What Does the Birth of Jesus Mean for Aransas County in 2018?

Luke 2:1-20

1. I am praying the citizens of Aransas County will experience peace with God this Christmas through Jesus Christ.

Peace is "shalom," the state where all is as it should be in our relationship with God because Jesus Christ saves us from our sin through his death and resurrection.

God offers this peace to those who receive Jesus Christ.

Have I made my peace with God? Is everything as it should be? Have I received Jesus Christ into my life?

2. When the citizens of **Aransas County have** truly encountered Christ, they will make a joyful response that gives glory to God.

The angels proclaimed the greatness of God's character as they saw it in the birth of Jesus Christ. God's greatness, love, and grace were on display, bringing forth worship in Heaven.

Joy is the sense or state of gladness or elation that people experience through their relationship with God and through the good things God gives. It is an inward reality that may express itself outwardly.

Joy is a feeling a person automatically experiences because of God's activity and provision.

Scripture commands that I respond to God and His activity with joy or rejoicing. This is a choice I make, an action I take, regardless of my circumstances or feelings.







When I know Jesus Christ, when he is in my life, I will respond with joyful worship. It will either burst forth from me, or I will choose to offer it regardless of my feelings or circumstances.