



## Louisiana Baptist Theological Seminary

### ***December 2019 Newsletter***

Merry Christmas everyone. For this month's newsletter, I wanted to share a word from J. C. Ryle. This section is taken from J. C. Ryle's commentary on Luke 1:46-56. This section of Luke's gospel is of course Mary's song of praise. In it, she says this, "And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked on the humble estate of his servant." (Luke 1:46-48)

Here is a little of what J.C. Ryle says on this text: "Let us mark, secondly, in this hymn of praise, the Virgin Mary's deep humility. She who was chosen of God to the high honor of being Messiah's mother, speaks of her own "low estate," and acknowledges her need of a "Savior." She does not let fall a word to show that she regarded herself as a sinless, "immaculate" person. On the contrary, she uses the language of one who has been taught by the grace of God to feel her own sins, and so far from being able to save others, requires a Savior for her own soul. We may safely affirm that none would be more forward to reprove the honor paid by the Romish Church to the Virgin Mary, than the Virgin Mary herself. Let us copy this holy humility of our Lord's mother, while we steadfastly refuse to regard her as a mediator, or to pray to her. Like her, let us be lowly in our own eyes, and think little of ourselves. Humility is the highest grace that can adorn the Christian character. It is a true saying of an old divine, that "a man has just so much Christianity as he has humility." It is the grace, which of all is most suiting to human nature. Above all, it is the grace which is within the reach of every converted person. All are not rich. All are not learned. All are not highly gifted. All are not preachers. But all children of God may be clothed with humility."

Blessings,

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### **NOTE: Office Hours**

**\*\*Louisiana Baptist University Hours: 8 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 8 a.m. until noon on Friday and we are in the central time zone. Thomas Brock, the Assistant Dean in Seminary is not in the office on Fridays.**

**Graduation 2020: If you plan to graduate May 2020, you will need to have your Dissertation, Thesis or Writing Project in sometime around January 1<sup>st</sup> in order to meet the deadline to graduate. Also your tuition balance will need to be paid in full before graduation. You will get a graduation packet in March 2020 with details.**

For unto us a **child** is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. King James. Isaiah 9:6 KJV

### **DO YOU NEED TRANSCRIPTS?**

If you need or want a transcript, you must go to our website [www.lbu.edu](http://www.lbu.edu), look under Current Students and following the instructions, click on Request a Transcript. Once the form is entirely filled out, please print it out and sign it and return completed form to the registrar [Peggy@lbu.edu](mailto:Peggy@lbu.edu). Original transcripts are \$10.00. A copy is free and can be mailed or emailed.

LBU billing process has changed! Statements are now e-mailed (only) and on the 5th day of each month. Monthly payments must be made by the last day of the month to avoid a \$10.00 late charge.

Students: Please send in all assignments together for grading for each course.

***ALL Students*** *enrolled after April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2010 who are living in the Continental United States are required to attend the exit workshop and graduation. The exit workshop serves as the student's final course and is REQUIRED to complete the student's degree program.* LBU graduation is always scheduled on the first Friday in May of each year. The week (beginning Tuesday afternoon and going through Friday evening) includes the graduation workshops as well as the graduation commencement itself. Please keep this information in mind as you progress through your schoolwork so that you can begin making plans for your personal graduation at the appropriate time. Most of you will need to make prior arrangements with your employment, arrange for finances, and make travel and lodging arrangements. Because "your graduation" will be one of the most important events in your lifetime, it will be a SPECIAL week never to be forgotten.

### **SEMESTER REQUIREMENTS:**

***Distance Students are required to complete 1 class (3 hours) and can complete up to 7 classes (21 hours) per semester. The distance semesters are as follows: Spring starts January 1st through the 1st week of May, Summer starts the 2nd week of May through the 1st week of September, and Fall starts the 2nd week of September and goes through the end of December.***



***The following students are celebrating their Birthday this month:***

Glenn A Tilton  
Rodrick Smith  
Rachel Rubio  
Nicki Rogers  
Benjamin Ray  
Robert (Dan) Raiden  
Beauchamp Powers  
Marc Pollard  
Clinton E Oakley  
Loujan Matin

Carina Lara  
Letlotlo Hlaoli  
Mark Hexamer  
Alan E Hart  
Craig Halstead  
John Dickey  
Joshua Campbell  
Phillip A Boone  
David (Mike) Angell  
Dziesekio K Angami

## NOTE:

You can submit prayer requests that you want posted on our newsletter to [drestivo@lbu.edu](mailto:drestivo@lbu.edu). \*\*Please be sure that you tell us how to word your prayer request. If you would like for the staff of LBU to pray for you but **do not** wish to have your prayer request posted on the website or newsletter, please let us know at the time that you contact us for prayer. –Thanks

**Prayer Request Update-** To keep our prayer request list current, we are now placing a post-date after all prayer requests and will keep them listed for six months. If you wish to have your prayer request re-added to the list you may submit your request to [drestivo@lbu.edu](mailto:drestivo@lbu.edu)



**Please pray for our students, teachers, and their families.**

**Please pray for our military and first responders.**

**Please pray for our Missionaries and Pastors all around the world.**

**Please pray for our President, Vice President and our Country and world peace.**

**Please pray for our Seminary student, James McClure, for the loss of his wife of 34 years. Prayers for his family. 10/19**

**Please pray for Bret Anderson's wife who will be undergoing hip surgery soon. He is a Missionary in Tanzania. 10/19**

**Please pray for Earnest Smith, our Bible student, who recently lost his daughter. Prayers for his family. 10/19**

**Continued prayers for healing for our staff, for Dr. Cory's daughter Alisha, Peggy Magill's sister Dianna, Dr. Weavers son Scott And Dianna Puente's Dad. 10/19**



### **Dates to Remember**

**December 9-12**

**Week of Final Exams for Fall Semester**

**December 23-January 1, 2020**

**(Christmas break office closed)**

### **WHAT I LOVE ABOUT CHRISTMAS!**

Christmas carols: candy canes: angels: mistletoe: eggnog: Santa: Santa Claus: Saint Nicholas: holly: snowmen: tinsel: garland: Santa hats: wreaths: snow: bows: ribbons: wrapping paper: ornaments: Rudolph: three wise men: Jesus's birth: frankincense: myrrh: gold: bells: a break from school or work: office parties: ugly sweaters: Often used as the theme for a party: joy: friends: Christmas Trees: Christmas decorations:

# 25 RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS

## *a Christmas Countdown*

- Smile at someone
- Write a letter to someone far away
- Pick up litter
- Compliment someone
- Hold the door for someone
- Make a give cookies to a neighbor
- Visit a nursing home to sing carols
- Leave a treat in the mailbox for your mailperson
- Take pet food to a local shelter
- Donate unwanted toys to a local shelter
- Drop off homemade treats to Fire Station
- Leave thank you card/picture for garbage men
- Leave quarters in a snack machine
- Pack care packages for deployed soldiers
- Invite someone over for dinner
- Drop off treats to police department
- Donate outgrown clothes to Goodwill
- Take canned goods to a food bank
- Call a relative just to say hello
- Do something nice for one of your siblings
- Say a prayer for someone
- Write a thank you note to your teacher
- Take crayons and coloring books to a hospital children's ward
- Hide a dollar in the toy section at the dollar store
- Let someone ahead of you in line

