



Lisemby News



Here we are at the end of another year, and we are getting posed and ready for a new journey into 2015. 2014 has been a busy and very productive year for the Lisemby Family. I praise God that He has opened new doors for us, that He has sponsored us, helped us and kept us safe as we traveled a lot of miles this year.

I praise God for the friends and supporters who regularly help us. January of 2014 we asked you if possible to

help us by sending an offering each month and many of you have taken that challenge. Praise God. The Lord has used you to be a blessing.

I am praying for the Lord to put it in someone's heart to sponsor a new building for Psalms Camp. We need a motel type unit for guest preachers during their camp stay.

Also I am hoping to put new steel roofing over the tin on some of the buildings on the camp property. The tin is rusting a bit and we need to update and improve a few things.

We were able to update some things at Donnie's Lodge this year and completely re-do the Psalms

Camp Island. With all of our travels and camp work this year, we have seen hundreds saved and many altars full. God is good!

A good friend of mine used to jokingly say every time we met - "Well, Joel, are you still saved?" Hey, Hey - I praise God I am **still saved**...and it's not by my doing, but by His strong arm of Salvation and His grip on me and my soul.

We are making plans for 2015 right now and covet your prayers. There are many spirits out there that would lead us wrong and we have to test them and see if they be of God. I believe there are 3 main battlefronts that we face this

year... (1) The new "worship", (2) New music and (3) New prayer. Make no mistake - the Lisemby Family will have no part of any of that!! If ever you hear that the Lisemby Family has gone this new way...be informed it is not The Lisemby Family that you know!

(1) This new "worship" says - hide your crosses, change your Bibles and it replaces preaching with weak teachers, talks and counseling techniques. (2) The new music ignores most Hymns and spiritual songs and the angle is to do a rock concert under the disguise of Gospel. And the songs which are not rock flavored are silly little fun songs ... that is called "worship". As long as I am alive, I assure you the music of The Lisemby Family will never be labeled anywhere close to what is taking

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over the mainstream churches today.

(3) The new prayer is akin to Hindu meditations, channeling, and tongue speaking. I ask anyone who is reading this Lisemby Family Newsletter to look up a thing called "Contemplative Prayer" and see what is going on. Jeremiah 6 says to call for the old ways, and walk in the old path. Well we believe

that the Old Path is good.

Again - The Lisemby Family are planning on sticking with the stuff that has been handed down through the years. We are just who we are.

My Dad used to sing a song called "What I Am" written by Mrs. Sue. Joy is currently working on that song right now.

*"What I am, though
what I do is small,*

What I am

I give to You my all.

What I am You're

holding in Your Hand

*I'm so thankful that You
made me*

What I am."

Folks, we are who we are and thankful for His call to us. The Lisemby Family, after 45 years of singing ministry (41 of which is full-time), and 37 years of preaching

the Gospel in pulpits across this world, have been consistent in their (1) worship, (2) music and (3) prayer.

We hope to remain the same for however many days or years we have left to work for the Lord!! Please whisper a prayer for us today.

Until then,

Joel



JOY'S JOURNALING

Then I began to realize why. The answer was clearly evident right before my very eyes. We don't like to part with our "stuff"...after all, it's that "stuff" that defines who we are in this life, right? I mean, if we love books, then **we will have books**, if we love hunting, then **we will have hunting stuff**, if we love sewing/crafts, then **we will have sewing materials and craft supplies**, (which, by the way, all of these things define everyone in my house) haha. We actually **found** some stuff that we forgot we had...(I know none of you have done that, right).

But the Lord revealed something to me while we were moving things around. Many times we need to "move things around" in our spiritual lives. We are so caught up in our spiritual routines, that we can easily forget that we have spiritual gifts that the Lord has blessed us with, but we have never

used. Some may have the gift of hospitality, but never have anyone over to use that gift. Some may have the gift of listening, but we never shut our mouths so we can hear others. Some may have the gift of prayer, but all we pray is "**Lord give me, bless me**" instead of using that gift to pray for others and their needs. Some have the gift of ministry but we don't "minister" to others.

On and on it goes, the Lord blesses us with gifts to use for His Glory and Honor, but we don't use them because they are hidden amongst the "stuff" and we can't find them.

