

## Our Christmas Letter and Message 2020



What a year this has been. We have all reflected on a year of complete calamity and dealing with an invisible enemy that has induced some to follow a rampant departure from democracy as we knew it.

This departure has been instituted by the worst world-wide pandemic since the Black Plague of old and the Spanish Influenza of the early 1900's. It has heralded in political complacency, tampering with the biological stability of nature, sorted values, political and judicial corruption on a grand scale, while at the same time ushering in political factions trying to justify perusing an almost unholy and unprecedented move toward socialistic dictatorship.

We have regressed to where we have city folks against country folks, haves against have nots, government seeking total control of the lives of all our citizens, and a wanton departure from our Constitution under the guise that it needs to be modified to meet the needs of the government and sorted politics. For the first time in our history, raving metropolises have elected a President of the United States and left much of the Nation to waste.

A vast majority has surrendered itself to the media along with compassion and understanding and lived up to Mark Twain's depiction of the media at large, that being: **"Do not fear the enemy, for your enemy can only take your life. It is far better that you fear the media, for they will steal your HONOR. That awful power, the public opinion of a nation, is created in America by a horde of ignorant, self-complacent simpletons who failed at ditching and shoemaking and fetched up in journalism on their way to the poorhouse."**

We have removed the humanity from our united culture and replaced it with divided interest, wholesale self-serving, a denial and removal of history and set up instead a multitude of meaningless platitudes whose aim is to set a course to continue to divide the nation and ourselves from each other. For the entirety of almost a whole year we have lived in total disruption of our daily lives and routines. Lives and businesses have been disrupted in ways unforeseen only a short time ago and both have been lost on a scale not seen since The Great Depression, World War II and Vietnam.


**And yet** through all of this, even as the warring factions in our country spewed darkness and despair, everyday Americans (Nurses, Doctors, Aides, First Responders, Researchers, Law Enforcement and so many more) pulled together and stepped up to the to tackle the "enemy" head on.

**This** was the mind set of our founding fathers who both young and old refused to give in, who stepped up to do good, despite the danger to themselves and family and face the enemy both foreign and domestic head on.

We, here in the small community of New Hope, believe that most Americans understand the Norman McClean's analogy of life as we do: "Eventually, all things merge into one, and a river runs through it. The river was cut by the world's great flood and runs over rocks from the basement of time. On some of the rocks are timeless raindrops. Under the rocks are the words, and some of the words are theirs.

I am haunted by waters."

We here at Bearcreek Farms are at peace and there in spirit with Norman and with Almighty God; and pray each and every day with the abounding belief that eventually the people, all the people, who make up our country will finally realize what they have, what they could truly lose if they continue down this path of division denial and corruption; and come to understand what John Adams stated in the Supreme Court Amistad trial, "That we will come to understand, to finally understand that who we are is who we were" and that we need to **return** to Jesus Christ and Almighty God, asking for their



blessings help and guidance to restore our nation to the one our founding fathers envisioned. That being **one nation under God**, truly indivisible with **liberty and true justice** for all. Strength for all this comes in part from a few verses in Isaiah.

### Isaiah 40:29-31

*<sup>26</sup>Lift up your eyes on high, and behold who hath created these things, that bringeth out their host by number: he calleth them all by names by the greatness of his might, for that he is strong in power; not one faileth. <sup>27</sup>Why sayest thou, O Jacob, and speakest, O Israel, My way is hid from the LORD, and my judgment is passed over from my God? <sup>28</sup>Hast thou not known? hast thou not heard, that the everlasting God, the LORD, the Creator of the ends of the earth, fainteth not, neither is weary? there is no searching of his understanding. <sup>29</sup>**He giveth power to the faint; and to them that have no might he increaseth strength.** <sup>30</sup>Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall: <sup>31</sup>**But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint.***

May your memories of your ancestors and the abounding joy and presence of the Holy Spirit flood your presence and fill your hearts with the Love and Joy of Christmas.

### Our Living Hope

If you are reading this, know that tucked neatly into the envelope in which this was mailed, along with a warm embrace and sealed with a holy kiss, is Pete's and my fervent and ceaseless prayer and declaration over all of you, **That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you a spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him.**

People talk about "being moved"...."having a moment"...."getting spiritual".....as if we are human beings having a momentary spiritual experience. This is where many have been deceived and now must flip the script. In reality, we are eternal spiritual beings having a "timely human experience".....a brief plunge into this world, with an assignment from on high ( by Jesus the author/creator), where there is an adversary who hates God and has only one MO.....to steal kill and destroy you and your purpose, with the express strategy to keep you blind to all there is to know about God and his son, our creator, who before the earth was founded, already planned and executed said plan (Plan A), to redeem you by laying down his own life, rising from the dead, reclaiming the keys to death hell and the grave, and ascending to God the father, thereby granting you the power to become a son/daughter of God, overcome in this world and join him eternally in His Kingdom.

