



News of Hope

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DATES OF INTEREST



Farmers Market
State Fair Grounds
Tuesdays, Thursdays &
Saturdays
www.mdac.state.ms.us

Belhaven Market
McDade's Parking lot
Fortification Street
Saturdays
April-December
www.greaterbelhaven.com

NEW
Olde Towne Market
Clinton
Starting May 17th
www.clintonms.org/city/mainstreetclinton/

Merry Christmas to our Family of Faith

My family has always enjoyed this time of year, and we have many wonderful memories of Christmas celebrations with our children and extended family. My wife and I were recently recalling our early years of marriage, before our children were born. You see, in 1965 when we were just kids from north Alabama, I was stationed in Berlin, Germany. In those years before the internet, cheap airline tickets or even cheap phone calls we were alone in a foreign land. But God provided for us a family of faith that we cherish still.

The base chapel at Berlin Templehoff was multi-denominational, but everyone there had a love for Christ. For three years, we were together—young and old;

officers and enlisted men; Baptist, Methodist, Presbyterian... We traveled together, laughed together and cried together. We spent our Christmases together. I know we have a tendency to look at days gone by with rose-colored glasses, but I do believe those days were simpler, without all of the hustle and bustle of today. The decorations in our house centered around a cardboard star



No snow, but we have plenty of frost.

wrapped in tinfoil. Our Christmases were holy celebrations, full of fun and fellowship. As a matter of fact, all of our time together was marked by the desire of all to "glorify God in the highest."

We here at Hope Fruit & Berry Farm continue to desire God's glory in all we do, above all else. We also count you, our customers and friends, as part of our growing family of faith. So as we hang our star for the 42nd year and prepare to celebrate the birth of our Savior, my prayer is that you would experience the joy that comes only from a personal relationship with Christ. We will see you next year. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

In his love,

Cranberry Relish

This recipe has become a holiday staple around our house.

- 1 bag cranberries
- 1 seedless orange (leave the orange peel on for extra taste and texture)
- 1 apple (any red variety will work)

- 1 cup of chopped pecans (optional)
- 1 cup of water
- 1 package of lemon gelatin
- 1 cup of sugar

Rinse the cranberries. Combine the first four ingredients in a food processor and chop, depending on the con-

sistency you like. Pour the mixture into a large bowl. Boil the water; add gelatin and sugar; stir until dissolved. Add immediately to the processed mixture. Cover and chill in the refrigerator overnight to let the flavors mix.



Now in those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus, that a census be taken of all the inhabited earth. This was the first census taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. And all were proceeding to register for the census, everyone to his own city. Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the city of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and family of David, in order to register along with Mary, who was engaged to him, and was with child. While they were there, the days were completed for her to give birth. And she gave birth to her firstborn son; and she wrapped him in cloths, and laid

him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn. In the same region, there were some shepherds staying out in the fields and keeping watch over their flocks by night. And an angel of the Lord suddenly stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them; and they were sore afraid. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of great joy which will be for all people; for today in the city of David there has been born for you a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger." And suddenly there appeared with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,

**"Glory to God in the highest,
And on earth peace among men with whom he is well pleased."**

Luke 2:1-14



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Our Story of Hope

When we purchased the property that comprises Hope Fruit & Berry Farm in 2000, it was covered with woods. After clearing the land, we went about building a farm.

While our emphasis has been on blueberries, we have also planted blackberries, raspberries, muscadines and grapes. We set out peach, apple and pear trees, and hope they will be producing fruit in the coming years. Recently we tried our hands at strawberries.

Our desire is to grow the things that God will allow us to grow, and to share them with you all for his glory. During the fruit season, we take our produce to several festivals and markets across the state. We would be happy to notify you of our schedule when it is available. Also, please feel free to visit us here at the farm to pick your own fruit. This can be a wonderful family outing, a field trip for the kids, or a great way to spend a solitary morning. If you are interested in canning your fruit or growing your own, we can supply you with information on that as well.

Our family has been so richly blessed in this work; we hope that you will come and share with us in God's glorious bounty. We hope to see you soon!