



*Sharing the light
and life of
Christmas*

An old-fashioned Christmas tree has decorated the parlor at the Mission for the past several years. Its bubble lights and vintage ornaments remind us of the years that have passed. Many of us can fondly recall joyful seasons in warm homes around a family Christmas tree much like this one.

The tree also reminds us of the light of Jesus that came into our world on that first Christmas. As John's gospel tells us, "In him was life, and that life was the light of all people" (John 1:4). Like bright Christmas lights piercing the darkness, the light of Jesus brings new life into our lives.

Since 1910, Washington Street Mission has been proclaiming the light and life of Jesus to people in need in the Springfield community. Here the light shines brightly throughout the year and especially in this special season of celebration.

*"God so loved the world
that he gave his one and only son
that whoever believes in him
shall not perish
but have eternal life."*

John 3:16

**May the light and life
of God's Son
fill your heart
this Christmas season.**

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