He, JESUS, is our living hope! He, JESUS, is able to make live our spirits from the eternal consequence of sin AND as save our souls (mind will and emotions) from despair (loss of hope) in this world and transform us into victorious overcomers! That's the good news "MAN"! It's why Christmas is a Holy Day! It is why "light" is the universal symbol of the Holiday. *The people who once walked in darkness have seen a great light!* Isaiah 9:2

#### 1 Peter 1:3-4

*Celebrate with praises the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has shown us his extravagant mercy. For his fountain of mercy has given us a new life – we are reborn to experience a living, energetic hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. We are reborn into a perfect inheritance that can never perish, never be defiled, and never diminish. It is promised and preserved forever in the heavenly realm for you. (Eternal spirit revival)*

*Through our faith, the mighty power of God constantly guards us until our full salvation is ready to be revealed in the last time. May the thought of this cause you to jump for joy, even though lately you've had to put up with the grief of many trials. But these only reveal the sterling core of your faith, which is far more valuable than gold that perishes, for even gold is refined by fire. Your authentic faith will result in even more praise, glory, and honor when Jesus the Anointed One is revealed. You love him passionately although you did not see him, but through believing in him you are saturated with an ecstatic joy. Inde-*



scribably sublime and immersed in glory. For you are reaping the harvest of your faith – the full salvation promised you – your souls' victory! (Overcomer in earthly life and positioning as eternal son/daughter of the Most High God)

Anyone remember the old Calgon commercials? At that time in my life I was young and relatively free from the worries and responsibilities of life.....but I still understood the marketing. This life is full of pitfalls and trials and we yearn for the world to STOP turning and churning..... so we can get off.....at least for a brief moment to catch our breath!. A "Calgon Moment" if you will. News flash.....they don't last. The water gets cold and your toes get all rumpled. Let us instead be more conscious of and engaged with the presence of God and our own spiritual reality.



2020 has been ransacked by Pillaged businesses, Plundered Elections and Pandemic. It is certainly the worst circumstances most of us have ever experienced. And Calgon is no match for it---but God is! We have Promises, Precious Promises; Eternal Promises. God sustains us physically and spiritually when we ASK! (We have not, because we ask not)


In case you did not know, truly we have the option.....at any time, and in any situation ( thankfully because of the sacrifice of Jesus who gave us the power to become sons/daughters of God), to go boldly, straight into the presence of the Lord with the standing of son/daughter. The veil covering the throne room was torn at the resurrection as testimony to the gain of this rite of passage! Therein is found a place of changing. It is a place where is found release, renewal, revival, refreshment revelation and rehabilitation. It is a place where we can be astounded, overwhelmed, and overflowed. You can go there from anywhere, but **you** must go....by your own faith. Nobody can or will carry you there. It is your choice. By example, encouragement and enthusiasm I implore you to go.....but I cannot go there for you. I can intercede for you there but you need to go yourself to receive the full benefits. Because of your free agency, God himself will not force you.....but, He by his spirit draws you. Go! Run to the throne room! Lay hold of all there is there for you to receive....especially Peace and Hope.

**How do we go? As per instruction in Psalm 95 WORSHIP and THANKSGIVING!**

Come on, everyone! Let us sing for joy to the Lord! Let us shout our loudest praises to our God who saved us! **2** Everyone come meet his face with a thankful heart. Do not hold back your praises; make him great by your shouts of joy! **3** For the Lord is the greatest of all, King-God over all other gods! **4** In one hand he holds the mysteries of the earth and in the other he holds the highest mountain peaks. **5** He is the owner of every ocean, the engineer and sculptor of earth itself! **6** Come and kneel before this Creator-God; come and bow before the mighty God, our majestic maker! **7-9** For we are the lovers he cares for and he is the God we worship. So, drop everything else and listen to his voice! For this is what he's saying: "Today, when I speak, don't even think about turning a deaf ear to me like they did when they tested me at Meribah (place of strife and argument) and Massah,(place of testing) the place where they argued with me, their Creator. Your ancestors challenged me over and over with their complaining, even though I had convinced them of my power and love. They still doubted my care for them. **10** So for forty long years I was grieved and disgusted by them. I described them as wicked wanderers whose hearts would not follow my ways or keep my words. **11** So I made a vow in my anger and declared, 'They will never enter the resting place I've planned for them!' **So, don't you ever be hard-hearted or stubborn like they were!"**

