

Celebrate GOD'S GREATEST GIFT Jesus

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Watch the *Michael W. Smith Christmas Special*, exclusively on TBN!

Christmas is an extra special season for Laurie and me, just as I am sure it is for you and your family. Though this year has been difficult for many, and our holiday celebrations may look a little different from past years, there's still so much to love and cherish. From the beautiful decorations in neighborhoods across our communities, to the joy of getting together with family and friends for good food and great fellowship, there's nothing like the Christmas season to warm and encourage our hearts.

Throughout our worldwide TBN family, there's always a sense of excitement as we have the privilege of producing and airing outstanding Christmas programming that cheers the hearts and homes of our many TBN viewers (see

pages 4-5 for some of our holiday specials).

While traditions may change from culture to culture, one thing seems to be constant wherever we've been: there is something about Christmas that touches even the coldest of hearts, that causes people to be a little kinder, a little more generous—a little better—if just for a while.

You and I know what that something—or someone—is. His name is Jesus. And while popular culture has reduced so much of the season to shopping, Santa Claus, Christmas trees, tinsel, toys, and a frenzy of non-stop “celebration”—believers still universally realize that at the heart of Christmas is Jesus and the love of God He came to bring the world.



Jesus is the reason we all mist up a little when we hear the clear voices of little children softly singing “Silent Night” or “Away in a Manger.” He's the reason moms, dads, and grandparents pack into church auditoriums on a winter Sunday evening to see their little ones in bed sheets and bathrobes with their heads wrapped in household towels, portraying Mary, Joseph, the shepherds, and wisemen at the stable in

Bethlehem, re-enacting the first humble chapter of the “greatest story ever told.”

Jesus is why, in the waning hours of a Christmas Eve, untold millions of faithful believers gather across the earth in grand cathedrals, rustic chapels, white clapboard country churches—and dark, snowy forests in secret, forbidden worship. They all gather to celebrate the birth of the one and only Son of God, this baby Jesus who grew up to bear the sin, suffering, and sickness of all humanity, to die in agony and humiliation—and to rise victorious for our salvation and restoration to our heavenly Father.

“At the heart of this sacred season is our gratefulness to God for sending us His greatest gift, His Son Jesus....”

One year Laurie and I found ourselves on just such a Christmas Eve far from home, worshipping Jesus in the village of Bethlehem with thousands of other believers gathered for a Christmas service at the Church of the Nativity, located at the site tradition holds that Jesus was born (Luke 2).

Looking out across the sea of men, women, and children from

all walks of life and nearly every continent on that Bethlehem evening, I was reminded of the verse in the book of Revelation that describes “a great multitude which no one could number, of all nations, tribes, peoples, and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, saying, ‘Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb’” (Revelation 7: 9-10).

That passage, friend, is the best explanation I've ever heard for the annual celebration we call Christmas. As wonderful as it is to decorate our homes, gather with friends and family, give and receive gifts, and behold the wonder on the faces of children as they gaze upon a glowing Christmas tree piled high with presents—that's really not the reason we celebrate Christmas. At the heart of this sacred season is our gratefulness to God for sending us His greatest gift, His Son Jesus, our gratefulness to Jesus for His completed work at Calvary, and our inexpressible joy that we can be part of that “great multitude which no one could number,” who will worship God for all eternity.

This “great cloud of witnesses” (Hebrews 12:1) has always been what your TBN is all about. Since TBN's humble beginnings nearly fifty years ago, our unending goal has been to create and broadcast

programming that brings individuals and families to Christ and encourages them in their daily walk of faith.

Today, through the prayer and financial commitment of you and other friends and partners of this ministry, TBN is doing that more effectively than ever, with more than thirty global TBN networks reaching billions of hearts and homes on every inhabited continent twenty-four hours a day in over a dozen languages.

As we all join together with family and friends to celebrate this blessed Christmas season, Laurie and I—along with the entire TBN team—want to thank you for your partnership with us throughout this past year, filled with both unprecedented challenges and opportunities. Your commitment to stand with us in this Kingdom outreach has made all the difference.

May God bless you and yours this Christmas, and may this next year be one of joy and fruitfulness as we join together to make the name and love of Jesus famous across the earth.

