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WORDS TO LIVE BY

James Todd Gaddis

No Wonder They Call Him Savior

Long before Christ arrived on the earth, His coming was prophesied and recorded by one of the major prophets: "For a child will be born to us, a son will be given to us; and the government will rest on His shoulders; and His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace" (Isaiah 9:6 NASB).

Seven centuries later, just as predicted, Jesus was born in a stable and placed in a manger in a little town down the road from Jerusalem called Bethlehem. As you prepare for another of our Lord's birthday celebrations take a few moments and closely ponder Isaiah's description of the coming King.

Wonderful counselor- Counseling is huge in our current society, and rightly so. Fear, anxiety, and discontent abound. Mental health is a major issue and hot topic of the day. For those who may not be struggling with such debilitating issues, yet still need guidance and direction, coaches and mentors have become an option.

As the prophet's words suggest, Jesus is a Wonderful Counselor, the best there is. His fees are very affordable (no copay) and what's more, He's always available. In fact, if you're a born again believer, He's living in you through the presence of the Holy Spirit. And while going to a professional for help may be necessary, make sure to take your concerns and issues to the Lord first.

Mighty God- What better time than Christmas is there to refocus on this major faith essential: Jesus is God in the flesh, a key truth that separates Christianity from all of the other counterfeit "isms" and false religions. As the Bible says, "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God." Paul writes, "For in Him all the fullness of Deity exists in bodily form" (John 1:1, Colossians 2:9).

Eternal Father- Whereas "Mighty God" describes an all-powerful creator/redeemer, "Everlasting Father" presents One who knows us individually and loves us unconditionally. David writes, "Just as a father has compassion on his children, so the Lord has compassion on those who fear him" (Psalm 103:13).

Hopefully, as those words suggest, you have or had a father who cares/cared deeply for you. If not, rest assured you have a Heavenly Father who loves you immeasurably. One with whom you can spend eternity.

Prince of Peace- The Bible describes three kinds of peace. 1) Peace with God, which is synonymous with salvation. "Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ" (Romans 5:1).

2) Peace of God- "Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and petition with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God... will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 4:6,7). Many of those who are at peace with God lack the peace of God. Hopefully, you'll finish this year and go into 2026 basking in both.

Finally, there's 3) future peace- As wonderful as that's going to be, it's not going to happen until Jesus comes to earth a second time. The enemies of God's people will then be defeated. Jesus will reign supreme, establishing true justice and permanent peace.

I read about an artist who drew a wintry scene at dusk. It was gray and dreary, while a storm raged, with a lonely, desolate house situated among snow-laden trees. Then, with a brief stroke of a yellow crayon, the painter put a light in one window. The effect was spectacular, transforming the entire scene into one of consolation and gladness. Jesus, the "Light of the World," can do the same for you this Christmas. No wonder they call Him Savior.

Judith Lee Meunier, 88, of Tell City, Indiana, peacefully passed away on December 20, 2025, at her home surrounded by family. Judith, known to all as Judy, was born on Mother's Day, May 9, 1937, at the old Parkview Hospital in Tell City. She was the only child of the late Carl Allen McNeely of Farmington, Kentucky, and the late Virginia Lee (Wittmer) McNeely of Cannelton, Indiana.

Judy completed her education in Tell City and was a proud member of the Class of 1955, which recently celebrated its 70th class reunion. Shortly before graduating, she began working at Citizens National Bank in Tell City, where she advanced to Teller and later served as Secretary to the President. Judy left the bank in 1961 following the birth of her first child. In 1972, she returned to the workforce as Administrative Assistant at St. Paul's Catholic Church. She faithfully served the parish for 27 years before retiring.

On a beautiful winter day, January 24, 1959,



Judy married the love of her life, Arthur E. Meunier. She was preceded in death by her beloved husband of 59 years, Art, with whom she would have celebrated 67 years of marriage this coming January. She was also preceded in death by her cherished granddaughter, Marie Meunier.

Judy found great joy in spending time with her family and enjoyed many activities throughout her life, including traveling and bowling with her husband, Ladies Golf, Couples Golf, singing in St. Paul's Choir, participating in book clubs and card clubs, teaching Religious Education, and performing in summer musicals. She was most

proud of supporting her children in all their activities, especially swim team, band, choir, and musicals. A devoted member of St. Paul's Catholic Church, Judy was also a proud member of the Daughters of Isabella, Tri Kappa, and the Perry County Memorial Hospital Auxiliary, where she served as President.

