

Preschool Little Bits

What a special time is Christmas in the Preschool Department! Telling children the "Story of Jesus" begins with telling the story of His birth. It blesses our hearts to share the real meaning of Christmas with them.

We always delight in having our Preschool Christmas party, which is the night of Adult Caroling. This year, it will be Tuesday night, December 20 in place of regular Wednesday night service and the time will be 6:00.

December brings schedule changes that involve Preschool. All Sunday nights in December have special services: Dec. 4 – Adult Cantata, Dec. 11 - Children's Musical, and Dec. 18 – Youth Christmas Presentation. For each of these, Middle and Older Preschoolers will go with adults. Childcare will be provided as necessary for Younger Preschooler class and babies.

Christmas Day, Sunday the 25th, there will only be 11:00 worship service (with preschoolers meeting in the regular Extended Session groups, not as Sunday School classes). There will not be 9:45 Sunday School and, no Sunday night service.

The Sunday evening of New Year's Day, the service will be a Silent Lord's Supper. Childcare and classes will be provided for all Preschoolers this night.

December this year has an added special event: the 20th anniversary for our pastor and family at Calvary Baptist Church. The morning service will be a time of thanksgiving and celebration of the blessings God has poured out upon our church through Bro. Joe's ministry. We want all our church family who can to be included, down to our Preschoolers. If you think your child would be able to attend, we encourage you to bring them over. However, child care will be provided for any who will need our services.

Yes indeed, the December calendar is full.

Miss Brenda & the Preschool Council

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The Pastor's Pen

The year 1991 seems like a long time ago. Some of the headlines carry historical, and sometimes, interesting significance. Consider these things from 1991:

- Jan. 12-Congress passes a resolution authorizing the use of military force to liberate Kuwait.
- Jan. 16-Air strikes begin in the Gulf War.
- Jan. 27-The New York Giants defeat the Buffalo Bills in Super Bowl XXV, 20-19, in the "Wide Right Game."
- Mar. 3-An amateur video captures the beating of motorist Rodney King by Los Angeles Police officers.
- Apr. 17-The Dow Jones Industrial closes above 3,000 for the first time ever at 3,004.46.
- Jul. 1-Actor Michael Landon dies.
- Aug. 23-Super Nintendo is released in the United States.
- Oct. 17-Singer Tennessee Ernie Ford dies.
- Oct. 27-The Twins win the World Series, defeating the Braves in seven games.
- Nov. 7-Magic Johnson announces he has HIV.
- Dec. 8-Leaders of Russia, Belarus, and Ukraine meet and sign an agreement ending the Soviet Union.
- Dec. 25-Mikhail Gorbachev resigns as President of the Soviet Union.
- Dec. 26-The Cold War ends when the Supreme Soviet meets and formally dissolves the Soviet Union.

In 1991, our President was George H. W. Bush and our Vice President was Dan Quayle. The U.S. population was 252 million; gas cost \$1.12/gallon; and the Internet was made available to unrestricted commercial use and the number of computers on the

net reached one million. The top grossing film was Terminator 2: Judgment Day, starring Arnold Schwarzenegger at \$520 million. The television world viewed the last episode of Dallas on May 3, 1991.

With all of that which happened in 1991, the best thing that happened to me and my family was when God brought us to Calvary. It has been one of life's greatest blessings for me. Thank you for your love, support, prayers, patience, grace, and encouragement over these 20 years. You have allowed us to raise our family in a stable, caring environment. You have provided for all of our needs and most of our wants. I am a blessed person to have been called to Calvary in December 1991. Please know how thankful we are to serve with you. Know how very much we love you and thank God for you.

Together in His Service,
Brother Joe

Whatever you do



do it all for the
Glory of God.

1 Corinthians 10:31

Mark's Madness

As I look out the window over the top of my laptop, I can tell that it is a Monday and Speedway in Lights is here. How do I know that, you may ask? Because it is raining! Putting the pity party aside, what a joy it is for God truly has allowed us to be a part of a charity service like this. This year as I went to the kickoff meeting, Claudia Byrd, who is over the Children's Charities, shared with us that one of her greatest joys in life is to hand out the money to the different charitable organizations. She shared that to see the faces and the eagerness of those organizations who receive the funds is just overwhelming.

Then I find myself taken back to the Israelites in the Old Testament, who were told of a coming Messiah. The eagerness they shared as they anticipated seeing Him. As Isaiah penned Chapters 7 and 9, what must have welled up inside of him? The excitement as he wrote of a virgin who would give birth to Emmanuel (God with us). Then as he shares some of the different names he used to describe Jesus, (Wonderful Counselor, The Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace), I am sure he just could not get enough of what he was experiencing and the anticipation that grew stronger with each stroke of the pen.

