



## Merry Christmas! Happy Birthday, Jesus!

When you were a child did you momma ever tell you to “hurry up. You’re as slow as Christmas!” Okay, just mine. I’ve heard that expression all of my life and I suppose as a small child, Christmas did seem to take a long time to get here. As I’m writing this, Christmas is nine days away and I have 30 days worth of things to do! Oh, nothing earth shattering (except wrapping those gifts), but little things I used to do like baking!

I love to bake! When we were kids our parents always hosted a large Christmas Drop-in at our home. We would work for weeks making all of the different kinds of goodies—date balls, sausage balls, orange balls, chocolate peanut-butter balls, (what WAS the obsession with party food in the shape of balls in the 1970’s), 7-Layer Cookies, fruitcake, fudge, finger sandwiches, pies, and tons of other things. There were 4 girls and mom so we each had our specialty. That small kitchen was quite a hub of activity! There were lots of giggles, lots of tasting, and lots of great talks in that kitchen.

On the night of the party, we would help to light the luminaries that directed folks to our front door (the only time that

door was used). Mom & Dad would play hosts and my sisters and I were the little elves that kept trays filled and dirty cups and plates removed. Mom had us in our sock feet so we were not clomping on the hardwood floors.

I remember the excitement of that night. The candlelight, the music, the laughter, the smiles. Mom & Dad would let us have our own party with *our* friends the next evening with the leftovers. We thought we were so grown up eating our finger sandwiches and peanut-butter balls off of tiny plates. Such fun! I don’t remember us thinking Christmas was slow to come because we were so busy with our preparations.

Our kids will start drifting in next week from other states and they, too, love the nibbles of Christmas. They love to sit and roll orange balls in powdered sugar, eating the ones that are “too small” or “not round enough”. This year we will have a 9-month old added to the mix. It should make things interesting.

I think it’s time to head to the Piggly Wiggly for a few things, put some butter out to soften, and get out the recipe book.

Now, on to the important stuff.

**The Week December 25-31 is:**

-It's About Time Week

**Some celebrations only last a day:**

**25th**-Happy Birthday, Jesus!

**26th**-Boxing Day

National Candy Cane Day

Thank-you Note Day

National Whiner's Day

**27th**-Howdy Doody Day

National Fruitcake Day

**28th**-National Chocolate Day

National Card-Playing Day

**29th**-Tick Tock Day

YMCA Day

**30th**-Bacon Day

**31st**-Make Up Your Mind Day

National Champagne Day

Have a great week & call if you need anything!

***Serving Him & Loving it!***

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"Joy to the world,  
the Lord has gum ..."

## CHRISTMAS GIGGLES

**What does Santa suffer from if he gets stuck in a chimney?**

- Claustrophobia

**Who delivers presents to baby sharks at Christmas?**

- Santa Jaws

**What do they sing at a snowman's birthday party?**

- Freeze a jolly good fellow

**What do Santa's little helpers learn at school?**

- The elf-abet

**What happened to the man who stole an Advent Calendar?**

- He got 25 days

**Why was Santa's little helper depressed?**

- He had very low elf esteem

**What do you call an old snowman?**

- water

**What color is the wind?**

- blew

**What do snowmen wear on their heads?**

- ice caps

**What kind of music do elves listen to?**

- wrap

**Why was the snowman looking through the carrots?**

- he was picking his nose