

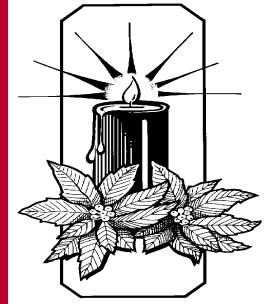
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POINTS OF
INTEREST:

- Stuffed toys for the children's unit at UNMH
- Winter Bible Camp on these dates: Dec. 22,23,29, 30 and 31
- Children's Christmas Party on Dec. 21
- Parent's date night
- TNKC

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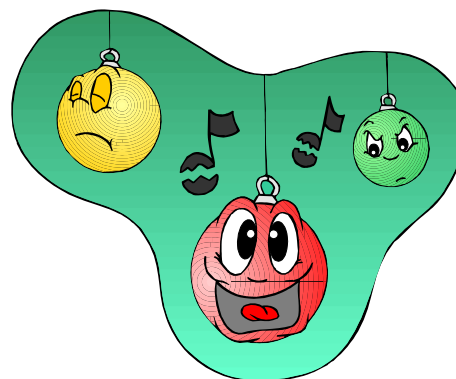
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Christmas Reflections

We celebrate Christmas for the joy of remembering the birth of our savior Jesus. Such a tiny baby to change the world. I often wonder what the wise men thought as they first looked upon him, knowing that he was the King they had searched so long for, yet, sleeping in the hay.

We all will be getting pretty cards and presents will be found under the trees. We all look at the lights and the tinsel and get caught up in the spirit of the time. The television will be full of "buy this or that" and the radio will be telling about the new songs of the season. It is a time of year that is wonderful and all of us should rejoice in the spirit of the



season. However, take the time to remember that there is a gift being given that all we have to do to get it is ask. Jesus came into this world to give the gift of salvation. And once the gift is yours, take the time to say thank you!

Somehow, that little Thank you is just as important as

the receiving of the gift Jesus gave us. I cannot imagine what my life would be without having Him in charge of my life. The happiness I am given each day would be lost for sure. I say Thank You Jesus every day.

I would like for each of you to take the time to tell Him thank you for something you have been given each day. We have talked about talents lately. Remember to use them and not to bury them in the ground. Use them and say thank you and they will grow and grow beyond belief.

You all are children of a loving God. Grow in that love; into all you can be.

Prayer Time

Lord Jesus, I thank you for the gift of this new day. When you came to earth for us, you grew as a child in wisdom and grace.

As Lord you received children in your arms. You blessed them and said that your kingdom belongs to them. Dear Jesus,

receive me also on this day and hear my prayer.

Bless my parents, teachers, and all those who love and care for me. Bless me also and protect me from danger and evil.

Give me the strength to be truthful, honest, kind and helpful

to others. Guide me to grow in grace and wisdom as a member of your kingdom.

You are my Lord and King, and to you I give praise and thanks forever. Amen

Christmas Giving

Christmas is a time of giving. We will be gathering small stuffed toys to take to the UNM Children's ward. We need as many small stuffed toys as possible. I do know that there are very inexpensive ones at Walgreens. If each child could bring at least 2 we will have

enough to take to the hospital. We did a really good job gathering toys for the police

to give out to those children in need. Let's outdo ourselves and give a lot of toys to these children who will be spending the holidays in the hospital. We will have a big wrapped box to put the toys in. Let's fill this box all the way to the top.



Circle time for Prayer Warriors has gotten a bit out of hand. We all must remember that whoever is reading the story is given the respect that we would like for everyone to give to us.

Remember what Jesus said "do unto others as you would have them do to you." How would you like to be interrupted with noise makers while you are reading?

Let's be nice to each other and give each other respect. We will be taking turns reading the story. Each week there will be another reader.

If you would like to be a reader, come and pick out your book and we will put your name on the schedule. We have really good readers in our group so let's listen to the story before we go into prayer.

You all have been so good in remembering those who need prayer. I would like for you to take a bit of time and read the back of the Sunday bulletin; each of those people mentioned on the back of the bulletin need our prayers. If you know of someone that needs our prayers, bring them to Circle time and we will put them on the list.



Christmas Party

Sunday Dec. 21, after Church lets all get together for lunch and celebrate the Birth of Jesus in Immanuel fashion. We will have gifts, songs, and games

and of course cookies. We will take a little bit of time to set up the area for camp, but mostly we will have a great time. Come one Come all to celebrate.