I am guilty....many times in my life I have been guilty of cramming my gifts from the Lord into a corner somewhere, and then pile a bunch of junk in my life on top of it, eventually forgetting that I even have it.

So, this Christmas, let me challenge you to do this:

Let's "**move some things**

Psalm 27:6

*"And now shall mine head be lifted up above mine enemies round about me: therefore will I offer in his tabernacle **sacrifices of joy**: I will sing, yea, I will sing praises unto the LORD."*

around" and find those hidden gifts from the Lord. And then, when we find them...**use them**.

We might have to throw some things out of our lives to find them (pride, greed, envy, strife, lying, etc), but the Lord will bless you and use you.

Go visit someone who needs prayer and pray for them. Invite someone over and show them hospitality this holiday season. Call someone up and just "listen" to them. Find someone who needs to be ministered to and minister to them.

And above all, don't forget the Greatest Gift of all...

JESUS!

Christmas Blessings!





Dr. Ricky Lisemby

RICKY'S WRITINGS



Greetings,

It is so good to be back with you again. Since the last time I wrote, we have been traveling everywhere preaching in Revivals and doing a lot of Concerts. Everywhere the Lord has led us, the people have been blessed, revived, and souls saved by the Grace of God. It has been a busy Fall season for us.

The highlight of the year for me took place when we were asked to sing at an annual festival which takes place in Mount Airy, North Carolina. It is called "Mayberry Days" in honor of Any Griffith and America's all-time favorite TV show.

We left early Wednesday, September 24th and arrived in Mt. Airy on Thursday the 25th around 4 pm. The trip to North Carolina was absolutely beautiful, driving thru majestic mountains and lush countryside where the Fall foliage was already evident. The trip was awesome.

On Friday the 26th, we set up at the Blackmon Theatre. While waiting for our time to sing, the festivities began with the Mayor of Mt. Airy officially declaring the "Mayberry Days" now open. Ten former stars of the show

were introduced and each one spoke. It was exciting to see all of them. The friendliest two we met were Betty "Thelma Lou" Lynn, and Maggie "Charlene Darling" Peterson.

That afternoon, we did 2 Concerts there, at 12:30 and 2:00 pm. Those who heard us the first time stayed for the 2nd Concert. Everyone was blessed and they all "Amen-ed," shouted, and responded to every song. One man was from the Ukraine, and one man used to play in the Marty Stuart country music band. He was especially excited and touched. Several people wanted us to come to their churches some time. Also, as we were about to leave, a man told Joey "Pray for me - I gotta get saved!" Joey did so, and the guy was gloriously born again...Hallelujah!!

Friday afternoon and all day Saturday we went all over the downtown area, seeing all the sights and the things honoring Andy Griffith and the show, including the Andy Griffith Museum, and some replicas of things on the show, and a big parade on Saturday. Andy was born and raised in Mt. Airy. What a super weekend we had.

On Monday, the 29th, we went to Charlotte, North Carolina and went thru the Billy Graham Museum/Library. It was awesome, especially the

tour thru the Museum. I really got a blessing seeing and hearing all about Billy's life and ministry.

On Wednesday, October 1st, we did a 1-1/2 hour Concert in Pikeville, TN at Faith Baptist Church. The congregation and Pastor were really glad to have us back. The Spirit was able to move and at the invitation, many people came to the altar praying and crying.

We left and went to Chattanooga, TN to spend the weekend with my brother, Reggie and his family. His ministry conducted a Prophecy Conference on Friday night-Saturday afternoon, at Brainerd Baptist, and he asked us to sing in both sessions. The keynote speaker was Dr. Jimmy DeYoung. Also, Reggie spoke, and Joey spoke on the Rapture. We sang in each session. Everyone was so excited and all the people said "That's the kind of music we grew up on, but you don't hear that style in churches much anymore." An exciting Conference! Folks, I know more than ever before, we are in the last days and Jesus is coming soon!

On Sunday, Oct. 5th, we sang at Calvary Bible Church on Signal Mountain near Chattanooga. The Holy Spirit was real sweet that morning, and at the invitation 8 or 9 people came crying, wanting to pray with the Pastor and with Reggie.