Judy leaves behind a loving family who will forever cherish her memory: her three children, Arthur A. Meunier (Rosemary) of Mt. Carmel, Illinois; Melanie Adkins (Jeff) of Lewisport, Kentucky; and Matthew Meunier (Tracy) of Louisville, Kentucky; nine grandchildren, Megan Simpson (Nick), Marie Meunier, Heather Satterfield (Mike), Austin Meunier (Christine), Ross Adkins, Carl Meunier (Nicole), Lauren Edelen (Codi), Allen Meunier (Holly), and Drew Adkins (Lane); and twenty-one great-grandchildren: Mckenzie, Allie, Mollie, and Cambron Simpson, Wren, Willow, Hazel Lee, Opal, and Ivy Satterfield, Jordan and Avery Meunier, Madelyn, James, and Samuel

Adkins, Ava and Kai Edelen,

Mia and William Meunier, Graham and Marcella Cox, and baby Kennedy Adkins, expected in May.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10 am Tuesday, December 23, 2025, at St. Paul Catholic Church with Fr. Tony Hollowell officiating. Burial will follow in Saint Mary's Catholic Cemetery.

Visitation is from 2 7 pm Monday, December 22, 2025, at Zoercher-Gillick Funeral Home with a Daughters of Isabella Prayer Service at 6:30 pm, followed by a Rosary, and from 8:30 - 9:30 am Tuesday.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in Judy's honor to St. Paul's Catholic Church, the American Diabetes Association (Pediatric Diabetes), or Donate Life America, in support of organ and tissue donation—a cause close to Judy's heart following her great-grandson's heart transplant at just five weeks of age.

Condolences may be left at zoercher-gillick-funeralhome.com

HEADSTONE HIGHLIGHT

By Sarah Connor

This week's Headstone Highlight is going to venture out a bit further than our previous stories.

Duncan Cemetery, also known as Bozarth - Montgomery - Duncan Cemetery is located in Lewisport off of Hilldale Road before the intersection of Poplar Grove Rd. The cemetery has 42 burials recorded to Findagrave.com, the first being Martha A. Duncan, the 3 month old daughter of William Rawley Duncan(1796-1874) and Ann Elizabeth Miller Duncan(1800-1842) both of whom were also

buried in the Duncan Cemetery, Little Martha as laid to rest there in August of 1832.

At least 4 of her siblings are also buried there as well. Among the people buried there lies John Daniel Davies. John Davies was born in 1822 in Wales, he came to the United States at the age of 8, his family would settle in Jefferson County, Ky.

He would then travel to Jefferson County, In where he would meet and marry Elizabeth Butler Jiles in 1846. The couple would then move to Hancock County

in 1854, just a short 25 years after the county was founded.

The couple would have 10 children over the course of 17 years. They would live in Hancock County for 54 years, attended the Methodist Church, and Mr. Davies was also an Odd Fellow.

His wife Elizabeth would pass away December 23, 1905, she would be laid to rest in the Duncan Cemetery. John would follow her 3 years later on November 14 1908 at the age of 86. He would go to visit his daughter in Jefferson Co. Indiana for a few weeks where he would fall, his obituary says " Mr. Da-

vies went to visit his daughter a month and received a fall from the effects of which coupled with old age, he died."

His body was brought back to Hancock County by his son Timothy Davies, his funeral would be held at Hilldale Church where Rev. W. A. Grant would officiate. He would then be laid to rest in Duncan Cemetery with his wife and some of their children who had passed before him. His obituary stated he was "held in highest esteem by everyone who knew him." It is no doubt he was dearly missed by all who knew him.



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 Kyle Page, Pastor
 www.hawesvillebaptist.com
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 Sunday Schedule
 Morning Worship 9 am
 Sunday School 10:25 am

MT. EDEN BAPTIST CHURCH
 5150 St. Road 69S
 270-993-0122
 Kenny Stone, Pastor
 Sunday School 9 am
 Sunday Worship 10 am
 Wednesday Schedule
 Energize for youth & children 6 pm

LEWISPORT BAPTIST CHURCH
 www.lewisportbaptist.org
 Jonathan White, Pastor
 Matt Pinkston, Family Pastor
 270-295-3322
 Bible Study 9:30 am
 Worship Service 10:45 am
 Wednesday Schedule
 Children's Activities 5:30 pm Youth
 Discipleship 6 pm
 Prayer Meeting 6 p.m.

