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| **DECEMBER 2016/17 Special 7th Edition Merry Christmas &**  **Happy New Year**  **in this issue**   * Message From the Director * Upcoming Events * Pastor’s Article * Bible Trivia * Prayer and Praise   **Bible Trivia**  1. What alerted the wise men that Jesus was born?  2. Who was with Jesus when the wise men came to the house?  3. Who was king when Jesus was born?  4. Who told the wise men not to go back to the king?  5. How many wise men came to see Jesus? |
| Dr. William R. Glaze |
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*MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM THE*

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**Message from the director**

In this special Christmas/New Year’s edition of PLBI News, test your I.Q. and enjoy the Christmas trivia questions. As many of us sat under some wonderful instructors and guest speakers this past fall semester, we learned a lot. Are you aware that “a teacher who loves learning, earns the right and the ability to help others learn”? Well, this was quite evident in our classes and has been profoundly summed up by Ruth Beechick in the cited quote. Join us this spring 2017.

# UPCOMING EVENTS:

Replacing the Annual Biblical Counseling Conference this April, a Priscilla Shirer Simulcast will be featured April 8, 2017, 9:30 am – 5:30 pm. For more information about this Women’s conference, contact Linda Savido or Shirley Cephas 412-242-3255.

This spring PLBI will offer another new class under the “Political Correctness” topics. This class will focus around the “Black Lives Matter” controversy. It will be taught by Pastor Glaze, a team of our PLBI teachers, and experts in the Political arena. More information regarding this new class will be presented in January 2017.

PLBI Spring Semester classes will also include: How to Get the Most out of Your Bible, Biblical Counseling classes, and Sign Language classes. PLBI six-week courses will begin April 3, 2017; Biblical Counseling classes will begin in March. Dave Ramsey’s “Financial Peace” will also be offered. Brochures and registration information will be posted on our web page in January. [**http://www.bethanybaptist-pgh.org**](http://www.bethanybaptist-pgh.org/) Click on the Bethany Web address. From there you can click on the PLBI icon to get to our web page.

# pastor’s article

**SOMETHING TO SHOUT ABOUT**

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

Luke 2:13-14

We all love to receive Christmas cards with flying angels singing on the front of the card. If the designers of these cards use Luke 2:13-14 as the Scriptural support for their cards they might want to consider another design. Notice that the verse does not say the angels were singing but they were saying, “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.” Therefore we cannot definitely say that the angels were singing. Some might say that the poetic words indicate singing but there are other places where poetic language is used and the individuals were not singing (Lk. 1:46-54, 67-79). The Greek word used here is lego and it simply means “to speak”. The angels were speaking and praising God for so great a salvation.

One thing we can definitely say is that the angels were praising God, “And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God.” The word praise means to prize or give value to something. As believers we should take a clue from the angels and praise God for sending His Son to be born in this world. Listed below are some things related to salvation that we can take time to praise God for: **OVER TO PAGE 2**

* Justification “declared to be right with God.”
* Sanctification “being set apart unto God.”
* Adoption “being made a child of God.”
* Regeneration “being made a new creation.”
* Reconciliation “being reconciled to God.”
* Forgiveness “our sins have been forgiven by God.”
* Union “Christ is in us and we are in Him.”

• Redemption “we have been redeemed with the blood of Christ.”

**Prayer and praise**

**\*** Praise for classes last semester **\*** Prayer for restructuring of PLBI **\*** Pray for a new Vice Chairperson **\*** Pray for a new Chairperson

