

## To Our Very Special Friends

hristmas – it was in very dark times that the birth of a little boy heralded the dividing of history into A.D. and B.C. Never has anyone since the beginning of time impacted past, present, or future in the lives of so many.

Music of the ages – art – theater – books that touch the souls so deeply with inspiration. Hope for the hopeless- joy in the place of sadness and courage in the fearful. Never has the world needed Christmas more. Never have the forces of darkness been more active trying to put out the light of the Christmas

message. We have all kinds of drugs to deaden the pains we encounter in life. God is being replaced with pharmaceutical pills to numb the sense of loss and pain felt by so many. Nothing is new under the sun. Every generation has faced difficulty, failures, confusion and seemingly hopeless situations. There has always been an abundance of individuals committed to the promotion of evil and suffering.

Christmas is a reminder that light, hope, and love have triumphed over death; rejoice! God loved the world and each individual in it so much that he sent a child to announce that message. Let your Spirit be renewed once again. Let no Grinch steal the blessings of God's gift of Love. You are not a "nothing" but a creation in God's Image. Not here by chance but formed by choice. To be the person you are. Original image – one of a kind. Especially for this time in history. To fulfill a special purpose for this generation.

We are grateful that God has brought our paths together. You are a special blessing and gift to us. You fulfill our lives and lift our souls with your love and friendship. You indeed provide the wings that give our lives meaning and purpose. May you be filled with the Joy and Blessings of Christmas as you draw close to those family and friends you love during the holiday season.

With love and appreciation,

Jim and Lucille McAfee