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Have you ever thought about the difference that a baby can make?

Bret Harte wrote a short story, *"The Luck of Roaring Camp."* Roaring Camp was supposed to be, according to the story, the meanest, toughest mining town in the entire West. There were more murders, more thefts; it was a terrible place inhabited entirely by men and one woman who tried to serve them all. Her name was Cherokee Sal. She died while giving birth to a baby.

The men took the baby and they put him in a box with some old rags under him. When they looked at him, they decided that did not look right, so they sent one of the men 80 miles to buy a rosewood cradle. But the rags did not look right there. So they sent another man to Sacramento, and he came back with some beautiful baby blankets. They put the baby, wrapped around with those blankets, in the rosewood cradle.

It looked fine until someone happened to notice the floor was so filthy. So these hardened, tough men got down on their hands and knees, and with their hardened hands they scrubbed that floor until it was clean. Of course, what that did was to make the walls and the ceiling and dirty windows without curtains look terrible. So they washed down the walls and the ceiling and they put curtains at the windows. Now things were looking much better.

But of course, they had to give up a lot of their fighting, because the baby slept a lot and babies can't sleep during a brawl. So the whole temperature of Roaring Camp seemed to go down.

They used to take him out and set him by the entrance of the mine in his rosewood cradle so they could see him when they came up. Then someone noticed what a dirty place that was, so they planted flowers, and they made a very nice garden there. It looked quite beautiful.

They would bring him shiny little stones and things that they would find in the mine. But when they would put their hands next to his, their hands looked so dirty. Pretty soon the general store was all sold out of soap and shaving gear and perfume and those kinds of things. Before long, the men were a totally different bunch of men - that baby changed everything.

Oh, how much more did the birth of another baby make a difference! That was the birth of Jesus Christ - the Son of God!! This is the message of Christmas in John 3:16, *"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."*

MINISTRY REPORT

God has blessed in 2009. I have preached in 49 revival meetings. There have been 1001 people who have made a public profession of their faith of Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. As of the writing of this newsletter I still have one more revival meeting to preach. Also, there have been many hundred more other decisions for Christ. Thank you for making all this possible by your support.

END OF THE YEAR SUPPORT

Many of you help support my ministry on a regular basis, and I am so thankful for your support. There may be others that will want to give an end of the year gift to help as we start a new year. I am dependent on your gifts, which make it possible to go to preach wherever God opens the door, regardless of the size of the church.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

Judy and I want to wish all of you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. May God bless you!

PREACHING SCHEDULE

December

Dec 5-6	Lifeway Baptist Church	Amarillo, TX
Dec 27	West Jackson Baptist Church	Jackson, TN

NEW SERMON CDs

Bible Conferences Sermons

The Bible Conferences in Northwest Tennessee and the Upstate South Carolina were absolutely wonderful.

All of the preachers were annointed of God.

I want to offer seven messages from these conferences by Steve Gaines, Mike Stone, Fred Luter, James Merritt, Emir Caner and Don Whitt. Entire Set of CDs is \$25.00.

NEW SERMON SERIES

I have put together a new series of eight messages on **Favorite Revival Messages**. Entire Set of CDs is \$25.00