demands of society are overwhelming. Don’t be discouraged or lose hope!

This Christmas, may you be reminded of God’s love and care for you. He gave the most precious gift of all. (see John 3:16) May you accept or be reminded afresh of the gift of His Son.

Claudette Hillier

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The Nativity Equal?...Equal!



Referencing the different levels of society and the separation between the rich/poor, the well-learned/ignorant, the powerful/weak, the influential/insignificant, it has often been said that all are equal at the foot of the cross where Jesus gave His life for all.

Well, during these days of Christmas decorating and preparation at our house, our trees are up, lights are on, memories of Christmases past surround me and the Nativity

Scene stands prominent in the dining room. I sit at the table and as I focus on the scene before me, I begin to think that it is not just at the foot of the cross where all are equal, but also on the cold, dirt floor of an animal shelter, beside a feeding trough filled, not only with hay, but with the Son of God.

It is in this lowly place where *Mary* and *Joseph* kept watch over the miracle that lay before them. Both *Mary* and *Joseph* lived north of Jerusalem, in the little town of Nazareth. *Mary*, who loved God and wanted to serve Him with all her heart, was still just a poor girl who lived in an insignificant town, from a very humble family. *Joseph*, a righteous, kind man filled with integrity, was still just a humble, lowly carpenter. No one special in Nazareth. He has no recorded words in Scripture, not even mentioned in the Gospel of Mark and disappears without a word.

Then we have the *shepherds* standing/kneeling by with their sheep. During the time of Jesus’ birth, shepherds were at the very bottom rung of the social ladder. They were looked upon as being as despicable as the tax-collectors and those who swept away what the animals left behind. They were nothing.

Though the *Wise Men* didn’t actually appear at the sight of Christ’s birth, they are included in the Nativity. Whether they are pagan astrologers or not, we know they were high ranking and distinguished among society and by the cost of the gifts they presented, they had to have been wealthy.

Different levels, different reputations, different perspectives and expectations of the One before them, yet here they are in my Nativity, together at His birth.

We are in the midst of Advent, celebrating the anticipation of the coming Messiah. We gather together, all of us: the rich/poor, the well-learned/ignorant, the powerful/weak, the influential/insignificant and we kneel before the Son of God. We kneel equal in position; all needing the light of His Hope to shine in our darkness, the shelter of His Peace to cover our lives, to end existing conflict on earth, needing His abundant Joy deep within our spirits and His unconditional Love, a love that forgives and provides eternal life found only in the Christ Child.

May you receive from the Lord all that you need this wonderful season.

Merry Christmas to our wonderful Church Family.

*Chris and Claudette Pilgrim,
Majors
Your Every Day Pastors*

Meet the Peddles



Harvey Peddle grew up in Port Rexton, Trinity Bay and Lorraine grew up in the neighboring community of Little Catalina. However, they were in their teens before they actually met and began dating. In 1971, they married and settled down in Little Catalina, and in 1980, they moved to Bonavista. By then, they had two young children and realized that they should be attending church regularly, and set a good example for them.

Not only did they attend church, but they both realized they needed to commit their lives to God. This was the first step on their faith journey and in 1980, during Christmas, they were enrolled as Senior Soldiers at the Bonavista Corps.

In 1982, they decided to move to St. John’s and linked up with the St. John’s West Corps. Just a few years later, they moved to Conception Bay South and in 2017, they transferred to the Conception Bay South Corps.

Both Harvey and Lorraine have retired but they keep very busy. Harvey enjoys hunting and fishing and he is a member of the Men’s Fellowship. Lorraine loves to share her Christian faith and tell others how God has kept her through the years. She enjoys the Home League and they both volunteer with the Community Care Ministries and they attend the Couples Fellowship and the Fifty Plus Fellowship. The Peddles have two children and five grandchildren and they enjoy spending quality time with them.

A warm welcome to the Peddle family from all your friends at CBS Corps.

Greetings from the Mayor



May you have a blessed, joyous Christmas surrounded by those you hold dear, and may the New Year bring you much health, success and happiness.

On behalf of myself and my fellow Councillors, we hope the year ahead will be filled with happiness for you and yours! All our best wishes for the season.

Mayor Terry French



Leadership Development



This fine looking group of leaders recently attended “Cultivate”, a Divisional Leadership Development Weekend at Twin Ponds Camp. There was fun and laughter but more importantly there was opportunity to learn and develop leadership skills. Major Terrence Hale the Territorial Youth Secretary was the special guest, supported by Sheryl Slous, the Youth Children’s Ministry Consultant and Kevin Slous, Director of Discipleship from Toronto.



CBS SANTA CLAUS PARADE

The Salvation Army Brass Band is ready to roll once again as they participated in the annual Santa Clause Parade. Great crowds greeted them along the way.

A Shoe Box Packing Party!



That’s what is happening here. 815 shoe boxes were sent this year from the CBS Corps. Coralie Dodge, (right in the photo) co-ordinator for this project is thankful for the support in making this possible. She also expresses thanks to the youth and their leaders, in helping her pack 600 of these boxes with materials which she had provided. Coralie participated in her third distribution in June in The Gambia, West Africa and knows, first hand, the difference a shoe box makes in the life of a precious child. They have so little and appreciate every little thing.



