



Our Traditional Christmas Card 2017:

We have a list of folks we know all written in a book,
And every year when Christmas comes we go and take a look.
That's when we realize these names are all a little part,
Not of the book they're written in, but of our very hearts.
For each name stands for someone who has crossed our path sometime,
And in that meeting they've become the rhythm in each rhyme.
While it may sound fantastic for us to make this claim,
We really feel that we're composed of each remembered name.
And while you may not be aware of any special link,
Just meeting you has changed our lives much more than you may think.

For once we've met someone the years can not erase,
The memory of a pleasant word or a friendly face.
So, never think our Christmas cards are just a mere routine,
Of names upon a Christmas list forgotten in between.
For when we send a Christmas card that is addressed to you,
It is because you're on the list of folks we are endeared to.

For we are but the total of the many folks we've met,
And you just happen to be one of those we prefer not to forget.
Whether we have known you for many years or merely just a few,
In some way you've had a part in shaping things we do.
And every year when Christmas comes we realize anew,
The best gift life has offered us is meeting folks like you.

Though many problems in the world continue to exist,
We all must stand up and act; on this we must insist,
Our Lord still acts on our behalf though we might think His means amiss.
But, when we listen and to His message, we find the ultimate bliss,
Peace, good will and His spoken word are really His given Grace.
That's why He sent his Son to us, that we might know His face.
So you're all on our daily list to offer up in prayer,
That you all may find peace and happiness and with His words dispel despair.

To remove all your troubles so you can truly feel it,
That now you're on the road of Grace with the Holy Spirit.
Will you share it with your friends and with your neighbors too?
Will you tell your family and your loved ones true?
Maybe on your way to work you'll share with someone new,
Maybe even grandpa needs to hear it come from you.

Christmas is about the birth of the Blessed Babe,
But don't forget to tell the part where He rose up from the grave.
Salvation and His kingdom is the message we need to heed and hear,
Commanding us to spread it wide, afar and to the near.
So when you read our Christmas card remember though it's hard,
That Jesus died to mend our hearts and all our sins discard.

We pray this day that you'll believe and have your cares relieved,
Just open up your heart to Him through Grace; Great Blessings you'll receive.
For we must all remember how our country got its start,
Twas just a simple prayer made directly from George Washington's heart.
Just one who was a believer and oh yes it is true,
He prayed to God for His Blessing to see his vision through.

Lord provide us the words and wisdom to rally men, anew,
That we may heal our nation and foster something new."
And while you're counting all your blessings and thinking all this through,
Pray steadfastly for our Country to be revived and all renewed.
Remember all the little things that we should really do.
Remember all our veterans and their loved ones too,
Who gave so much to secure our freedom that our respect for them is due.

For peace is earned by giving of more than you might think,
And this is why we celebrate Thanksgiving to keep us from the brink.
We all should be reflecting on things within our past,
That to ignore or forget them is to have to repeat the task.
So with all that is occurring in our ever shrinking space,
To ignore His word is to deviate from His everlasting Grace.

Hence, this is not just a list of names to send our greetings to,
It is the list of those we love and think of all year through.
A group of which we care enough to send the good news to,
That God himself came down to earth and gave His life for YOU.

That you may have assurance by virtue of His Love,
To pursue all your dreamed abilities as He proclaimed them from above.
So sit not at your table with few thoughts on your mind,
But go out and proclaim them and do His work in kind.

*For unto you is born this day, in the city of David, A Savior
which is Christ the Lord! Luke 2:11*



Barbato's Black Belly Sheep



Gizmo

Here we are Christmas 2017. My how time flies!