What a spiritual service.

The people were so warm and friendly, and hated to see us go. Reggie said, "I believe some healing took place today in the hearts of some of the people."

We got back home Monday, Oct. 6th. Thirteen days of traveling, plus God opened doors for us to sing and minister. Reggie wants to have another Prophecy Conference next year, and the Mayor at Mt. Airy wants us to come back again. So, Lord willing, we will do it again in 2015.

Now we are busy getting ready for Christmas. We are decorating our house here, inside and outside, plus doing several more Concerts in Louisiana and Texas. On December 5th we will start and do 7 Christmas Concerts through the 21st. Then we will have our Christmas Party on the 22nd to celebrate our Savior's birth, and our family Christmas together on Christmas Eve.

Hope you and all your family can be together this year; all 26 members of our family will be.

*"O come let us adore Him
Christ the Lord"*

...The Second Person of the Trinity.

Never forget Jesus is the Reason for the Season

**Merry Christmas and
Happy New Year!**

Ricky



MELODY'S MEDITATIONS

It's that time of year again ... Christmas!!! It's the time of year when everyone goes crazy trying to find the "perfect gift." It's when sales go up, when people race each other to buy the last string of lights in stock...it's when people lose their minds over a parking spot, and worrying about which bow matches the wrapping paper.

I may sound like a Scrooge, but hear me out. Don't get me wrong! **! LOVE CHRISTMAS.**

It's my favorite holiday. I love putting up Christmas lights, decorating the house, I love participating in the "Cyber Monday" sales, I love traditions, and I'm a firm believer in matching the bows and wrapping paper. It may be because I'm OCD about that kind of stuff. But, I think we've lost

sight of what Christmas is all about.

"Christmas is a time for giving" we always hear. As true as that is, a question comes to my mind. Giving what? Gifts...Duh! We give gifts to celebrate how Jesus came to earth as a gift for us. But gifts can be anything from a new book to an encouraging word.

A few weeks ago, the Lord allowed me to go on a Mission trip to Santa Rosa, Honduras with a great team. We worked in the schools and passed out Shepherd's bags to all the kids. The shepherd's bags had a toothbrush, toothpaste, soap, colors, stuffed animal, and a coloring book which told the Gospel story of Jesus.

These kids were very poor and I'm certain that several of them had probably never owned something as simple as a stuffed animal. These kids held their bags proudly. There were several kids that week that refused to even open their

bags, but held it close like it was gold or priceless jewels. It was very humbling.

I said that to say this: as soon as it was announced that we, Americans, wanted to play with them, the precious bags went down from their arms onto the nasty, soiled ground and here they came, running to us.

There were several times I was sure that I would be dog-piled. "How rude of them," some would think. We spent so much time putting those bags together, making sure they were "just right" only to see them tossed on the ground for a game. That's when it hit me. **The most precious gifts are those that you cannot unwrap.** Those bags were still precious and meaningful to them, but not as precious nor as meaningful as the time we spent with them, loving on them, playing with them, trying to talk with them, sharing the Love of Jesus with them.

The most precious gifts are these:



- Love
- Encouragement
- Family
- Friendship
- Your time
- Laughter
- Forgiveness
- Hope

Let us always remember this and be thankful and not get too carried away in all the hoop-la of the holiday season. Get together with your family and friends. Love on them, cherish them and enjoy celebrating our Ultimate Gift, Jesus Christ, together. At the end that's what it will be about anyway. We often focus our mind and put all our energy on what's underneath the pretty bows. One day those pretty bows and ribbons will fade away and only those who know Christ will be standing. Does your family know the "Reason for the Season"? Do they know Christ? Do they know **Who** Love is?

Merry Christmas!!

Melody



MERCY'S MEMO



It's Christmas again! I love this season so much. It makes me a little mad, though. It makes me mad because it has been corrupted by man. To the people of the world, it's about Santa and his elves. It's about "magical reindeer", silver and gold bells, lights, getting (and giving) gifts, snow, and being very nice so you get the best things from Santa instead of coal.

