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The Real Christmas Story

The real Christmas story comes from the disciples Matthew and Luke. It is through their voices that we can experience the birth of Christ. These two writers provide us with all the details that give life to the annual celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ.

"An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid. I bring you news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.' Suddenly, a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, 'Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom His favor rests.'" — Luke 2:8-14



Remembering the true meaning of Christmas can be done in a variety of ways. This might mean taking time to pray and read passages from the Bible with your family. Maybe you will choose to spread good will by volunteering at the following

locations in our community:

Bollinger County: Nutrition Center, 505 Third Street, Marble Hill, MO, (573) 238-2809

Cape Girardeau County: Missouri Veterans' Home, 2400 Veterans Memorial Dr, Cape Girardeau, (573) 290-5870); Salvation Army, 701 Good Hope, Cape Girardeau, (573)335-7000; United Way, 430A Broadway, Cape Girardeau, (573)334-9634

Madison County: Madison County Sheltered Workshop, 610 S. Chamber, Fredericktown, (573) 783-4037

Mississippi County: Retired Senior Volunteer Program through the East Prairie Chamber of Commerce, 106 S. Washington, East Prairie (573)629-5243; Charleston Nutrition Center, 205 W. Commercial, Charleston, (573) 683-6115

Perry County: East Missouri Action Agency, 1321 West Ste. Maries, Perryville, (573) 547-2014

Scott County: Bootheel Food Bank, 104 Keystone Dr, Sikeston, (573) 471-1818

Regardless of how you choose to celebrate this wonderful holiday and this miraculous event, I hope it is a time that is full of joy and love with the ones you care about.

Christmas is also a time of reflection and thanks. I would like to thank all of you for giving me the opportunity to represent you in the Missouri Senate. It is an honor and a privilege, and I am grateful to you for giving me this opportunity. I trust that your Christmas will be filled with warmth and meaning as you gather with your loved ones and reflect on the real Christmas story.

Contact Me

As always, I appreciate hearing your comments, opinions and concerns. Please feel free to contact me in Jefferson City at (573) 751-2459. You may write to me at Jason Crowell; Missouri Senate; State Capitol; Jefferson City, MO 65101, or email me at: jcrowell@senate.mo.gov or visit me on the web at <http://www.senate.mo.gov/crowell>.

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