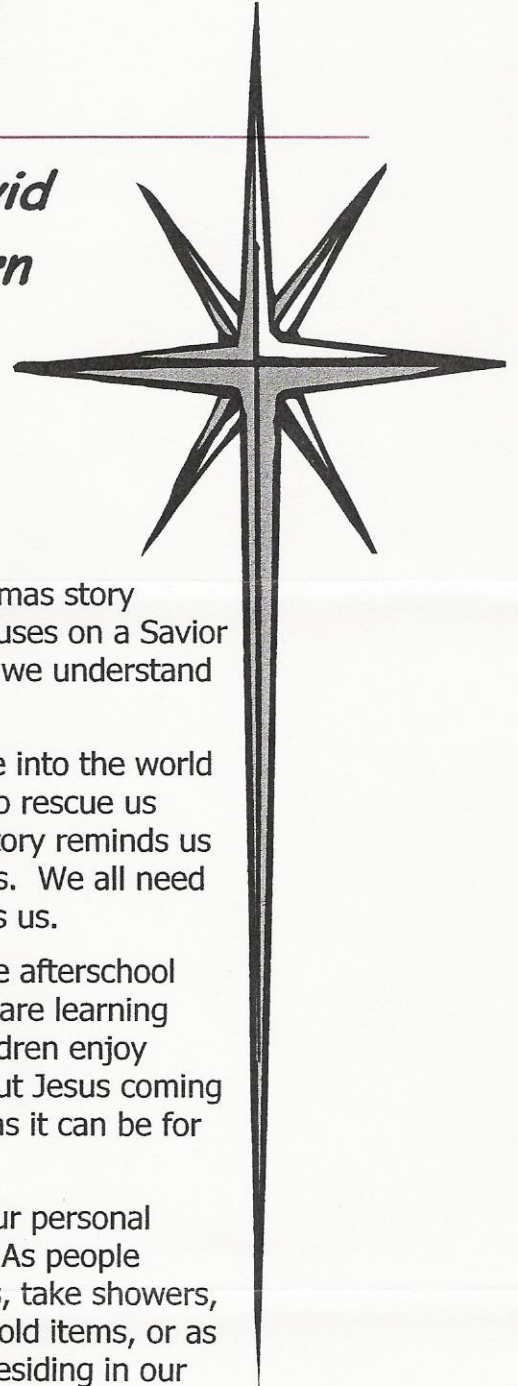




*Today in the town of David
a Savior has been born
to you. Luke 2:11*



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Dear Friends:

Two vitally important facts about the Christmas story are expressed in this verse. First, the story focuses on a Savior and, second, the little words "to us" make sure we understand that the story is personal.

A Savior, God Himself in human form, came into the world to do for us what we cannot do for ourselves, to rescue us from our sin and brokenness. The Christmas story reminds us that we are totally incapable of saving ourselves. We all need a personal Savior who embraces us and rescues us.

This is the memory verse the children in the afterschool tutoring program at Washington Street Mission are learning during this special season of the year. The children enjoy memorizing God's word. And the message about Jesus coming as our personal Savior is as powerful for them as it can be for each of us.

We try to share this message of Jesus as our personal Savior each day at Washington Street Mission. As people come for coffee and doughnuts in the mornings, take showers, do laundry, or pick up free clothing and household items, or as men talk about recovery and the possibility of residing in our transition house, or whatever program brings them in the doors, we make sure they understand that we serve them because Jesus has saved us. They feel the love of Jesus here.

As the ministry of the Mission continues to grow, we need your prayerful help and support. Please give as generously as you can.

Sincerely,

Kenneth E. Mitchell
Executive Director