Does anyone else think that this is unacceptable? Should Christmas really be just about fun and games? My answer...NO! I think it's wrong to celebrate Christmas as a "fun little holiday." Granted, it **is** a fun holiday, all those things are fun...Christmas parties, snow, hot chocolate, apple cider, lights, and even opening gifts.

But Christmas shouldn't be

BASED on all those little things. The real meaning of Christmas is **one** thing, not the things I've just named. You know what that "thing" is?...**JESUS**...nothing more. It's about "God so loved...that He **GAVE**..." God wasn't expecting anything in return. He gave us Jesus so we could receive Him into our hearts. What a Present!

It's always good to be re-

minded of how much God really loves us.

So, my challenge to you this Christmas is:

- 1) Give and expect nothing in return.
- 2) Remember about the **REAL** Gift.

Merry Christmas!

Mercy



Book of the Month:
"Wrestling Prayer"
By Eric & Leslie Ludy



BROOKLYN'S BULLETIN



Hello Everyone!

I've noticed something about society today. Everyone has lost focus on what's important.

Around Christmastime people go crazy, buying all the gifts they will be giving, decorating their house with lights, Santas, reindeer, etc. getting ready for the next big Christmas party, etc. etc. People easily lose focus on what Christmas is all about...myself included.

I always forget the fact that sometimes I can't give every-

body a gift. I crochet, knit, and bake like crazy trying to make sure **everyone** gets a gift...which I very easily get stressed about...then I forget to enjoy Christmas time...to just put down the crochet hook for a minute, look around and enjoy what I see.

Things like my Mom stirring home-made hot chocolate on the stove, and my littlest sister, Noel just learning how to crochet. Even the smaller things like bringing our Christmas cups out of the attic.

Now, I'll bet you have someone in mind right now that really needs to lighten up around Christmas time. Be it your neighbor who gets super competitive over which one of you can put up the most lights, or a richer relative who brags about how expensive their gifts will be...whatever the case may be.

But don't you forget to keep your mind focused on what Christmas is all about.

Christmas is a time of year to enjoy being with your family and **giving** gifts to others (even if in your opinion they don't deserve them...lol)

But most importantly Christmas is the time of year to think about Jesus. And to

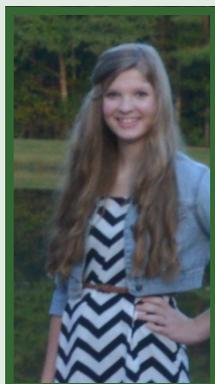
thank God for sending His one and only Son down to earth in the form of a lowly man, be born in a dirty stable, and grow up to die for us! That is incredible.

We need to be thanking God every day.

Jesus is the real Reason for the season, so keep Him in mind this Christmas.

Merry Christmas!!

Brooklyn



A JOT FROM JAMIE



It's Christmas time again... my favorite time of year. I just love all the Christmas lights, the music, snow, all the family getting together, etc. Christmas is the time when the whole family

gets together at some time during the holidays. We will visit my Grandmaw, uncles, aunts, and cousins down in Louisiana for a time of celebrating Christmas. Then we will spend time with family here in Arkansas with Mommy Sue and all the uncles, aunts, and cousins here, with Christmas Eve supper at my Uncle's

house, then Christmas Eve breakfast at Mommy Sue's and finally ending up at our house on Christmas Day this year.

Christmas is also the time when many replace Jesus Christ with Santa Claus, Elves, reindeer, etc. Why? Why would we replace a living true God for a fake fairytale?

This Christmas, let's put Jesus Christ **BACK** in Christmas.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Jamie



A NOTE FROM NOEL



The Truth About Santa

People think Santa is real. He comes down the chimney and puts the presents under the tree. We call him

Saint Nick. People say that Santa has 8 magic reindeer that makes his sleigh fly. People think Christmas is about him, but its not.

Christmas is about Jesus. We celebrate Christmas Day for Jesus' Birthday!

I'm so glad Mom and Dad taught me the truth about

Santa Claus.

Christmas is about Jesus - **NOT** about Santa.

Merry Christmas Everyone!

