



Dear Friend of *Abiding Above*,

January 2018

I know you have had a wonderful Christmas. The reason is that a simple memorial and celebration of the birth of the One we will see face-to-face one day.

**Luke 2:7 – “And she gave birth to her firstborn son; and she wrapped Him in cloths, and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.”**

**1 John 3:2 – “Beloved, now we are children of God, and it has not appeared as yet what we will be. We know that when He appears, we will be like Him, because we will see Him just as He is.”**

I know you are having a Happy New Year! The reason is that you are forever **“In Christ”** and **“Christ is in You!”**

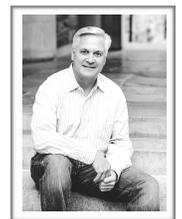
*“If this don't light your fire...Your wood's wet!” - Dr. S. M. Lockeridge*

We are looking forward to what this new year has in store for us. As you might know, I have pastored Lakeland First Baptist, for the past six years, along with guiding Abiding Above Ministries. I have recently completed my time at Lakeland First Baptist, and starting this year, I will be giving even more attention to getting the message out through this ministry:

*To share the gospel of Jesus Christ with every person ...  
To encourage spiritual growth in every believer ...  
By the power of the Holy Spirit and ...  
To the glory of God.*

Because of you, for more than 12 years now, we have been steadily fulfilling this mission which God has laid on our hearts. We have primarily achieved this through a literature ministry (Bible lessons through the mail) to people’s homes, prisons, children’s homes, and rescue missions.

We have held church revivals, spiritual growth retreats, crusades in Africa, and pastors’ conferences. Our radio program airs on stations from the south to the northeast. We have implemented a one-to-one discipleship system that has now multiplied into hundreds of people who have been discipled by someone connected to Abiding Above.



Chris Hodges  
President & CEO

As Ronald Reagan would say, *“All in all, not bad.”*

Because of your prayers and support, this has been accomplished and we believe much more is to come. Please pray for me as I raise more support to expand these ministries.

I want to encourage you, to do with all your heart, what you can to further the work of getting the gospel out to as many people as possible and as quickly as possible. I know the evening news paints a bleak picture throughout the world. I also believe more people are willingly to listen to the only way to heaven. The reason is people are realizing everywhere that something is missing, they are empty deep inside. People are looking for answers everywhere you go. We have that answer!

This New Year, let's witness more people being saved, and more people being encouraged, and experiencing who they are in Christ.

We are praying right now for you and your family to have a most prosperous new year and a giant leap in spiritual growth.

We love you here at Abiding Above.

Abiding above,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Chris S. Hodge".

President

Abiding Above Ministries

Colossians 3:1-3