**"I bid you Come!....."**

**Call unto Me, and I will answer you. Come into my abode.....Worship Me.....seek**



my face. Look at Me and see me smiling at you.....reaching out toward you to hold you in loving embrace.....I will lift you up.....then be still and know that I am God! Listen to My voice and feel My loving arms around you. Let your worries be made known and I will give you peace! I will take you away with Me! I will show you great and mighty mysteries, which you did not know about! Then you will feel strong enough to stand up again.....and when you go remember this time.....and come back soon....its effortless to return because I am with you always.....you are just not always aware.....but I AM!

Encountering the presence of God is lifechanging. Taste and see that the Lord Is Good! His mercy endures forever! Of His unshakable Kingdom.....there is no end! You will never be the same .....nor will you want to be.

*He who dwells in the secret place of the most high shall abide under the shadow of the almighty. I will say of the Lord, "He is my refuge and my fortress: My God, in Him I will trust".* **Psalm 91:1** (The original 911)

*When Moses came down from the Mount Sinai with the two tablets of the covenant law in his hands, he was not aware that his face was radiant because he had spoken with the Lord. When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, his face was radiant, and they were afraid to come near him. ....whenever Moses entered the Lord's presence to speak with him, he removed the veil until he came out, And when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, they saw that his face was radiant. Then Moses would put the veil back over his face until he went in to speak with the Lord.* **Exodus 32-34**

Moses frequented the presence of God. He asked God, "Show me your Glory!" And God paraded his GOODNESS past Moses while Moses hid in the cleft of the rock. Moses spent time with God and talked with him. That time with God altered him so profoundly that his face glowed! By this intimate relationship, it emboldened him to petition God on behalf of his people.....so that they were not utterly destroyed!

That is much more than a Calgon moment! And it can be yours! God is waiting for you to come so he can show you his goodness.....not just for you but for your family, for your community, for your nation and for this world. He will give you the gift of anticipation and love of life within his presence. He will make you an influencer. He will show you a new thing that he is doing. He will give you Hope! Hope to spare and Hope to share!

God personally instructs in this place. **1 Timothy 1:18** *my son/daughter, here are my instructions for you, remember the prophetic words spoken about you earlier. May they help you fight well in my battles! (paraphrased)* Do not be afraid and stop worrying about laying down your self oriented aspirations. You won't miss anything! God cannot lie and he cannot steer you down the wrong road.

*No one is holy like the Lord for there is none besides you, nor is there any rock like our God.* **1 Sam 2:2**

*Do not fear, nor be afraid; have I not told you from that time, and declared it? You are My witnesses. Is there a God besides Me? Indeed, there is no other Rock; I know not one",* **Isaiah 44:8**

*He only is my rock and my salvation; He is my defense; I shall not be greatly moved* **Ps. 62.2**  
He is Hosana in Highest. Blessed is He the King who comes in the name of the Lord!

*I tell you that if these people should keep silent, the stones would immediately cry out!* **Luke 19**  
Therefore, thus says the Lord God: 'Behold, I lay in Zion a stone for a foundation, a tried stone, a precious cornerstone, a sure foundation: whoever believes will not act hastily: **Isaiah 28:16**

Seek his presence personally in private and seek to explore and expand his kingdom alongside your siblings. God is the author of family. We who believe are his children. Each is designed for a unique purpose and is loved individually. God wants unity among his children who are his governing assembly on the earth. He wants us functioning like a fine swiss watch operating in perfect synchrony and symphony manifesting the atmosphere of heaven on earth declaring his wondrous and mighty acts.