A recent Gospel sing along at the “50 Plus Group” featured (l– r) Wes Crocker, Eric Pollard, Cec Sturge, Amy Eason , Ern Cluett and Gordon White. Great singing and wonderful fellowship.

Focus on Women



The theme of a recent women's conference in Gander, was **"Women with a purpose"**. The ladies above attended and were truly blessed and challenged by the guest speaker, Major Beth Pearo from Territorial Headquarters in Toronto. She encouraged the women to allow Jesus to shape their lives so they could help shape the world and become women of purpose. Vocalist was Dayna Curtis from Edmonton. According to the women, it was a life-changing weekend.



Congratulations to this fine group of ladies for all their time and hard work which was evidenced at their Annual Fall Sale and Luncheon. Almost \$5000.00 was raised from the luncheon of soup and pie and from the sale of home baking and treats, grab bags and an assortment of crafted items. They express their thanks and appreciation to all who came and supported them in every way.

HAPPY 50th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY



Doug and Rebekah Walters
November 28th



Walt and Elsie Rideout
November 15th



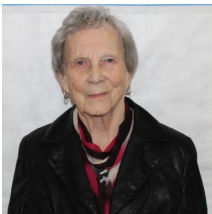
Jim and Sheila Marsh
November 27th

PAYING IT FORWARD



Olivia Sharpe, recent winner of the Riley Mercer award will buy toys for needy children with her **'pay forward amount'**. Olivia challenged her family and friends for their support and now has \$250.00 to spend on this project. Looks like she is at the right place. Congratulations Olivia and thank you for your kindness and your generous spirit.

CONGRATULATIONS



Shirley Mercer will be 85 on December 21st



Major Wilson Perrin recently received a service pin honoring 45 years of active service with The Salvation Army

CONGRATULATIONS



Kristen Crocker Kelly recently graduated from Keyin College in St. John's with a certificate as "Child and Youth Care Worker with Addiction Support". She is presently working with Teen Challenge as a community support worker, and enjoying her work very much, as she helps to make a difference in the lives of young women. CBS Corps family wish you well!



Jenna Bradley, a first year student at MUN, was the recent recipient of the Clar Simmons Scholarship, awarded by the Board of Directors for the Municipal Assessment Agency Inc. This scholarship is available to families of Municipal workers, and Jenna was awarded this honor based on the excellent results of her final exams from Grade 12. Making the presentation is Sean Martin, Executive Director (left) and Dean Ball, Chairperson of the Board. Great job Jenna!

"He who has not Christmas in his heart will never find it under a tree." —Roy L. Smith

Christmas Ministries and Reflections



The launching of the Christmas kettles recently took place at Sobey's. Store manager, Paul Heffernan made the first contribution. Ted Snook, Kettle Co-ordinator, accepts the donation on behalf of CBS Corps. Also attending were members of the Corps with the Band, as well as local dignitaries (below) representing the town, Provincial and Federal Governments.

Members of the CBS Kin Club recently visited The Salvation Army in CBS with their annual gifts of mitts, scarves, caps, gift cards and movie passes. These donations will be used to help in providing toy hampers to needy families. Kin President Gloria Evans (center with Majors Chris and Claudette Pilgrim) agrees that they are very happy to participate in this project, as they have been doing for a number of years. Thank you to the Kin Club for your faithful support.

Four of our young bandmen from the CBS Corps recently marched in the annual St. John's Santa Clause Parade, as members of the New Found Brass Band. (L-R) Nathan Reid, Warren Butler, Richard Whittle and Brandon Pilgrim. Looking good!

Unto us a child is born and His name shall be called JESUS.



There was excitement and a little sadness, as the Memorial Christmas Tree was suddenly sparkling with dozens of multi colored lights. Each light was a reminder of a special loved one. Although it was a very chilly evening, almost 200 people gathered outside, and with the help of the Band, the joyful singing of Christmas carols could be heard. The names of all the loved ones were read, with over 130 donations being made. This was a fund raising event and \$4000.00 was raised. This will help support the Territorial Youth Congress in Montreal in May, 2020. Thank you to everyone for your generous support for this very worthwhile project.

Hot beverages were served following the service.



Over 700 Sunshine Bags were packed and delivered to about 21 private personal care homes and 3 large Retirement Centers. In the center photo above are Major Louise Pond from Pathway Community Church in Paradise, Majors Chris and Claudette Pilgrim and Coordinator for Community Care Ministries Major Winnie Perrin. About 50 helpers made this possible. In the top right photo are some of the residents at the Heritage Square Retirement Home, which opened in March. They enjoyed the Christmas singing and the music and of course the special treats. In the insert photo is Jack Crane, a resident at another home, who just received his sunshine bag from Linda Skinner, one of our volunteers. It was very rewarding to see the many happy smiles.

Bless us Lord, this Christmas, with quietness of mind; teach us to be patient and always to be kind. Helen Steiner Rice

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