Parent's Date Night

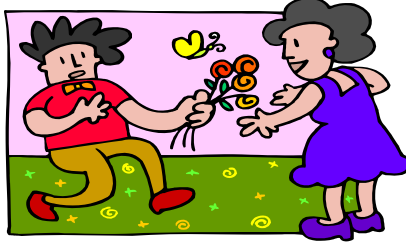
The response for Date Night has been wonderful and the children seem to have a good time while they are in our care. Hopefully, this service will continue through the next year. However, we will **not** have a date night during December. With the holidays the way they are and the time of Bible camp something had to slip

through the time limit and the Date Night was the thing that slipped.

We will start again on the last Friday in January. I know how hard it is for couples to reconnect and find time to just be together

without the children. Do take the time to enjoy being together, even if it is just sitting together on the living room sofa.

We will see you on January 30, 2009
Time is 6 till 9 pm and the cost is \$7 per child.



Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others.

Philippians 2:4

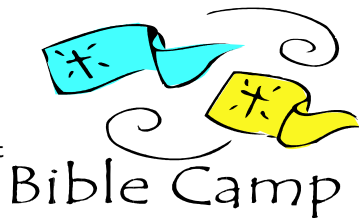
Winter Bible Camp

Winter camp this year is a split week affair. The holiday dates force us to do this. But it should be a great camp for all of us. Unfortunately, we have to limit the amount of campers to 13 campers. You will find a registration form with the Newsletter. Please get it back to Mrs. Kathy

ASAP. Hopefully there will be snow on the mountain so we will be able to go sledding. We will go caroling with the Hymn Strollers on Dec. 22 and of course we will be

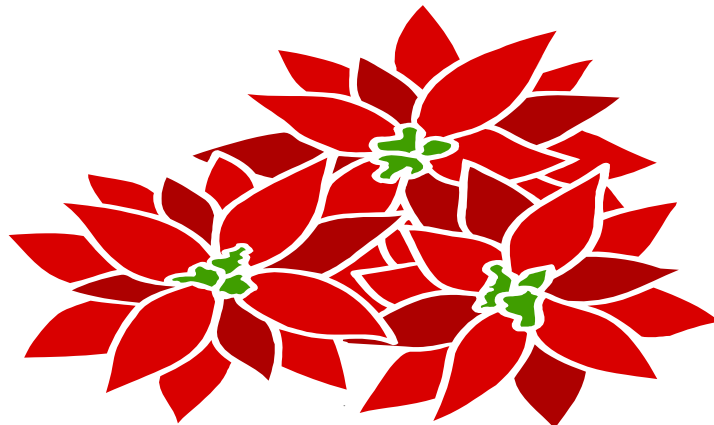
making cookies and candy and candles and doing all sorts of nifty things. We will be working to understand the Nativity story and the joy that came into the world when Jesus arrived.

The cost of the camp is \$65. per child. We have scholarship applications as well. If you would like to apply for a scholarship there are several available.



Child of the Covenant

The child of the covenant for the month of December will be Kayleigh Guiles. Please come on the first Sunday December 7th and celebrate this very special young lady.





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Schedule

Sunday School 9-10 Sunday mornings

Worship Enrichment: 10:30-11:30 after the
Children's Moments in the Church Service

TNKC (Thursday Night Kids Club) 6-8 pm
Thursday evenings. A light dinners is served:
cost \$1. per child.

First Sunday Field trips: On the first
Sunday of the month the children go on a
special outing. After Church at 11:30. Cost
is \$5. per child. There will **not** be a first
Sunday event for December.

Parents Date Night: The last Friday of the
month. Cost \$7. per child. There will **not** be
a Date night during December.

December Special Events

Dec. 4—Nob Hill Shop and Stroll. We will have Santa available for pictures in the Fellowship hall. There will be a craft table and hot chocolate and candy canes. Come and get your picture with Santa.

Dec. 7—Child of the Covenant. This month we will celebrate Kayleigh Guiles.

Dec. 7—First Sunday field trip. Bundle up we are going to the zoo after we have a lunch. Cost \$5.

Dec. 21—After a lunch the children will have their Christmas Party. Please bring a \$5. gift to exchange with another child.

Dec. 22, 23, and 29,30 ending on the 31 Winter Bible Camp. Cost \$65. per child.