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We want to welcome all the first time supporters that called in and made a pledge during our 2012 Sharathon. We now have a mailing list of 578 families that receive a newsletter every month. Thank you for your prayers and support. The time between Thanksgiving and Christmas is my favorite time of the year. I am always amazed at the Christmas story of God becoming a man. *It is "Still The Greatest Story Ever Told."* No matter how much the world pushes Santa Claus and commercializes this time of the year, the fact that Christ was born to die for you and I still stops men in their tracks and changes lives. It says in **Hebrews 10: 12-13**, But this man, after He had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever, sat down on the right hand of God; from henceforth expecting till His enemies be made His footstool. As I think on these verses, my mind goes to the thought of man being

chained by sin with no hope of ever being set free. But God, who is rich in mercy, offers His life and the sin factor is broken. Christ is set down on the right hand of God expecting till all His enemies are made His footstool. With complete confidence knowing there is no name higher and no sin stronger than His name and His blood; He, Christ, is set down expecting. **Galatians 2:20** says I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh, I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave Himself for me. If this scripture is true in our lives, then we should be living with great expectancy till all our enemies are made our footstool. Sin, sickness and sorrow are subject to Christ and He is the head of the Church and we are the body. Whatever is subject to the head is also subject to the body. Now we start to see what Jesus was talking about when He said, "I will build my Church and the gates of hell

shall not prevail against that Church." One may say, well it all looks good on paper but I just don't see it working that way. **Ephesians 1: 13-14** tells us we are sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise and He is the earnest of our inheritance. The Holy Spirit is what makes the difference from looking good on paper and the power of God in a life. Look for a moment at Elijah and Elisha in the Old Testament. Elijah is going to be taken up by the Lord at any moment. At one point before Elijah is caught up in a whirlwind into heaven by a chariot of fire, he asked Elisha, what shall I do for thee? The reply of the young prophet was, let a double portion of thy Spirit be upon me. Elijah said, you ask a hard thing but if you see me when I go, then your request shall be so. You know the story. Elijah is taken; Elisha sees him go and Elijah's mantle falls on Elisha. This looks like Christ and the Church. Elisha didn't stop and admire the mantle and see how good it looked on him.

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Merry Christmas

"Still The Greatest Story Ever Told"

He immediately went back to the Jordan River and struck it with the mantle and said, where is the Lord God of Elijah and the river parted. All those that were watching said he has the same Spirit as Elijah on him. Jesus went up, the Holy Ghost came down on the Church and Jesus said greater works will you do than me. Not greater in quality but greater in quantity. It takes faith to go back to the Jordan River and do the same as Elijah. It takes faith to step into the middle of death and disease and proclaim the Gospel like Christ did. He has given the Church everything she needs to be a witness in this late hour. It doesn't matter who is in the White House. It matters who is on the throne! **Romans 8:11** tells us, But if the Spirit of Him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, He that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by His Spirit that dwelleth in you.

Our prayer for you and your family is that with great expectation you would go to your Jordan River and by faith with the mantle of the Holy Spirit, part the river. Be a witness; that Christ is alive in you.

*Merry Christmas,
Pastor Ken Geisendorfer*

A woman and an angel, a promise and a song.
A word to grand for any mind to hold.
A tax law and a journey, a stable and some straw.
These tell the greatest story ever told.

Oh sing glory in the highest, He is come our great messiah.
Come bow before this awesome mystery.
Mighty God and fragile baby, here a lowly manger holds.
And it's still the greatest story ever told.

A hillside and some shepherds, a blaze of blinding light.
Angels singing carols in the cold.
Eternal revelation to men as dull as stone.
The glorious, greatest story ever told.

Oh sing glory in the highest, He is come our great messiah.
Come bow before this awesome mystery.
Mighty God and fragile baby, here a lowly manger holds.
And it's still the greatest story ever told.

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*A special "Thank You" to all of our pastors,
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God Bless You!!*