Fast forward to today, where does our eagerness lie? Are we more involved in the busyness that the Christmas season can bring? Or on the other hand, will we allow the proper respect and reflection be given to the perfect gift that was born in a manger that blessed night? Please take a moment to enjoy God's wonderful gift.

Running the Race,

Mark

Hebrews 12:1~3

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Weekly Sunday Schedule:
 9:45 a.m. ~ Sunday School 11:00 a.m. ~ Morning Worship
 5:15p.m. ~ Calvary Worship Choir Practice
 6:30 p.m. ~ Evening Worship, God's Kids

Weekly Wednesday Schedule:
 6:45 p.m. ~ Youth Re-IgNite
 7:00 p.m. ~ Adults-Calvary Discipleship University,
 Children in Action, Preschool TeamKIDs

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> Sunday morning van driver: Wade Hampton (342-9920) </div>		So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God. 1 Corinthians 10:31			1	2	3 10:30 a.m. Choir Workshop (lunch in F.H. following)
4 12:30 Coed III SS party at Fregosi's home 6:30 Adult Cantata "Down From His Glory"	5  Van leaves at 5:00 Week of Prayer for International Missions & Lottie Moon	6 11:00 am W.M.U.	7 7 p.m. Business Mtg./ C.D.U. Christmas Offering 12/4-11	8 M & Ms to Barter Theatre Leave at 12:30	9	10 10-12:30 Children's Choir Practice in Sanctuary	
11 10:45 am 20th Anniversary Celebration Noon-Potluck lunch-F.H. 6:30 Children's Musical "Star of Wonder"	12  Van leaves at 5:00	13	14 7 p.m. Last week CDU series	15 6:30 Deacon/Staff/Spouse Christmas Dinner at Creekers	16 Time t.b.a. Coed I Christmas Party in F.H.	17 Youth Progressive Dinner	
18 6:30 Youth Christmas Program "Wonderful Joy"	19  Van leaves at 5:00	20 6 Caroling/Psch. Party	21 No Services at Calvary	22	23 Office Closed for Christmas	24 Christmas Eve	
25 Worship at 11:00 No Sunday School No Evening Service Christmas Day	26  Van leaves at 5:00 Office Closed for Christmas	27 Office Closed—Vacation	28 7 p.m. Louie Giglio video "New Year"	29	30 Office Closed—Vacation	31 New Year's Eve	

December Schedules:

Money Counters:

Sunday School: Kym Stephens, Brenda Collins
 Church: Laura Aycock, Johnny Hicks
 Stand-bys: Lewis LaGrand, Gaelyn Chadwick

Ushers:..... Bill Robinson, David Sellers,
 Eric Stephens, Stacy Street
 Stand-bys: Jim Such, Andy Wetzal

Audio:..... Paul Stout, Wade Hampton

November Averages:

Sunday School 169
 Morning Worship 189

Inclement Weather Schedule Change Notification:

If you would like to be contacted with a phone call in the event of Church Service schedule changes due to inclement weather, please call the Church Office. If you prefer to receive a text message on your mobile phone, please text the letters *cbc* to 292929.

Just a little reminder about offering envelopes...

In order to receive a deduction on your federal income taxes for charitable contributions you have made to the church, you must have an official Record of Contribution from the church *prior* to filing your taxes. (Some of your gifts may not be deductible if you do not have this paperwork prior to filing your taxes.)

The Record of Contribution is compiled by utilizing the offering envelope system. Please use offering envelopes if you will be needing this documentation for your taxes. Call the Church Office if you have any questions.

Deacon/Staff/Spouse Christmas Dinner at Creekers
 Thursday, December 15 at 6:30 p.m.
All Active and Inactive Deacons are encouraged to attend!

Cost is \$10.00 for Adults and \$5.00 for Children.
 Sign up on the sheet in the stairwell,
 Sanctuary level.



The following December birthdays & anniversaries were turned in to the church office.

Birthdays

- Jeff Aycock Dec. 3
- Sam Buchanan Dec. 3
- Chris Carr Dec. 9
- Carole Brookshire Dec. 10
- Kelsey McNeil Dec. 10
- Charlie Bowman Dec. 13
- Shana Guinn Dec. 14
- Weston Glover Dec. 16
- James Forbes Dec. 18
- Candida Crumley Dec. 27
- Jennifer Burleson Dec. 28
- Jerry Freeman Dec. 31

Anniversaries

- Jeff & Laura Aycock Dec. 12
- Dwight & Lisa Parrish Dec. 14
- Brad & Vanessa Sams Dec. 23

If you want yours listed in the upcoming monthly newsletter, please contact the Church Office.



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2011 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering®

National Goal: \$175 million
 Week of Prayer for International Missions: December 4 – 11, 2011

Our church goal: \$12,800.00



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Lottie Moon Christmas Offering Goal \$12,800												
<i>\$128 keeps a missionary on the field 1 day. Our goal is to provide support 100 days.</i>												
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