



# For there is born to you this day... A Savior, who is Christ the Lord

Luke 2:11

Cherry Mair  
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## Precious Family & Friends:

**What a plan of redemption! What a plan of hope!** Rejoice for we celebrate the birth of our Savior, who came to earth to bridge the gap between God and man, was crucified on the cross and resurrected from the dead, ascended to heaven and sent the Holy Spirit to be our guide and counselor. John 3:16 says that as you and I believe on Jesus Christ, we will not perish but have everlasting life.

My encounter with Jesus at 42 years old in St. John's Church, CT, totally turned my life around. He took me from a life without purpose on an exciting journey to touch many for Him.

**Family Highlights** My grandchildren in IL: Brianna, 12, plays soccer and basketball, enjoys reading and science. Vanessa, 11, also plays soccer and basketball, enjoys reading and writing stories. Lindsay, 9, does cross country running with her Dad as the coach and loves art. I look forward to their overnights, attending their activities and doing fun things together.

My great-grandchildren in FL: I spent March in Miami, FL, helping with my great-grandson, Jonathan, as his Mom, Debbie, transitioned to work. He is now one year and is growing fast. Alayna, 7, plays tennis and likes to dance. Katie, 4, does girly things and likes acting. While in Miami, I not only enjoyed times with family, but relinked with friends and the River of Life family. Paul and Karen took me to the Everglades to see God's awesome handiwork.

My sister, June, and I visited our youngest brother, Bob, at his new home near Lexington, KY. Bob and his wife recently moved from FL and are enjoying farming in the beautiful Kentucky hills and being close to their son and wife, whose twins are now one year old.

**Other Highlights** My plans to visit China this year had to be rescheduled to 2012. However, I had the JOY of meeting two students from China who are studying for two years at the University of Wisconsin. They were visiting IL for the day as dinner guests of my new friends, Harold and Diane, who I recently met at a BGEA Disaster Response Training.

I visited Tulsa, OK, for the wedding reception of my precious friend, Norma (2nd from left in 2nd photo below) where I was also able to see many of the Joy of Living Bible Study friends. What a blessing! Norma and I worked for Jerry Dillon when I lived in Tulsa, and it was a SURPRISE to see Jerry and Denise at the reception. When my son, Peter, needed an air ambulance from Jamaica, WI to Miami, FL for surgery, Jerry offered to pay half of the cost, if I could supply the rest. We are very grateful to the Dillons and those who gave to make this possible. I was hosted by Pastor Ella Jane Coley of Passageway Ministries, Bixby and it was a privilege to share in their Sunday service a message on "How Big is our God—Don't Limit Him"

I made a short trip to Des Moines, IA, and reconnected with some friends there. I continue to be active in many areas. My part-time job at the YMCA ended September 30 and I am presently doing part-time work for an ENT specialist and I love it. I also attended poetry classes for further development of my writing skills—My New Year's poem is enclosed just for you.

**May the miracle of this season of the celebration of Jesus' birth touch you and your family in a special way.**

*Blessings  
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