*It is almost as though there has been a paradigm shift so much is new and exciting.
Here on the farm, it is no surprise that there is always something new. Lots of puppies have found
their way into loving homes and wiggled into the hearts of their new families. This is as much a
blessing to us as it is to others as we constantly get photos and hear great things about their new lives
apart from Bear Creek. It has been a long time since there were lambs born here.....but we en-
joyed raising 8 Barbato's Black Belly lambs this year and look forward to a fresh crop for 2018.
Above pictured are two of the lambs and our little mascot Gizmo. He is a tri colored Nigerian Dwarf
Goat who is just as much fun to be around as his picture pore's. One filly this year, "Dawn", a
pretty few spot filly who has a #10 personality. Can't wait to see her grow and perform!
An indoor sure would make winter use of the horses much more fun and promote more dog training.*

We sure did have a lot of fun at the lake this year! We have such a great group of clients and friends, it hardly seems like work.....and of course our family get-togethers at the lake are such a hoot. We had some excitement with flooding on the July 4th weekend. We experienced Agnus in 72 which was an experience in itself, but this was much more "violent". Sadly, there was a great deal of damage up and down the lake for our community. We've gone from one extreme to another. Last year not enough water and this year too much water!

However...God has blessed us!.....we really got an upgrade for our tent! Taking another bull by the horns and we put up a carport where the tent was. This is really "living large"! We can open and close the doors depending on the weather. Easy to keep and no more ripped tent tops! And storage to boot! The men-folk did a great job pouring the concrete floor, so we really have a luxurious place for our family to gather and enjoy each others company. We were able to extend our Bible Study into the fall because we were not freezing to death. We're just lovin'it! Looking forward to 2018!

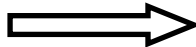


"Bethel"

In Progress



In Use



Family Fun



Family Love

I have no greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in truth.

3 John 1:4

Of course we have the very exciting news of the birth of Charlotte Rebecca Motley on June 2, 2017. This the first of many grandchildren yet to come and while we were "warned" of how much fun it was.....we really had no idea!



Derek continues to work for Norfolk Southern Railroad and is a master welder/fabricator about town and drone pilot/photographer. You go boy!



Bragging here on brave Mau family women: Michelle bit off a chunk just a few months before Charlotte was born and opened Healing Touch Chiropractic!

Charlotte's first Christmas Tree Hunt

Michelle and Charlotte At the office....4 days old! We believe in teaching a strong work ethic at an early age in this family.

The Motleys have a lot on their plates but we are confident that they will continue believe God for His promises. We are so very proud of them! Thank you Father God!



Michelle, Charlotte and Skipa-David

Skills are for sharing in this family.



And we are forever indebted to this young man!

Our son, Nathan, we love you so much, and are so very proud of the man that you have become!

*Always kind, sincere, smart, practical, handsome and humorous!
Your very name means Gift from God!*

No grass grows under this man's feet but he has transformed our muddy horse pens into beautiful lush grass pastures.

He is a master mechanic and fabricator, first rate animal caregiver, master machinist and heavy equipment operator, possesses supernatural strength and is one of the most loving gentle men we know. We are anxiously looking forward to all that God has in store for him in 2018!



Handsome Dude!



He did it?

We believe!

And then regarding us.....we continue to thank God for all of these many blessings as well as his mercy and healing power provisioned through Jesus Christ our Lord.



Pete continues to amaze us all with his strength and stamina. Now 11 years post traumathe glue still holds! Thank you Father God!



On November 14, Tammy underwent open heart surgery.... coronary arterial bypass 4X. This photo taken 5 days post op to memorialize a pact made with the surgeon to be walking in the woods with the dogs on day 5 post op. (11/19/17). Glory to God in the highest! Hallelujah!



This beautiful bird "appeared" on the scene one day in September. The past year, we have concentrated our study and understanding on the Holy Spirit. "Spirit" has been sent as a sign and wonder of the continual presence of "the comforter".

Thank you Jesus for asking Father God to send us the gift of your Holy Spirit and the Power endued.

John 14:16



The Spirit of God, who raised Jesus from the dead lives in you. And just as God raised Christ Jesus from the dead, he will give life to your mortal bodies by the same Spirit living within you.

Romans 8:11

With love from our hearts: Pete, Tammy & Nathan Severson



Do you Hear what I Hear?