Noel



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SUE'S SENTIMENTS

"Leaning"

When time came for me to once again add my "thoughts" to the Lisemby Family Newsletter, I began to search my heart for words or stories about things that really happen to me or us. Being encouraged to add a little humor to my article this time, I immediately thought of my chocolate four-layer cake that I usually serve-display at my annual Christmas party in my home near Kingsland, Arkansas. This is always a special night when many friends and relatives come together to celebrate our Lord's Birthday.

I always strive to do my very best in whatever things I do—especially at Christmas time and I made no exceptions for my 2013 party. You see, it was like this...Everything had been done that should have been done except frosting

my four-layer chocolate cake. I had taken the layers of the cake from the freezer where they had been for several days and as the day began to draw to a close, I hurriedly took my frosting and began to decorate it. It would be perfect; I had followed the recipe precisely.

I had used a special antique cake plate that had belonged to my mother for the cake to sit on. It would be one to be admired and the house too was going to be applauded for its décor! We had worked to make it such (for about three weeks).

The time for our guests to arrive was getting closer by the minute. I checked my food. I took one last look at my prized cake that was eloquently displayed for all to see, admire, and eat!

No sooner, however, than our blessing on the food was voiced and the guests began to fill their plates with "goodies" that my perfect four-layer chocolate show piece decided to show me up. It began to

"lean!"

Imagine my frustration! It just leaned and leaned paying no attention to my cries of "No...No!" It appeared as if it simply had grown tired of all the "Hoop-la" and would show me a thing or two. It would take its rest. This was Christ's Birthday and it would not be a part of such shenanigans.

Though totally embarrassed, I still offered my "leaning cake" to anyone who would try it. I think that some ate because of not wanting me to be embarrassed, while others simply didn't say anything.

Even after all that, the party was a success. It ended with lots of love and songs!

The following day was spent thinking..."what did I do wrong???" Then it came to me! The reason for my cake's unscheduled time of rest was that it truly was tired. I had expected it to stand tall and proud but because of my error, it merely rested. You see, in

my haste, I had mistakenly used three 8-ounce bars of cream cheese, instead of the three 3-ounce bars that the recipe had called for. Quite a difference, huh?

This just proves what I have always said: "I am not a cook! - I just **"LEAN"** toward it. Ha!

Yes, after all that, I will try again this Christmas! My cake is worth waiting for!

Well, until next paper, may you have a blessed Christmas.

Lovingly,

Sue

Oh, by the way, keep using the word **CHRISTMAS!**

Let's take back our blessed Season!!



Please pray for the people of Santa Rosa, Honduras. Pray they come to know Christ. Honduras is full of drug lords, prostitutes, Roman Catholics, they're very poor and needy, it is the murder capital of the world, and is also full of child slave labor. They need Jesus. Pray that God would open a door if it be His will, to do more mission work. I'd like to go back, Lord willing. ~Melody~

We'd love to come to your church!

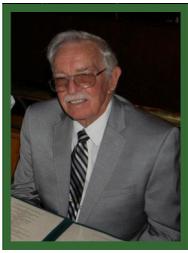
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A WORD FROM DON

Greetings,

Just a word to you all as Summer is over and the season of Autumn is here. It appears, however that things have become mixed up and we have winter in November. So much for "global warming!" It seems that the politicians along with some weather men believe they know all it is to know about the weather. Therefore, there are times when Almighty God shows them Who is really in charge!

Amidst all the confusion, the Lisembys have had a busy year. Our concerts and revivals have been glorious! We were blessed to be the featured singers at two Prophecy Conferences - one in south Louisiana and one in Chattanooga, Tennessee. Aside from these singing engage-

ments, I was so blessed as I learned more about prophecy and the end times. Praise the Lord!

Another special time for me was the family's invitation to sing at the Mayberry Days annual event in Mt. Airy, North Carolina, birthplace of Andy Griffith. What topped it all was when during one of our concerts there, a man came out of the crowd and said "I want to be saved!" This is what our singing is intended to do - bring the Holy Spirit of the Lord down to the people. Again, Praise the Lord!

