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President's Letter:



When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." John 8:12 NIV

Dear Aventurites,

We are in a wonderful season of the year! It's miraculous to think of how God sent his only son to save us from our sins, even if we were the only person in the world! We have been given the light of life if we choose to follow him! I don't know about you, but I love my flashlight app on my phone. It's so wonderful to never be caught in the dark, but what is even better is knowing that when I'm caught up in those dark places in life that I never have to fear because I have instant access to the light of the world!

What is also cool is that in Matthew 5:14-16 (NIV) Jesus says, ¹⁴ "You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden.¹⁵ Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. ¹⁶ In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

My prayer for you this Christmas season and throughout the new year is that you would SHINE for Jesus! Be a light to those in this dark and dreary world. May you be emboldened to share the love of God with those you know and meet.

I hope to see you this Saturday at the Christmas party that Tres Dias has invited all of us to. It's a pot luck, but don't feel you have to bring anything, there will be plenty of food! Also, they are doing an optional grab bag gift exchange if you are interested. It is starting at 5pm. Here's the invitation from their newsletter:

Bill and Becky Bridges will supply the Christmas music. It will be a pot luck dinner. This is not a Secuela. There will be no business meeting, no 4th day talk, etc. It is just going to be a big party to celebrate the birth of our Savior and have fun and fellowship with our brothers and sisters in Christ. Children and guests are welcome. All Pescadores and Aventurites are invited and we would love to see you there. We will have a grab bag gift exchange/Chinese auction. Nothing fancy for the gifts, just something to exchange in honor of our greatest gift, Jesus. Everybody loves to open presents. It's December 13th @ 5pm @ St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 837 Charles St, Torrington.

Then I hope you will be able to make it to our Reunion and Assembly meeting on December 27th. We will start the Assembly meeting at 6:30 and then get right into the Reunion. It will be great to see you all!
Blessings,

Laura Roehl

Reunion Report:

The November Reunion was small but full of laughter, candy and thanksgiving. There was much time for fellowship and raiding the candy bag, and then we heard discussed giving thanks in all circumstances, even those that seem to have no reason for being thankful. Can't wait to see you all at the December Reunion! *Amanda Johnson*

Upcoming Reunions and Other Dates:

December Reunion: Open to all

Saturday, December 27, 7:00pm (Assembly Meeting to precede it at 6:30)
The Covenant Church of Thomaston 64 Grove Street, Thomaston CT 06787

Amanda & Matt Johnson would like to invite you to their house at 415 Litchfield St Torrington on Sunday Dec 14 at 6pm for a reading of 'The Best Christmas Pageant Ever'. Cookies, Cocoa and more will be served for refreshments. If you need directions you can call them at 860-489-9606. The party will end around 9pm

Prayer Requests:

Please feel free to send prayer requests to our 'prayistas':

Barb Clavette (JEClavette@snet.net or 482-0172)
Sandy Miller (SanJeanM@AOL.com or 482-5601)

They will pass the appropriate ones along to the Croaker to be listed here and send out emails to the prayer chain. Be sure to let them know if you wish to remain anonymous or if you don't want the prayer published at all.

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