All our love to you,

Matt and Laurie Crouch



Don't Miss **Andrea Bocelli: The Heart of Christmas**, Airing Exclusively on TBN
Matt and Laurie Crouch host this unique holiday special filmed in Tuscany, Italy

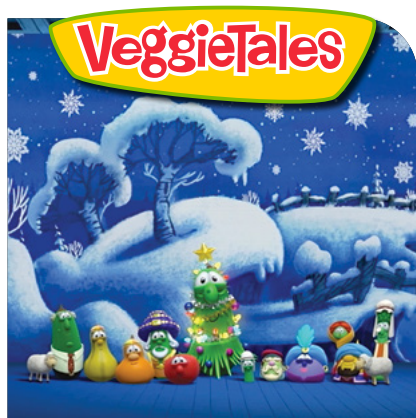


ANDREA BOCELLI SINGS WITH FRANCESCA BATTISTELLI

One of the world's most beloved classical vocalists and music stars, Andrea Bocelli performs select Christmas songs, along with music from his chart-topping album, *Si*. Filmed in and around Mr. Bocelli's hometown of Tuscany, the special includes

guest performances from his son, Matteo Bocelli, and Grammy Award-winning Christian singer/songwriter Francesca Battistelli.

Broadcast dates for this and all TBN Christmas specials on pages 4-5 may vary. Check our schedule at tbn.org/watch/schedules.



VEGGIETALES: THE BEST CHRISTMAS GIFT. The *VeggieTales* gang travels back to the very first Christmas to learn about the true promise of the season: Jesus, God with us.



CHRISTMAS WITH TYE TRIBBETT AND FRIENDS. Award-winning gospel singer and songwriter Tye Tribbett welcomes a host of musical friends and guests for an inspirational evening of holiday worship taped at the Church of All Nations in Orlando, Florida's Holy Land Experience.



CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS WITH NATALIE GRANT AND DANNY GOKEY. Grammy nominated and Dove Award-winning artists Natalie Grant and Danny Gokey ring in the holiday season with their hugely popular *Celebrate Christmas Tour*, recorded live from the Paramount Arts Center in Ashland, Kentucky.



SING! AN IRISH CHRISTMAS. Join Ireland's own Keith and Kristyn Getty, known for modern hymns and carols such as *In Christ Alone*, for an exciting evening of carols and Christmas standards — all done with an Irish flair!



BECAUSE OF BETHLEHEM. Hosts Matt and Laurie Crouch join Max Lucado, along with Joel and Victoria Osteen, in Bethlehem to talk about the wonder of Christmas and its impact on the world — all because of Jesus. This unforgettable evening of inspiration and worship includes a holiday concert hosted by John Gray, with artists Steven Curtis Chapman and Mandisa.



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SAMARITAN'S PURSE IS PARTNERING WITH LOCAL CHURCHES GLOBALLY to deliver your gift-filled shoeboxes in Jesus' Name, sharing the Gospel and teaching the boys and girls how to follow Jesus through follow-up discipleship.

"Go into all the world and proclaim the Gospel to the whole creation."
 —Mark 16:15 (ESV)

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Thank you

Your End-of-Year Gift Helps Take God's Love to the Nations



During this holiday season, many of us are thinking about how we can finish the year well by pouring some of God's abundant blessings back into His Kingdom work, where it can minister His love to others.

Would you prayerfully consider making a generous, end-of-year gift to TBN? When you sow into the ministry of TBN, not only are you helping impact millions of viewers across America who tune in daily to be comforted, inspired, and built up in the love of Jesus. You are also helping us reach 175 nations across the

earth with the lifeline of Christian programming.

In addition, your partnership supports our life-changing prison outreach, TBN 2nd Chance, our SMILE children's network, TBN's crucial prayer department, and so much more—all while helping give voice to some of the most important gospel and Bible teaching ministries in the world.

Thanks for taking a moment to view the short video above, and reaching out to us at 800-201-5200, or online at tbn.org/give/donate.

TBN MY STORY Edna Gooch recounts her path to redemption and faith



From alcohol, addiction, and prison, to God's hope, grace, and redemption, in this moving *My Story* segment, Edna Gooch tells how TBN's 24-hour presence helped see her through her deepest darkness and uncertainty.

