

We Need Some Joy

I read recently that people put up Christmas decorations this year earlier than ever. Anyone here set yours up early? Some of you haven't recovered from Thanksgiving yet!

I find it interesting that people set up their decorations early this year. One woman I read summed it up well when she said, **"Christmas time makes me feel so happy and joyous after such a depressing year."**¹ We need some joy!

I was reminded of the story of the shepherds who were watching their sheep on the night Jesus was born. An angel appeared to them and said,

"Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord." Luke 2:10,11

Our mission here is to proclaim the Good News that brings joy, Jesus. Jesus is what Christmas is all about. He is the answer for the depression this year has plunged us into. Through Him, we can have great joy even in the midst of a pandemic.

Every time you give, you help us advance that joy here, in our community, across the state and nation, and literally around the world. Thank you for helping us bring joy to the world!

1. <https://www.independent.co.uk/life-style/christmas-decorations-tree-early-coronavirus-b1720441.html>