



DECEMBER 2011



Key Dates

7th, 8th, 9th - Drive-Thru Nativity @ FCC
Wed., Thurs. & Fri. beginning at 6 p.m.
14th & 15th - Christmas Programs
15th & 16th - Birthday Parties for Jesus
19th - January 2nd - Christmas Vacation - **NO SCHOOL**
24th - Christmas Eve Services @ FCC
1, 2:30, 4, 5:30, 7 p.m.
25th - MERRY CHRISTMAS!!
Christmas Service @ FCC - 10 a.m.

What We're Learning...

Christian Nurture - God's Special Gift - Jesus
Nature / Science - Pine cones, Stars, Telescope
Social Studies - Christmas
Vocabulary Words - manger, stable, peace, goodwill

Scripture - "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth
peace, goodwill to men." - Luke 2:14

Dear Parents,

The year is going by so fast. It is hard to believe we are already in December. December is one of the most exciting months of the year. The children will be busy in their classrooms...decorating their class Christmas tree, dressing up in costumes that tell the Christmas story, singing Christmas songs, making special gifts and baking a birthday cake for Jesus. Our main focus for the month will be to make the birth of Jesus important to our young children, to help them understand the true meaning of Christmas.

A BIG thank you to all of our families who participated in the See's Candy fundraiser and to those of you who gave donations. The preschool received over \$2,200. Thank you for your generosity!

As we begin this wonderful time of the year, we pray that you and your family will have a blessed Christmas season as we remember and rejoice in the birth of our Savior, Jesus.

Merry Christmas from the staff at Pierside Preschool & First Christian Church!!

*For His Children,
Martha Deghi
Director*

DRIVE-THRU NATIVITY

First Christian Church is having a beautiful Drive-Thru Nativity. The whole family will enjoy the Christmas story told with wonderful scenes, actors, live animals and music. It truly brings the nativity to life. Our coffee shop will be open along with organ music in the Chapel On Main and roving Christmas carolers. Our parking lot is used to set up the various scenes. If you have children in the Extended Care Program, you may want to plan on picking them up a little early these 3 days. All parents will need to use the 17th Street Entrance this week. For more information about the Nativity, you can visit the website at fcchb.com/christmas.

CHRISTMAS PARTIES

The children will be having a "Birthday Party" for Jesus in their classrooms. They will be making a birthday cake to celebrate Jesus' birthday. The teachers will be posting a sign up sheet for items to bring to each party.



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CHRISTMAS PROGRAMS

Our children have been practicing their songs for their Christmas program. We are excited to have them share the story, "Who is Coming to Our House". The program is from 7 - 8 p.m. in the main church auditorium. (Just across from Pierside's entrance). We would like the children to be in their classrooms by 6:40 p.m. Please make sure to mark your calendar for this special time.

Wednesday, December 14

Mrs. Forsberg
Mrs. Mirtle
Mrs. Magdaleno
Mrs. Knibb / Mrs. Mills
Mrs. Norman

Thursday, December 15

Ms. Ramirez
Mrs. Thiessen
Mrs. Wadsworth
Ms. Bourland
Mrs. Newton

Why Jesus is Better than Santa Claus

Santa lives at the North Pole ... **JESUS** is everywhere.

Santa rides in a sleigh ... **JESUS** rides on the wind and walks on the water.

Santa comes but once a year ... **JESUS** is ever present.

Santa fills your stockings with goodies ... **JESUS** supplies all your needs.

Santa comes down your chimney uninvited ... **JESUS** stands at the door, knocks and enters your heart by invitation.

You have to wait in line to see Santa ... **JESUS** is as close as the mention of His name.

Santa lets you sit in his lap ... **JESUS** lets you rest in His arms.

Santa doesn't know your name, he says, "Hi little one, what's your name?" ... **JESUS** knew our name before we did.

Santa has a belly like a bowl full of jelly ... **JESUS** has a heart full of love, grace, mercy and forgiveness.

All Santa can offer is "HO, HO, HO" ... **JESUS** says, "Cast your cares on me, for I care for you."

Santa's little helpers make toys ... **JESUS** makes a new life and mends wounded hearts.

Santa may make you chuckle but ... **JESUS** gives you joy that is your strength.

While Santa puts gifts under your tree ... **JESUS** died on the tree for you and for me.

It's obvious there is really no comparison. We need to remember WHO Christmas is all about.

JESUS is still the reason for the season!



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