



BITS AND PIECES

- Thanks for you're giving - Given this "Year of the COVID" you folks have really come through in the giving department! Our regular offerings have been consistent and when special offerings are needed you have met the challenge with flying colors! While we do not know what 2021 holds we do know that "God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work" II Cor 9:8 Let's keep moving forward!
- Christmas eve-eve gathering - Wednesday Dec 23rd we will celebrate the season with musical artist David Musselman. Dave will be leading us in songs of the season along with blessing us with his gifted piano redentions. We'll also enjoy a time of fellowship, Christmas treats, trivia and laughter. The gathering begins at 6PM, be sure to reach out to someone who a gathering like this could help make their Christmas special
- Speaking of trivia.....
 1. What is the biggest selling Christmas single of all time?
 2. In what city did "Miracle on 34th Street" take place?
 3. In "The Night before Christmas" where were the stockings hung?
 4. What reindeer is never mentioned in "The Night before Christmas"?
 5. Who said "God Bless us everyone?"

Opps, sorry; you'll have to come Dec 23rd to find out the answers.....
- One of the most beloved carols of Christmas is Silent Night - Written in 1816 by a young Austrian priest named Joseph Mohr (with music provided by a local choir director named Franz Gruber), it is a song about a calm bright silent night (Stille Nacht Heilige Nacht) and the wonder of a tender and mild newborn child. The carol was written not long after the Napoleonic wars had taken their toll on Europe. During a temporary truce on Christmas Eve during WWI soldiers sang Silent Night along with other carols, by 1914 Silent Night was known around the world.
- Christmas greetings and wishes:

Deb and I would like to wish each of our SVBC families a merry and joyous Christmas time. May we suggest you turn off the news, toss the newspaper, tune into the "sounds of the season" and focus on the scene of the manger. There, the eternal God, encased in human flesh, came to give Himself a ransom for YOU ! In the immortal

words of Linus from "A Charlie Brown Christmas" - THAT'S WHAT CHRISTMAS IS ALL ABOUT !! MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL !!