



# Illuminations

From the desk of  
**Floyd E. Turner**

**December 2025**



## Joy

Three little letters that point us to the heart of the Christmas season. While the world often pursues it with substitutions, here at Thy Word Network we will be filling the airwaves with music and ministry that helps us to focus on the Christ of Christmas, the true source of Joy. Whether it is a traditional carol, a contemporary hymn-song or classical praise, we are passionate about a Christ-centered theme throughout the season. You will hear many Christmas messages from our programmers that dive deep into the true, Biblical, meaning of Christmas and help us to focus on the true joy of celebrating the birth of our Savior.

So, how do we find joy in the midst of a world gone crazy for a multitude of substitutes? We find the answer to that question in the word itself. Let's look at the three letters of the word joy and let it guide us as we come to this Christmas season.



J is for **Jesus**. The first letter of the word reminds us that we need to put Him first in all our Christmas celebrations. Rather than adding a little Jesus to our activities, we must look for ways to make our holiday activities all about Jesus...for after all, it is His birthday party. We need to refocus on Him and the wonderful love-gift He was to us, given out of love by the Father.



O reminds us that rather than making up our own want/wish list this year, we must be on the lookout for ways to do for **others**...especially those who have limited resources of their own and often have the greatest needs.



Y is the last letter, and putting **yourself** last makes a great deal of difference in our overall perspective. Unfortunately, we live in a ME, ME, ME culture and it is always about what I want, what I need and what I do. The challenge is to follow our Lord's example:

Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: (Phil. 2:5-7)

Then, we too will find joy this Christmas season.

Merry Christmas from all of us at Thy Word Network



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## This Month's Daysponsors

12/16 – In memory of our parents, Fred & Anna Heeke and William & Opal Wheeler and in celebration of their 58th wedding anniversary by Francis & Martha Heeke

12/17 – In honor of their wedding anniversary and Jesus by Warren and Mary Deutsch

12/24 - In celebration of Christmas - Anonymous

12/25 – In celebration of Christmas Day by Jesus Christ Our Firm Foundation Church

12/30 – In memory of Connie Eldridge's birthday by Roger Eldridge



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## From You

### Monroe City, IN –

Thank you for what you do for our LORD! And, thank you for saying prayers for us on our behalf. We enjoy your station. You are a blessing to us!

## 2025 by the numbers...

As we wind down the year, just a quick reminder of how important your financial support is to us. As you may have heard, we did make our \$400,000 Sharathon goal in the first week of November (Praise God!)...the total now stands at \$401,072.25. We are so thankful for each faith promise that was made and for each of you who are so faithful in your support. But in order to keep all 8 stations operating, we also need an end-of-the-year surge to stay ahead of our ever-increasing expenses. It is no small total...much more than the \$400,000 Sharathon goal. All that to say, "Thanks for remembering us in your end of year giving". Your gift does make a difference in "lives changed by God's Word—for eternity!"



## Creative Giving

There are a number of ways to give that makes your donation have a greater impact. Gifts in Kind, RMD transfers, donor-advised funds, stock transfers and other tax-exempt ways to donate. Need help? Call us at 1-800-264-5550 and we can put you in touch with someone to answer your questions or ask your own tax professional. Just remember that all gifts must be made and time/date stamped by Midnight, December 31 to count in this year's giving. Thanks for caring and sharing.

## Christmas Specials

We're lining up some great programming to help you keep Christ in Christmas. Some old familiar and some brand new, and, as always, the wonderful Real Music of Christmas starting Thanksgiving Day on all these Thy Word Network Stations. Stay tuned for more information!

## Job Opening:

Office help needed: 30-40 hours per week. Must have working knowledge of Microsoft Office, work within a team and be a detail-oriented person. Applicant must be willing to sign a statement of faith and adhere to Christian principles. Send resume to: Thy Word Network, P.O. Box 370, Haubstadt, IN 47639.

## Listener Letters

**Norris City, IL** – Thank you for your broadcasts 24-7. I especially look forward to Sunday mornings and night programming and hymns you play.

**Grayville, IL** – I continue to enjoy listening to Thy Word Network.

**Evansville, IN** – May God continue to bless your radio ministry, as I will also keep you in my prayers.

**Haubstadt, IN** – Thank you for the good variety of music and the good teaching.

**Owensboro, KY** – Keep up the great work!

**Otwell, IN** – God bless you all and all the stations that tell of God's love for everyday!

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## ***The Shepherds Visit Jesus***

***So they came in a hurry, and found their way to Mary and Joseph and the Baby as He lay in the manger. (Luke 2:16)***



# Children's Art Contest Entry Form

This December, Thy Word Network is giving away fun prizes for kids of all ages. For your chance to win, just complete the picture on the other side of this page and mail it to:

**Thy Word Network**  
**PO Box 370**  
**Haubstadt, IN 47639**

There are four age categories in this contest, and three entries from each category will win a gift. The age group categories are **0 - 3 years, 4 - 6 years, 7 - 9 years, and 10 - 12 years.**

## ***Rules:***

- Only one entry per child.
- If more than one child per household wishes to enter the contest, photocopies of the drawing may be made (or download a copy at [thyword.org](http://thyword.org)). Please include a name, address, phone number and age for each entry.
- There can be only one winner per household.
- Entrants may use crayons, markers, watercolor paint, glitter pens, cloth, or anything else they like to fill in the details and color the picture. Be creative!
- **Deadline for this contest is Friday, December 19th.** Entries must be postmarked by this date.

Entries will be judged largely based on creativity. Winners will be notified by mail and posted on our website at [www.thyword.org](http://www.thyword.org).

## **Entry Information**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent/Guardian:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City/State:** \_\_\_\_\_ **ZIP:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Age:** \_\_\_\_\_

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