Your special gift to TBN at this time of year will help us reach millions of individuals across America and around the world who desperately need the love of Jesus. Thank you for your prayer and partnership.

TBN Prayer Partners Standing by With Hope and Healing

From salvation and healing to wayward children, financial needs, and so much more, throughout 2020 our prayer partners agreed in prayer with over 700,000 individuals who contacted TBN via phone, e-mail, and social media.

Of that number, our prayer partners prayed with over 3,250 individuals to receive the awesome gift of salvation through Christ, or to rededicate their hearts and lives to Him.

Additionally, thousands more called our prayer lines to give praise reports for answered prayer. Here are just a small handful of testimonies from those callers:

"I endured a rough time in my life, and contemplating all types of evil outcomes. Then I turned to the TBN prayer line. A young lady answered and prayed with and for me. That night saved my life. I am so grateful for the TBN prayer line." — Travis



"I thank God for the TBN prayer department and those who prayed for me. You guys prayed for both my brothers to be saved, and I am glad to report that they are both saved and are behaving better. Praise God!" — Michelle

We would love to pray with you for any need you have. Call our TBN prayer line at 714-731-1000.

Bethlehem Nativity

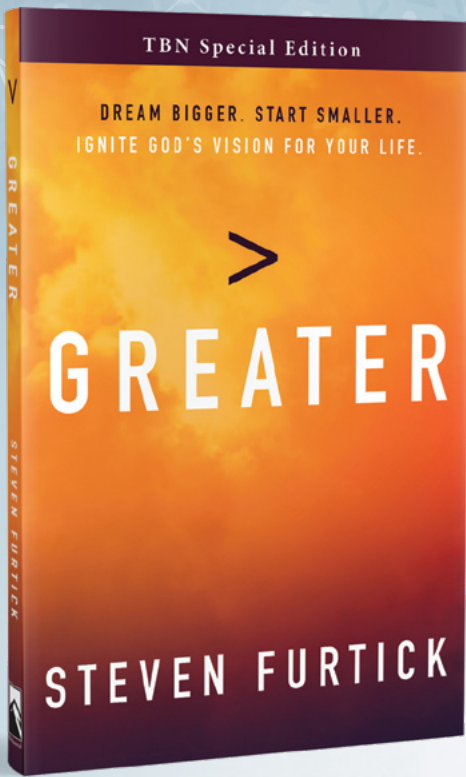
A Christmas keepsake you'll treasure for years to come



This holiday season we're thrilled to bring you a Christmas treasure created right in the little town of Bethlehem. It's the beautiful **olive wood Nativity set**, carved by Bethlehem craftsmen from the prunings of ancient olive trees—the type that grow in the land where Jesus walked. You'll share this unique piece of Holy Land heritage each Christmas with your family and friends.

Check out the video to find out more about this exquisite treasure for your Christmas celebration.

In appreciation for your support of TBN



GOD'S HOPE AND GRACE TO YOUR WORLD!

In *Greater: Dream Bigger. Start Smaller. Ignite God's Vision for Your Life*, Pastor Steven Furtick draws on the biblical story of Elisha to clearly show that with God, absolutely nothing is impossible! As you dive into this life-changing book, you'll gain the clarity to recognize God's blessing and direction—and the courage to step out with faith into His calling for you.

Our thank you this month for your gift of any amount to TBN!



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In *God Himself: A Journey Through His Attributes*, join Pastor Tony Evans as he uncovers insight from Scripture about the glorious character of our heavenly Father that will inspire you to pursue greater intimacy with Him.

Receive *Greater* and *God Himself* as our thanks for your gift to TBN this month of \$35 or more.



During this Christmas season we're excited to present a beautiful **olive wood Nativity set**, lovingly created by craftsmen in Bethlehem. These exquisitely carved pieces come from the prunings of ancient olive trees—the type that grow in the land where Jesus walked. You'll share this unique piece of Holy Land heritage each Christmas with your family and friends.

Receive the **olive wood Nativity set**, along with *Greater* and *God Himself*, as our thank you for your gift of \$1,000 OR your NEW automatic monthly gift of \$100 or more.

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