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*“And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.” Psalm 1:3*



# The Rivers



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**Thank you and Merry Christmas !**

The Newsletter Team would like to thank each of you for your contributions during this year. We appreciate you taking the time to share an encouraging note, thought or insight with us . Thank you for sharing your heart, and for the love you showed toward the Body of Christ.

**The Newsletter Team**



Oh, what peace we often forfeit. Oh, what needless pains we bear, all because we do not carry, everything to God in prayer.



The Rivers of Water Church is a missionary church with a world vision.



“Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.”

Luke 2:14



## Special Prayer

- Pastor Robert E. Drake II and Family
- Missionaries at ROW
- Haiti Mission
- Pastor David Mugalu
- Uganda Mission
- Nigeria Mission
- Camille Carroll
- Sis. Kimela Johnson
- Zelda Morris
- Sis. Gwen Strong
- Sis. Alice Sullivan
- Sis. Annie Wells

“Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.”

Heb 4:16

**Pray on Saints!**



## Word of Encouragement: Jesus is the Reason for the Season!

The crisp air is filled with the aroma of fresh baked cookies and wood burning fireplaces. The delight of beautifully lit homes brightens the midnight skies. Everyone even seems to be a bit more joyous this time of year, in anticipation of Christmas.

While many minds might be consumed with materialism, let the children of God reflect the true meaning of what all the excitement is about... JESUS Christ!!!

It’s no wonder that some call Christmas time “the most wonderful time of the year”, our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ was born.

Though some might try to disguise the obvious with various distractions, let us shine, therefore, the brighter. Let them wonder why we have such joy. This joy comes from something much more than a toy.

Let them know that Christ, our Saviour, was born this day, so that through God’s plan we may join Him on a journey, guided by something

much better than a sleigh. One day we will be caught up high in the sky. We will shout “Glory to God in the highest...” (Luke 2:14)!

So, sleigh bells aside, let the joy of the newborn King ring in your soul. With Jesus reigning triumphantly in our hearts, show the lost that they, too, can know Him today, if they’ll repent and ask Him into their hearts.

**Merry Christmas!**  
**Sis. Janavia Bobs**





We celebrate His birth on December 25th.

**Merry Christmas !!**

## Happy Birthday

- Andrew Jones 13
  - Allen Harrison 22
  - Journee Hines 22
  - Jourdan Joseph 23
  - Rosie Drake 28
- \*November Birthday Correction\***
- Brooklyn Fields Nov. 26



*“Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.”*

*Matthew 5:16*



*“Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy paths.”*

*Proverbs 3:5-6*



## Word of Encouragement: “Our Redeemer Draweth Nigh”

“And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh.” **(Luke 21:28)**

“Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth. For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God.” **(Col. 3:2,3)**

I want to encourage you to not be afraid of the things that are going on in this world, but know that these

things are a reminder that our Redeemer is coming soon. Let us keep the faith. The worse it gets, the closer it is to our Bride Groom’s coming. Here comes the Bride Groom! What a Christmas it would be if our Redeemer returned on the day we celebrate His birthday! What a day of rejoicing that would be! Keep longing for the appearance of our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Look up Saints, it could be this day,

this hour, this second when Jesus returns. Set your affection on things above, not on these things that are fading away.

While you are out shopping for those gifts, look up Saints. Remember that the perfect Gift has already been given. Set your affection above, where our Redeemer is. Our hope is in the appearing of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Saints be encouraged, our Redeemer draweth nigh.

**Sis. Brenda Sumrall**

## Youth Corner

I’m learning to get out of God’s way when He’s working. There is no need for worry and anxiety. Whatever God has planned for you, wait on it, and receive it with open arms. Don’t try to fix the situation yourself or try

to understand God’s way. God has His own plans for you and all you need to do is wait and receive the help. Follow God and His way and LET Him take care of you. When you find peace in being taken care of, the anxiety and fear will fade away.

“Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of My righteousness.” **(Isaiah 41:10).**

**Sis. Kenedi McKenzie**



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**“WE WISH YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR!”**



*Jesus*

is the Reason  
for the Season.

