



Christmas is HERE!! That was FAST!!

Seriously this time, there will NOT be a packet next week because the office will be closed from Christmas to New Years, so I won't be here to create one. I'll be back in the office Jan. 4th. Since you won't get another packet until January, I'll just include the stuff that you should celebrate so you don't miss anything "important".

Now on to "important" stuff...

The 4th week of December is:

-According to my sources, nothing is going on this week. Wow, if they only knew...

Some fun only lasts a day:

19th-Wreaths Across America Day

20th-Games Day

Mudd Day

National Sangria Day

21st-Crossword Puzzle Day

Humbug Day

Make Music in Winter Day

National Flashlight Day

Short Girl Appreciation Day

22nd-Be a Lover of Silence Day

23rd-Family Roots Day

Metric Conversion Day

24th-Egg Nog Day

Christmas Eve

25th-Christmas Day

Christmas Pudding Day

No "L" Day

26th-Boxing Day (Canada)

National Candy Cane Day

National Whiner's Day

27th-Free Balloon Day

Howdy Doody Day

Visit the Zoo Day

28th-National Chocolate Day

Short Film Day

29th-Tick Tock Day

30th-Bacon Day

31st-Make Up Your Mind Day

No Interruptions Day

National Champagne Day

It seems that some folks were unhappy with the way I described our experience with Covid-19. Yes, I have had two very dear friends die of this, so I do not take it lightly. All I can tell you is that both of these friends caught it while in the hospital being treated for pneumonia and both had several underlying ailments including, but not

limited to, severe lung issues among other things. Our family—five of the eight of us who were together for Thanksgiving—just happened to have gotten very light cases. Yes, we were tired—I slept about 15 hours a day for the first 3-4 days. Yes, we coughed a lot. Steve lost his sense of taste and smell, whereas I lost seven pounds.

We were LUCKY and we realize that. Those of you that know me, or have been reading these goofy newsletters for four years, know that I don't take much in life too seriously. My motto is "if we're going to laugh about it some day, let's just laugh about it now."

One of my favorite verses is found in Nehemiah 8:10b ***"And do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength."***

These two sweet friends were faithful servants of our Lord and I have no doubt they are spending this Christmas singing at the feet of Jesus in the tenor section beside my Dad! How sad it must be for those that don't know and trust Jesus as their Lord and Savior!

None of us will get out of this world alive. I could have gotten a bad case and died or I could be in a wreck tomorrow and die. Life is a mystery

and I personally don't plan to spend it being fearful. The Bible is very clear about how we are to approach life. It states 365 times—FEAR NOT! I choose JOY over fear every day of my life! I choose to find the good in life's everyday things. Yes, I'm the one laughing at a funeral when the chimes ring during the pastor's sermon. I'm the one smiling and blessed when I hear a young child stumbling over words during the Lord's Prayer. I think God gives us those moments in life to remind us of the JOY we are supposed to have. This is why I try to make sure to only include **joyful** things in these newsletters. Nobody needs to be reminded that it's Cancer Awareness Week, but Naked Gardening Day, now that's something to smile about!

Have a great week & call if you need anything!

Serving Him & Loving it!

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Smile God loves you!!