











Helping Churches Help People

## UNTO US A CHILD IS BORN - Written by Pastor Eric Hambrock

As I sit at my desk and write this article, I ponder at how appropriate it is that Thanksgiving should precede Christmas. I hope that you have taken the opportunity of the holiday to have not just a day, but a season of "thanksgiving and praise" for God's goodness towards us and provisions He has given to us. When I focus in on the temporal provisions of God, I can tangibly feel and see God's love for me in His blessings. I am blessed with health, finances, safety, and strong relationships. I witness God's power and testify to the world, "Right here, God walked with me."

But Christmas is about God's greatest intangible provision. Christmas is about my salvation. Through the gift of God, His son Jesus Christ, I have the wonderful provision of eternal life! By accepting

Jesus as Lord of my life and accepting His payment for my sin, I also have the promise that the Almighty will accept me as a child of His own. And as one of His own, I have the privilege of calling God, "my Father." So, not only do I have the provision of an eternal home, but also the privilege of my Lord walking with me on a daily basis. The enormous, mind blowing concept of God's spiritual provision for us, is that it still came by way of a tangible means...the baby Jesus. It is a great paradox. It is one of the many reasons why Jesus is misunderstood this very day. He is God's tangible provision for our intangible problem of sin.

Isaiah 9:6c (KJV) "...and his name shall be called, Wonderful Counselor, the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace."

#### SHOP LOVE IT AGAIN THRIFT STORE

This Christmas season, shop at Love It Again Thrift Store for unique, one of a kind gifts! We have a wide variety of gently used items, including clothing, books, and home goods. You're sure to find something for everyone on your list. On Thursdays, all shoes are \$1.99 and Saturdays, Seniors will get an 11% discount. Love It Again Thrift Store is committed to providing affordable shopping options for our community. We'd like to wish all our shoppers a blessed Christmas, and thank you for your support this past year!

#### **STORE HOURS**

Wednesday-Friday: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM Saturday: 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

### Christmas Cookie Fundraiser

#### Calling All Christmas Bakers!

Love INC has been given the opportunity to provide Christmas goodies for the Art Council's Christmas concert, Boogie and the YoYoz: Christmas With You. This will be a fantastic concert and a tremendous fundraiser for Love INC, 'cause nobody can make Christmas goodies like our churches can!

If you would like to donate Christmas treats for this fundraiser, please drop them off at the Love INC office no later than December 11th. Don't worry about pretty packaging, Love INC volunteers will put them in beautiful red & green boxes and price them too!

Last year, Love INC was able to raise almost \$1,000. With your help, we know we will do even better this year! Lastly, if you are considering attending this concert on Thursday, December 12th, simply click on the Art's Council logo to the right.



#### A Heartfelt Christmas Wish

As we celebrate the birth of Christ, we want to express our deepest gratitude to our incredible Board Members, Church Partners, supporters, and volunteers at Love INC. Your dedication, compassion, and unwavering commitment to serving our community has made a huge impact on lives and families in the South Wood County area.

May this Christmas season bring you joy, peace, and the warmth of love that you so generously share with others. Thank you for being a light of hope and a source of strength in our community. Wishing you a blessed Christmas.

With heartfelt thanks,

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