

Merry Christmas



**GLORY BE TO GOD FROM GENERATION TO GENERATION
UPON WHOM GOD'S FAVOR REST**

Over the last 70 years into our 50th marriage years, the Lord has radically changed our perspective on the true purpose of a family. It came very clear to me in this beautiful southern plantation entrance picture I saw in a nursing home. I didn't see it at first, but I was just captivated by the beauty of the magnificent picture as an artist.

It was only later that my mind raced back to the beginning of the plantation farmer's "interstate driveway" vision during the horse and buggy days! His thinking in majestic terms required massive space to encompass his vision. But he also knew he would never see the massive maturity level of those oak trees encompassing the entire entrance driveway. It is so true only in eternity will we all be able to see the expanse of our family and ministry influences over past generations. Our influence for Christ in our brief time on earth will outlive US!!

"As God blesses you, you will multiply and you will witness an increase in your life. He will not only bless you, but will bless your generation." Psalm 115:12-14

But in the midst of family conflicts, God had to commission Moses to set up a courthouse system in a Tabernacle tent. That court system has become a worldwide institution to settle conflicts and execute judgment and mercy among broken and dispersed families.

Even before this Christmas season, our neighboring Dekalb Co. is having to deal with an entire family (five in all) murdered and suicide in their own Vineyard Walk Apartments. Please pray local churches will surround this apartment complex with comfort, care, and hope against tragedy the penetrating this apartment unit.

The most fragile institution is family relationships. It is Satan's sore eye of jealousy to stir up hatred and revenge. Thank God for His mercy and grace to far outweigh Satan's schemes in generational blessings or cures.

During this Christmas season, Nancy and I express to your family a season of love and devotion to the highest degree.

Our Family Christmas Tree

LOVE

Winning circle

KINDNESS

Pleasant atmosphere

GODLINESS

Witness of your character

PERSEVERANCE

Endurance under pressure

SELF CONTROL

Circumstances out of your control

KNOWLEDGE

Spiritual insight adapted to surrounding events

GOODNESS

God's planned path chosen for you in righteousness

FAITH IN CHRIST ALONE

Our calling "an election sure" to escape corruption in ineffectiveness, unproductiveness, nearsighted, and blindness.

I Peter 5:3-11