Is anyone listening to what God is saying? Not just what he has said already, but what he is “now” saying? What is God saying? Did not our hearts burn within us when he expounded on the scriptures? (Luke 24:32) Do they not burn now? Are we not hungry?

Is your relationship with God at bare minimum.....an insurance policy maybe?.....Or is He truly JEHOVA?

God is moving, and God is speaking. God does nothing except He first reveals it to his profits

(Amos 3:7) Without a prophetic oracle from God (Vision) people perish. (Proverbs 29:18)

In II Timothy Paul prophesies and instructs:

3¹⁻⁵ Don't, be naive. There are difficult times ahead. As the end approaches, people are going to be self-absorbed, money-hungry, self-promoting, stuck-up, profane, contemptuous of parents, crude, coarse, dog-eat-dog, unbending, slanderers, impulsively wild, savage, cynical, treacherous, ruthless, bloated wind-bags, addicted to lust, and allergic to God. They'll make a show of religion, but behind the scenes they're animals. Stay clear of these people.

6-9 These, are the kind of people who smooth-talk themselves into the homes of unstable and needy women and take advantage of them; women who, depressed by their sinfulness, take up with every new religious fad that calls itself “truth.” They get exploited every time and never really learn. These men are like those old Egyptian frauds Jannes and Jambres, who challenged Moses. They were rejects from the faith, twisted in their thinking, defying truth itself. But nothing will come of these latest impostors. Everyone will see through them, just as people saw through that Egyptian hoax.

Keep the Message Alive

*10-13 You've, been a good apprentice to me, a part of my teaching, my manner of life, direction, faith, steadiness, love, patience, troubles, sufferings—suffering along with me in all the grief I had to put up with in Antioch, Iconium, and Lystra. And you also well know that God rescued me! **Anyone who wants to live all out for Christ is in for a lot of trouble; there's no getting around it.** Unscrupulous con men will continue to exploit the faith. They're as deceived as the people they lead astray. As long as they are out there, things can only get worse.*

14-17 But don't, let it faze you. Stick with what you learned and believed, sure of the integrity of your teachers—why, you took in the sacred Scriptures with your mother's milk! There's nothing like the written Word of God for showing you the way to salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. Every part of Scripture is God-breathed and useful one way or another—showing us truth, exposing our rebellion, correcting our mistakes, training us to live God's way. Through the Word we are put together and shaped up for the tasks God has for us.

*4¹⁻² I can't, impress this on you too strongly. God is looking over your shoulder. Christ himself is the Judge, with the final say on everyone, living and dead. **He is about to break into the open with his rule, so proclaim the Message with intensity; keep on your watch. Challenge, warn, and urge your people. Don't ever quit. Just keep it simple.***

3-5 You're, going to find that there will be times when people will have no stomach for solid teaching, but will fill up on spiritual junk food—catchy opinions that tickle their fancy. They'll turn their backs on truth and chase mirages. But you—keep your eye on what you're doing; accept the hard times along with the good; keep the Message alive; do a thorough job as God's servant.


It's, undeniable proof that we are experiencing the labor pains of the last days. “The earth is groaning!” For confirmation, just turn on your TV . Like in Star Trek The Journey Home, we have been catapulted around the sun and are accelerating through these last days.

Acts 2:17 tells us what God is doing now:

“In the Last Days,” God says, “I will pour out my Spirit on every kind of people: Your sons will prophesy, also your daughters; Your young men will see visions, your old men dream dreams. When the time comes, I'll pour out my Spirit On those who serve me, men and women both, and they'll prophesy. I'll set wonders in the sky above and signs on the earth below, Blood and fire and billowing smoke, the sun turning black and the moon blood-red, Before the Day of the Lord arrives, the Day tremendous and marvelous; And whoever calls out for help to me, God, will be saved.”

Like it or not, we are marching to the beat of the “Spirit Drummer”.....A very recent headline confirms our progress...”Trump declares that Jerusalem is the capital of Israel”. No surprise to those that hear the Word of the Lord.