I must add this; while in North Carolina our bus generator developed a problem. While we guys were working to find the problem, a man who was also parked there at the RV park walked up and offered help - saying if you need a vehicle to go into town and buy a part that you may need, I have a car and you are welcome to

use it. Soon, we discovered that we would need help and the same man took us into town and found the part needed. When time came to pay, he insisted on paying himself. His reason again was; "I was in the crowd when you Lisembys were featured. I was blessed by your music and now I want to help." Again, what gracious people we find "on the road." Ain't God good! So many people have been an encouragement to us/this ministry. When we are down, God always sends someone to lift us up!

Leaving Mt. Airy and its gracious people, we were privileged to visit the Billy Graham Library in Charlotte, after which we continued on to our next engagements. I enjoyed driving through the Great Smoky Mountains. They were beautiful this fall season. I was happier, however, when we crossed the Arkansas state line.

Amongst our several Christmas concerts, we are

at present getting ready for Sue' annual Christmas Party. It is a busy time as we work to get everything looking just right for celebrating the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. Yes, we would have nothing to look forward to during the Christmas season if it were not for Jesus.

Let us not get too wrapped up in the commercial part of Christmas but stay with the Spiritual part with thanks to our Father in Heaven for His blessings...for His allowing us to serve Him.

We hope to see our old friends and acquaintances while making new ones as we travel praising the Lord both in song and word.

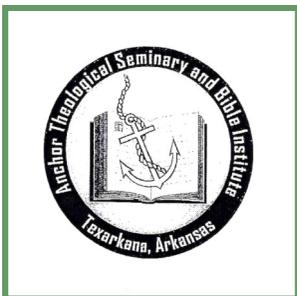
I praise Him!

Don



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LISEMBY FAMILY NEEDS

Many times, people ask us what our needs are. Our answer has been and is today, the same answer...."Just pray about what the Lord would have you do to help us."

But, there are times when folks just need an answer which is a bit more detailed. So we decided to compile a list that you can go to for your reference:

- 1) **Prayer** - It seems so insignificant at times to ask for prayer, but let's face it, without prayer things just don't happen. So please pray for the Lisemby Family. When you think of us - pray for us. Pray for our health to stay strong or improve whichever the case may be. Pray for encouragement for each member of our family. Satan is alive and on the move, and he seems to attack at a moment's notice. Pray for God's Leadership in our ministry, that we will follow the Lord no matter what, and no matter where He leads us. Pray for God's provisions. He has been and always shall be - our Sponsor. It is through God's people that He sustains us and our ministry so we may keep going.
- 2) **Pray for souls to be saved** - We are

living in the last days where the Harvest is ready, but the pickers are few. We are just "gleaning the fields" right now, seeking out that last soul to be saved before our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ comes back.

- 3) **Financial Support** - We have never made it a habit to ask for monies, but the needs are always ever present in this world that we live in. We depend upon the gifts of our friends and supporters who are led by the Lord to supply our needs. We are a full-time evangelistic ministry, so yes, this is our job. We have surrendered our lives in total dependence upon the Lord supplying those needs. **We are praying that God will give us 100 people who will commit to giving just \$25 a month to this ministry for 2015.** Would you help us? Your gifts will enable us to go minister wherever the Lord leads us to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Please make checks out to **Lisemby Family Ministries**. All gifts to this ministry are tax deductible. ****Thank you to those who have already taken up this challenge. Your gifts are greatly appreciated.****

- 4) **Open Doors of Opportunity** - Please join with us and pray that God will open doors for this ministry to go through. We want to broaden our circle of ministry. We will go anywhere the Lord leads us to go, trusting Him to make the pathway clear for us.
- 5) **Good Video Camera** - The Lisembys are needing a good video camera so we can record our services/events.
- 6) **Need a few Good Puppets** - As the Lisembys make plans to add puppets to our ministry, we are in need some good quality puppets. We have a few, but need some more. If you can help, we appreciate it.
- 7) **New Tires for Bus** - Yes, they do wear out, and it's not an easy thing to replace. The bus tires cost several hundred dollars a piece, and we have 8 of them on the bus.

****UPDATE**** The Lisembys bought two tag axle tires this year. Now we need 6.

****We need to replace the 2 front tires right now—they are 5 years old and been 1,000s of miles across several states.**

Tires: 315/80R22.5 highway tires