



PASTOR KATHY'S WEEKLY DEVOTION

Devotion for Dec. 12-18

Third Week of Advent

Word for the week: Witness

The funniest Christmas decoration we ever put up was one we found at the mall about 5 years ago. Dave's favorite movie is *The Christmas Story* about a little boy's efforts to get a Red Ryder BB gun for Christmas. And as we shopped one December, there it was: an inflatable lawn ornament of the leg lamp featured in this story. We took it home and put it up on the deck, and as we told others about it, we even had some of my parishioners drive 20 miles down to our house to see it!

But other than that one time, our outdoor decoration has always been one simple thing: a cross covered with Christmas lights. Amid the inflatable law ornaments and lighted trees and shrubs, our single cross always stands as a witness to others about what Christmas is all about: "For unto you is born in the city of David a Savior which is Christ the Lord."

As you drive past our house this week, you'll notice we have continued the tradition of being witnesses. May God bless each of you as you seek likewise to witness to the reason for this season.

Grace and peace,
Pastor Kathy

PS: Don't worry about seeing the leg lamp on the parsonage lawn – we later presented it as a 50th birthday present to my brother!