



*Where Compassion Makes a Difference*

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### PASTORAL NOTE

Jesus came to help us because God loved us. We celebrate Christmas because Christ came to help the helpless by giving us the following:

- H — Hope (Luke 2:10-11; 1 Peter 1:3)
- E — Example (Mark 10:45; John 13:15)
- L — Light (Luke 2:32; John 9:5)
- P — Peace (Isaiah 9:6; John 16:33)

### OUTREACH FOCUS

Mark Ministries is trying to connect with people who are in our community and beyond through our new book, "My Little Friend."

### MEMORABLE QUOTE

"Best of all, Christmas means a spirit of love, a time when the love of God and the love of our fellow men should prevail over all hatred and bitterness, a time when our thoughts and deeds and the spirit of our lives manifest the presence of God." — George F. McDougall

### PRAYER REQUEST

Please pray for us to finish the year well as we seek to support those who are hurting during the holidays.

### BIBLICAL TRIVIA

What did the wise men follow to find the young child Jesus?

- A. Stork
- B. Star
- C. Steamboat

### HUMOR MOMENT

Q: What does Santa suffer from if he gets stuck in a chimney?  
A: Claus-trophobia!

### INTERESTING FACT

"Silent Night" is the most-recorded Christmas song in history. It's had more than 733 different versions copyrighted since 1978.  
— Good Housekeeping

### NOVEMBER REPORT

- 5 sermons and Bible studies
- 9 funerals and memorial services
- 15 spiritual and grief counseling sessions
- 18 music therapy and support appointments
- 31 bereavement groups and seminars
- **3 decisions for Christ...Praise the Lord!!!**

### MISSION STATEMENT

*Mark Ministries is a non-profit 501(c)(3) community outreach organization whose goal is for people to experience God's love through grief counseling, spiritual guidance, and music therapy.*