All the prophecies of Jesus' birth, life, crucifixion and resurrection were fulfilled right on time, like the perfected running of a Swiss watch. They manifested right on time, right to the precise hour, exactly on Jewish feast days. How could the Jewish people possibly have missed Jesus Christ as the Messiah? It was



so prophetically plain to see, yet *his own people received him not*.....and many still don't, or won'tJews or Gentiles! And the world still does not see the neon sign flashing "HERE'S YOUR SIGN" that we are marching ever closer to the last day. Luke 12:56 *Ye hypocrites, ye can discern the face of the sky and of the earth, but how is it that ye do not discern this time?*

The reason "some" do not "hear" or "see" is because some (the enemy and his "minions") are not meant to knowfor instance, had the enemy known the redemptive plan would be fulfilled through the blood shed by Jesus Christ along the way to, and at the cross, and that the resurrection would seal the deal (the impossible is possible with God), he NEVER would have crucified the Lord of Glory. The enemy sealed his own fate!

So what exactly is God revealing through His servants; the profits of today? Who is listening?

This from Jerry Seville received from God 10/18/15

"A supernatural flow of divine life is coming to your generation. All the works that Jesus did and all the works the early disciples did you will see in your generation and even greater as proclaimed by Jesus himself. God's manifested power will know no bounds. A full demonstration of his power is where your generation is headed. The working of miracles will be restored, and creative miracles will no longer be the rare but will take place so frequently that it will shake not only cities but entire nations as well. And the preaching of the Gospel will be accompanied by signs and wonders and miracles beyond anything you have ever seen before."

And most recently from Kenneth Copeland

2018 is the year of Holy Spirit and Fire - "We shall see: Glory Storms, Apostolic Authority (with people of God participating in governing authorities), Revival, Revelation, The Cloud of God's Presence, Radical Pursuit and Obedience."

Again: "NOTHING" is done by God that He does not first reveal to his profits.....and that which is revealed is then spoken of by the profits. What is Revealed is Spoken and then in the fullness of time, what is revealed and spoken comes to pass....."this is the law of the manifestation of the spoken word". In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God and Word was God.....and he SPOKE into the nothingness of space the entirety all of Creation! And we being made in the image of God have, by divine inheritance, authoritative power by the spoken word.....especially through the spoken Word of God!


So are our ears to the ground and eyes on the Eastern Sky? And if they are, are we hearing, believing and speaking what the Spirit of God is saying to us? What are we confessing? Are we echoing what the World is saying and trying to solve problems with the same "twisted thinking" that was used to create them? Or are we saying what God is saying? Are we declaring "This is that which was spoken by the prophet"? Are we stepping up and into the offices God has ordained for us and getting down to business.....are we about our Father's business?

Boldly declare what God is Saying because He has promised that He will show you things to come.....John 16:13 KJV *Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth is come, he will guide you into all truth; for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak; and he will shew you things to come.*

And in The Message¹²⁻¹⁵ *"I still have many things to tell you, but you can't handle them now. But when the Friend comes, the Spirit of the Truth, he will take you by the hand and guide you into all the truth there is. He won't draw attention to himself, but will make sense out of what is about to happen and, indeed, out of all that I have done and said. He will honor me; he will take from me and deliver it to you. Everything the Father has is also mine. That is why I've said, 'He takes from me and delivers to you.'*

And what of the warning of false prophets? If it does not line up with the Word of God.....it is false. It is that simple. Do not pay attention to, or repeat what the world is saying. Say only what the SPIRIT OF GOD SPEAKS. Say only that of Him who is able to do above and beyond all that we ask or think according to the power that works in "US"to Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus to ALL GENERATIONS FOREVER. Amen! Hallelujah!Crystal Clear.....ALL GENERATIONS. That is "US"! The power of the Holy Spirit has not ceased, nor have signs, wonders and miracles. We are simply ignorant of them because the world and the enemy like it like that. If we feel power at all, for the most part, we regard it as an "accessory" seldom used or discount it as mere "emotion". This quote from "Holy Spirit Are We Flammable or Fireproof?" by Reinhard Bonnke.

