BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

If you’re a grandparent, think back on the day you received the birth announcement. Whether it was your first or your tenth, it was a special day. GOOD STUFF!

Read Matthew 1:18-25 together as a chapter.

WOW! Let me say that backwards – WOW! What a BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT! The long awaited Messiah has come. “Emmanuel” – God is living with us. “Jesus” – the Lord saves. He will be the Savior of His people. How cool is that?

QUESTION?
What is your favorite Christmas gift ever received from another person?
What is the funniest or weirdest gift you’ve ever given or received?

Don’t you love Christmas! I love the smells, the tastes, the music, the movies, the colors, the smiles, the attitudes, the generosity, the “home-made” ANYTHING, and the increased love. What I love most about Christmas – is why there is a Christmas in the first place!

Discuss the following QUESTIONS:
1. What makes Christmas so special?
2. What is your favorite part of the first Christmas story?
3. Who or what was the focus of the first Christmas event?
4. Who or what is the focus of Christmas today?
5. Why should the focus still be on Christ?
6. Is it okay to worship the Christ child in the manger and leave Him there? (Why or why not?)
7. What will you do as an individual and as a family to make Christ more central in your Christmas celebrations this year?
8. What will you do as a CMA chapter this year to bring the GOOD NEWS of Christmas and the HOPE of eternal life in Christ to the lives of people in your community and around the world?