

Twas the night before Jesus came and all through the house  
Not a creature was praying not one in the house  
Their Bibles were lain on the shelf without care  
In hopes that Jesus would not come there.

The children were dressing to crawl into bed  
Not once ever kneeling or bowing their head.  
And mom in her rocker with baby on her lap  
Was watching the Late Show while I took a nap.

When out of the east there arose such a clatter  
I sprang to my feet to see what was the matter.  
Away to the window I flew like a flash  
Tore open the shutters and threw up the sash.

When what to my wondering eyes should appear  
But angels proclaiming that Jesus was here.  
With a light like the sun sending forth a bright ray  
I knew in a moment this must be the day.

The light of His face made me cover my head  
It was Jesus returning just like He said.  
And though I possessed worldly wisdom and wealth  
I cried when I saw Him in spite of myself.

In the Book of Life which He held in His hand  
Was written the name of every saved man.  
He spoke not a word as he searched for my name  
When He said "It's not here" my head hung in shame.

The people whose name had been written above  
He gathered to take to His Father above.  
With those who are ready He rose without a sound  
While all the rest were left standing around.

I fell to my knees but it was too late  
I had waited too long and this sealed my fate.  
I stood and cried as they rose out of sight  
Oh, if I had only been ready tonight.  
In the words of this poem the meaning is clear.  
The coming of Jesus is drawing near.  
There's only one life and when comes that last call  
We'll find out the Bible was true after all!! ~ Author Unkown

## *Merry Christmas!*

**There will not be services this evening.** We hope that everyone enjoys their time with family and friends.

**New Year's Eve Party** – Everyone is invited to attend the New Year's Eve Party at the home of Kevin & Mary Lough on Saturday, December 31<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 PM. Please bring finger foods.

**New Year's Day Services** – We will not be having Bible class on Sunday, January 1. We will only be having the 10:30 AM worship service so that you can have the holiday with family and friends. We will not be having evening services that day.

## *Prayer Requests*

♥Pray for each of the following: Pam Jackson, Gerry Wyer (Dianne Tonkery's mother), Joann Hall, Margret Brand, Phil Phillips, Darrell Freeman, Noah Miller Jr., Marsha Kisner, Sharon Little, Dallas Shaffer, Kaylyn Lipscomb, Buck & Kim Osborne, Asher Deaton, Edith Gull, Robert Moore, Edwina Summers, Jimmy Securo, Rolly Sullivan, and Nicholas Lough. .

♥Jennifer & Jason Seccuro have requested prayers for a friend of theirs, Mike & Jeannie DeMaria. Jeannie has been diagnosed with stage 4 cancer.

♥Please continue prayers for Steven and Kevin Lough's parents.

♥Rolly Sullivan, husband of Dolly Ford Sullivan, is in UPMC and is needing prayers at this time.

♥Linda Huber had requested prayers for her cousin, Sharon Hewitt, who is having surgery.

♥Joann Hall is undergoing radiation treatments and could use prayers.

♥Paul Sparks has requested prayers for his sister, Debbie Sparks.

♥Please keep one of our Nursery School parents, Todd Judy, in your prayers as doctors try to determine if his problems are cancer or not.

## *Happy Anniversary!*

Congratulations to Jim & Ellen Stout as they will be celebrating their 60<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary on January 6<sup>th</sup>. Please be sure to wish them a Happy Anniversary!