REDEMPTION PLACE LEWISPORT
 235 Market St., Lewisport, KY
 270-295-3970
 Damian Clark, Pastor
 Jeff Hayes, Music Director
 Sunday School 10 am
 Sunday Morning Worship 11 am

PATESVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH
 Steve Jackson, Pastor
 270-927-6797
 Bible Study 10 am
 Sunday Worship 11 am
 Sunday Evening Worship 7 pm
 Wednesday Evening Worship 7 pm

CENTRAL BAPTIST CHURCH
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 Brian Adkins, Pastor
 Joe Kreisler Music Leader
 Sunday School 9:30 am
 Sunday Worship 10:30 am
 Sunday Evening Worship 6 pm
 Wednesday Prayer Service 6 pm
 Wednesday Youth & Children 6 pm

UNION BAPTIST CHURCH
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 Donnie Sanders, Pastor
 Daniel White, Worship Leader
 5770 Hwy. 1389 | 270-927-8078
 Sunday School 9 am
 Sunday Morning Worship 10 am
 —Wednesday Schedule—
 Prayer Service & Bible Study 6:30 pm
 Children & Youth activities 6:30 pm
 Rise & Shine Preschool (Tues.-Thurs.)
 8 - 11:30 am for 3 and 4 year olds

CHESTNUT GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH
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 Sunday School 9 am
 Sunday Worship 10 am
 Sunday Evening Worship 6 pm

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 Brianna Widdifield, Pastor
 Sunday Worship 11 am
 Bible Study Day Thursday 6 pm

ROSEVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH
 Phillips Ln. Reynolds Station
 Brother Stephen Thren, Pastor
 Sunday Worship 10 am

WEST POINT BAPTIST CHURCH
 Pellville Road
 Bill Cooper, Pastor
 Sunday School 10 am
 Sunday Worship 11 am
 Sunday Evening Service 6:30 pm
 Wednesday Bible Study 6:30 pm

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 "Where you hear God's Word and feel His love."
 3811 Happy Hollow Rd (Hwy 1265)
 Sunday School 9:30 am
 Morning Worship 10:30 am
 Sunday Bible Study 6:30 pm
 Wednesday Bible Study 6:30 pm

BLACKFORD BAPTIST CHURCH
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 Duane Morris, Pastor
 Charles Swihart, Worship Leader
 Christiana Swihart, Youth
 Sunday Morning Worship 10:30 am
 Sunday School 9:30 am
 Sunday Discipleship Training 5 pm
 Sunday Evening Worship 6 pm
 Wednesday Worship 6 pm

LEWISPORT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
 Bridget Hutchinson, Pastor
 Phone 270-295-3113
 Sunday School 10 am
 Sunday Worship 11 am
 Youth 5 pm

PELLVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH
 12120 St. 2181, Hawesville, KY
 270-233-5651
 pellvillebc.com
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 Sunday School 8:45 am
 Sunday Worship 10 am
 Evening Worship/Youth/ Children 6 pm
 Wednesday Prayer and Bible Study/ Youth/ Children at 6 pm

NEW CHAPEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
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 Sunday School 9:30 am
 Sunday Worship 10:15 am

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 Sunday School 9 am
 Sunday Worship Service 7:30 am
 Sunday Worship Service 10 am

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 Worship Service 10 am
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 Thursday Classes 6 pm
 Sunday Youth Group 5:45-7:30 pm

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 Sunday Worship 8:45 am
 Thursday Night Bible Study 6 pm

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 Sunday School 10 am
 Worship 11 am

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 Sunday 8:30 am
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 Nicole Ballard, Director of Youth Ministry
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 Hwy. 60 Lewisport
 295-3785
 Roger Jarboe, Minister
 AA and AL-ANON Meeting Wednesday
 Bible Study 6 pm
 Sunday School 9:30 am
 Sunday Worship 10:30 am

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 2535 Hwy. 60 W., Hawesville
 Daniel Dalp, Minister
 270-927-9701
 Sunday Bible Study 9 am
 Morning Worship 10 am
 Wednesday Bible Study 6:30 pm

DUKES CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
 Hwy. 144, Dukes, KY
 Kimberly Wilborn, Pastor
 270-922-0097
 Sunday Worship 10:30 am

SAFE HARBOR CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP
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 270-993-3484
 Pastors, Larry & Monie Sosh
 Sunday 10:30 am
 Wednesday 6 pm

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 Hawesville Easton Road
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