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**From the Chaplain (December 2007)**

Dear Friends,

*“The Son is the radiance of God’s glory  
and the exact representation of His Being.”  
- Hebrews 1:3*

As I drive around town and as I walk the halls of Bethany Manor it is obvious that we are in the Christmas season. There are decorations and lights that remind us of the season.

As beautiful as all the decorations are – they are only symbols. Christmas is not about lights or trees or gifts or cookies; it is about Jesus. As the saying goes, Jesus is the reason for the season. We could have Christmas without the decorations and gifts, but we could have Christmas without Jesus.

Christmas is a time to celebrate the birth of Emmanuel, God with us, the Savior. It is a time to remember that we are not alone, that God has taken up residence with us. He came to be where we are, so that we could be where He is.

As we travel through this Advent and Christmas season, we will be centering our thoughts on Sunday morning on the theme. “The Wonder of It All”. The wonder of wonders is that God loves us, that He laid aside the splendor of heaven to become like us. It is love that defines our lives and eternity. It is a love which is full of wonder. That love, my friends, is what we celebrate.

Enjoy the season, but celebrate Jesus Christ for He is the wonder and reason for the season.

In the wonder of the season,

Chaplain Sandy Anenson

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