*And this truth of who I am will be the bedrock foundation on which I will build my church – my legislative assembly, and the power of death will not be able to overpower it. I will give you the keys of heavens kingdom realm to forbid on earth that which is forbidden in heaven, and to release on earth that which is released in heaven.* **Matthew 16:18-19**

Hear me! The church is not a building.....it is a legislative assembly, with unlimited potential for ex



pansion, administered by Gods family on the earth, in unity with Christ, of which Christ is the “mastermind of the operation”, with every victory assured and appointed with the sole purpose of Glorifying the father,

*Finally, all of you, have unity of mind, sympathy, brotherly love, a tender heart, and a humble mind. 1 Peter 3:9 That together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ Romans 15:6 Eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace Eph. 4:3 Complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Philippians 2:2 Finally brothers, rejoice. Aim for restoration, comfort one another, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. 2 Cor 13:11 And above all these put-on loves, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. Col. 3:14 I appeal to you brothers by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree, and that there be no division among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgment 1 Cor. 1:10 Now the full number of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one said that any of the things that belonged to him was his own, but they had everything in common. Acts 4:32*

Death can't touch us and the gates of hell won't prevail against us. We who believe are ABSOLUTELY NOT entering a dark winter! No way! No mere man has the power to even suggest that! (Just so you know, there are false prophets). Reject that absurd declaration. God does nothing that the does not reveal to HIS profits first and that does not ring with true harmony with his word. In our souls, we must dislodge the false and fill with the truth! We use God given discernment and we defer to the spirit and the word! We know his voice, his tenor and his mind. “Dark winter” is NOT Kingdom vernacular.

We are salt and we are light. We are a city set on a hill. We are chosen, not forsaken. He is for us, not against us. We are loved. We are strong. We are held in His hands. We are hid in the cleft of the rock. We are redeemed. We are blessed. We are influencers. We are guardians and gatekeepers. We are transformed. We are wise.

“BREAKING NOW”.....We are stewards of the mysteries of God and with God NOTHING IS IMPOSSIBLE

For these reasons, we celebrate with joy the birthday of Jesus; God's word manifested in a living being! EMMANUEL, God with us!

So, my friends..... shout Hallelujah! GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST!

Because Great is He and worthy to be praised! The government is established on his shoulders! Worthy is the lamb that was slain! He is our Savior & Redeemer He is the King of Kings and Lord of Lords!

He is our Wonderful Counselor! He is our refuge and our strength, an ever present help in trouble He is the Everlasting Father! The Prince of Peace! The Author and Finisher of our Faith!, our All in All! We bend our knee, bow, and confess.....Jesus Is Lord of all!

*And so once again as Tiny Tim observed,  
God Bless Us All, Everyone.*

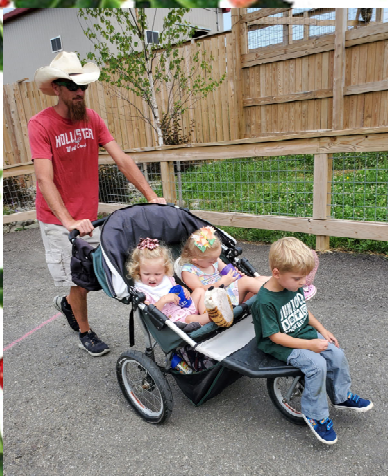


We (Peter & Tammy) have taken the time to count our blessings. Despite the goings on this year, Peter had his eyes done and can now read postage stamps at a 100 yards. He only needs reading glasses now. Tammy got a great deal on an outstanding Camper so, we've travelled to a few remote places with our immediate family while taking great care to protect ourselves and others from the COVID's.

One of the places we went was the outdoor zoo on a very slow and unpopulated day, although it was quite warm. Another was the Gettysburg bat-







tlefield and its surrounding parks In the fall. The rest of the time we simply hung out at "Bethel", our retreat building at the marina on the lake with close family, friends and customers.

Some of the zoo outings involved greats and grands with a few close friends and their kids as well as evidenced by Nathan pushing a cart load here.

While we were at Gettysburg we toured the entirety of the site and it was very emotional for Peter this time around as this is living history for him. All of the rest of us were very moved as

well, especially with all the plaques and monuments.

We did mange a few shots here and there including this one of Michelle and Nathan at the battlefield.



Dr. Michelle

Nathan



Charlotte has been very busy this year learning to ride (Grandma bought her a pony to train on), shoot a bow and arrow with dad (Derek) and play on the beach at the lake as the water is this year.

So, we've been concentrating on staying well informed and thanking

the good Lord for our many blessings

and good health for our family, friends and customers of which you all are a part. We continue to pray for all of you daily and for all those on the front lines during these difficult times. May the Lord Bless you and Keep you always.

*Love, Peter, Tamara & Nathan*



Derek (dad) & Charlotte



Charlotte