"Power is the essence of the Christian witness. It is not a Gospel accessory. It is not the bell on a bicycle—it is the whole machine! There is never the slightest hint that some disciples would be powerless. To be blunt, **Christianity is either supernatural or nothing at all.** We had—and still have—a supernatural Jesus, with a supernatural ministry, creating a supernatural Church, with a supernatural Gospel and a supernatural Bible. Take the miraculous away and you have taken Christianity's life away. The Church becomes an ethical society or a social club when it is intended to be the grid system for transmitting the power of God into this



powerless world. You and I are conductors of God's power to the world! The Holy Spirit and the Gospel of Christ's redeeming love are inseparably tied together in the bundle of life. If you want to see the power of God, then ignore all the techniques, manipulation and psycho-suggestion and simply preach the Word! That is where the power of God is released—right in the Gospel. I do not take only one thing out of God's treasure chest. I proclaim the whole Gospel, which contains everything that we human beings need—**salvation, forgiveness, healing peace, hope and deliverance.**"

There is power in the spoken word of God. If you choose to receive that, beware the warning in the parable of the sower.....we must watch that the enemy does not steal the seed (the Word of God & the revelation(s) the spirit brings to you). As soon as you hear from God, the enemy will come to make you doubt and attempt to steal that word away from you. Physical attacks on your body and emotional attacks on your mind are an attempt of Satan to steal the Word.....and your HOPE.....and ultimately your God ordained purpose; he wants to steal your very destiny. **We don't have to yield to him and we must learn to recognize his tactics.** We should learn and know when we are weak, then God is strong! We should take a position of authority and security in the secret place of The Most High.

2 Corinthians 12:7-10 The Message (MSG) Paul explains:

⁷⁻¹⁰ Because of the extravagance of those revelations, and so I wouldn't get a big head, I was given the gift of a handicap to keep me in constant touch with my limitations. Satan's angel did his best to get me down; what he in fact did was push me to my knees. No danger then of walking around high and mighty! At first I didn't think of it as a gift, and begged God to remove it. Three times I did that, and then he told me, My grace is enough; it's all you need.

My strength comes into its own in your weakness.

*Once I heard that, I was glad to let it happen. I quit focusing on the handicap and began appreciating the gift. **It was a case of Christ's strength moving in on my weakness.** Now I take limitations in stride, and with good cheer, these limitations that cut me down to size—abuse, accidents, opposition, bad breaks. **I just let Christ take over! And so the weaker I get, the stronger I become.***

God's word is full of patterns.....(because we are humans require repetition to learn) We are reminded by several Bible stories that.....After major advancement/promotion/revelation, the enemy comes with a major attack to steal, kill or destroy that which God has given, but God will handle it.....when you give it to him to handle.

Again we receive perfect instruction from the Word of God through the example of his servant Paul who says, "turn your pressure into progress!" We are called to be such an example to others who will notice that there is something peculiar happening. We are meant to testify that the very same power that rose Jesus from the grave lives in us who believe.


And another example is David.....in 1 Chronicles 14 (yes go read it)..... but to summarize, after David was "established as king" (received advancement from God) he was challenged, but all the enemy succeeded in doing by challenging David was to push David to another level physically, mentally and spiritually. The term Baal Perazim is coined....The God of Breaking through.

Jerry Savelle shares his breakthrough story (<https://shar.es/1MbhcJC>) and declares. "The greatest breakthroughs come when people demonstrate a determined, persistent and unwavering faith. God requires participation, a demonstration of Faith. Faith without corresponding action is devoid of power.

God likes to use unlikely conditions to perform great miracles. It won't "look" like you can win but God will actually use the challenge as a springboard to boost you higher than you could have gone on your own.....and then you can bring Praise and Glory to God.

It is often at the place of your greatest frustration that God will reveal his Greatest Glory. If you are frustrated...Great! .God is about to move! Hang on! Remember, sometimes God uses the NO's to lead you to a greater YES!. Everything we have.....worth having.....is the result of God's favor following our obedience. Listen for God's direction, be obedient and walk in the favor of God.....Surely goodness and mercy shall follow you all the days of your life.

When Jesus heard that John the Baptist had been be-headed, Jesus went off to pray alone.....but the disciples came and said to him that the people were seeking him. So he got up and went and healed all the sick. When we recognize we are under attack we should do what Jesus did.....we pray and go on about our Father's business. We must believe for the manifestation of signs and wonders. We are not ignorant of Satan's devices against us.....so we press in to manifest the Glory of God. God is ready to do something new. Isaiah 43:19. But it requires our participation by stepping out in faith. He will make the way. "Just do it"! And now abides Faith, Hope and Love. Each on its own has distinct but limited power, but applied together, they produce miracles. We can't have Faith without Hope. We can't please God without Faith but Love (unselfish Agape love) is the catalyst when applied with the others,



releases Dunamis (dynamite like) power.

Healings and Miracles are the Dinner Bell that will call men unto salvation. They are clear signs of Gods active power. Acts 1 is full of unquestionable proofs and notable miracles. We are about to experience Clear Signs and Wonders of Gods action through Visitations, Demonstrations and Manifestations as the Spirit of God is poured out on all of us and we are obedient to his call.

The world is looking toward government for solutions to all socio-economic dilemmas. Health Care, Economy, Food Supply, Terrorism, Racism, Religions Prejudice, etcetera.....**ALL WILL BE RESOLVED WHEN THE KINGDOM MANIFESTS ON EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN** and the cures will be administered by the bride of Christhis church. Right now in the natural, it's not looking too good. Somehow, through the power and authority of the Spirit of God ...all that divides must fade away, the church matures into a virtuous bride (Proverbs 31), dry bones rise, and the offices of Profit, Teacher, Pastor, Apostle and Evangelist will replace cultural, denominational and racial labels. God's people will operate in unity and of one accord under the power of the Holy Spirit with signs and wonders following and they will operate freely in the gifts of the Spirit. Revival is breaking!

Trust God and believe His profits and you will prosper. 2 Chronicles 20:20

And like AbrahamI BELIEVE AND TRUST GOD!

WHEN these manifestations begin, people will charge the doors of churches (or perhaps the gates of stadiums, since most churches will be too small). They won't be kept from experiencing the presence of God, and they will "afterward hang on to every word that proceeds from the mouth of God". His word which is SPIRIT and LIFE, THE LIVING WORD, the very BREAD OF LIFE.

We have a Kingdom to Build. We all have divine purpose and calling. We all have work to do.

Somebody somewhere is depending on YOU to do what God has called you to do!

Do you know your purpose? God will reveal it to you if you seek him and reach out to him for his purposed plan for your life. He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek him. Seek and ye shall find, Knock and it shall be opened. Seek ye first the Kingdom of God, and his righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you. **Never settle for anything less than God's Best.**

*"The place God calls you to is the place where your deep gladness and the world's deep hunger meet",
Frederick Buechner "Wishful Thinking"*

Romans 15:13 KJV Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. And verses 7-13 MSG

⁷⁻¹³ *So, reach out and welcome one another to God's glory. Jesus did it; now you do it! Jesus, staying true to God's purposes, reached out in a special way to the Jewish insiders so that the old ancestral promises would come true for them. As a result, the non-Jewish outsiders have been able to experience mercy and to show appreciation to God. Just think of all the Scriptures that will come true in what we do! For instance:*

Then I'll join outsiders in a hymn-sing; I'll sing to your name!

And this one:

Outsiders and insiders, rejoice together!

And again:

People of all nations, celebrate God! All colors and races, give hearty praise!

And Isaiah's word:

There's the root of our ancestor Jesse, breaking through the earth and growing tree tall,

Tall enough for everyone everywhere to see and take hope!

Oh! May the God of green hope fill you up with joy, fill you up with peace, so that your believing lives, filled with the life-giving energy of the Holy Spirit, will brim over with hope!

Wishing you all a blessed Christmas and a Spirit Filled New Year!