

## CRBC December Calendar of Events

Here are some of the dates you will want to remember during this season of the year:

- **Dec. 23** - No Wednesday night activities
- **Dec. 24** - Annual Christmas Eve Candlelight services 6 p.m. & 11 p.m.
- **Dec. 27** - Family Worship Service at 11:00 a.m. in the Worship Center (No childcare provided -- families worship together)
- **Giving** to our annual Christmas Missions Offering continues through December 31. Your giving helps support over 10,000 Southern Baptist missionaries as well as fund one-half of CRBC's mission initiatives.
- **Church Office Closings:**  
December 21-25; December 31 @ noon; January 1

### Bits and Pieces

**Emergency Contact Information** is needed for every parent of preschoolers while at church. Our primary source for such a contact is by cell phone. Please follow these basic guidelines when using Checkpoint each week:

1. Is your cell phone number printed on your child's label?
2. Is the number correct?
3. Set your cell phone ring tone to vibrate.

If your cell phone number is not listed or if it is incorrect, please report this at the desk on first or second floor of the Children's Building.

**CRBC Preschool Parents on Facebook** is a wonderful way to share information. If you are not already a member, please sign-up.

# Konnecting with Parents

## a newsletter for preschool parents

### Council Road Baptist Church

#### Bethany, Oklahoma

#### December 2009

## Christmas: A Family Celebration

Christmas is such a joyous time of year. It is a time filled with wonder and excitement. In the midst of the hustle and bustle of the holidays, parents are challenged to keep their focus on the true meaning of the season--the celebration of Jesus' birth.

Remember, parents, one of the greatest gifts you can give your child this season is the gift of your time. Remember to plan celebration times when your child is not tired. Too many activities can lead to holiday stress.

Choose some of the following celebration ideas to share with your child.

### Sing Christmas Songs

- Play Christmas tapes or CD's and sing along with the music.
- Play the music while driving in the car or after dinner.
- Make up your own Christmas songs by using tunes to familiar songs. For example, to the tune of "Mary Had a Little Lamb," sing: "Jesus was a baby boy, baby boy, baby boy. Jesus was a baby boy, a special baby boy."

### Play with a Non-breakable Manger Scene

- Encourage your child to look at and handle the figures.
- Name the figures as your child is playing with the scene.
- Pray, thanking God for Baby Jesus, Mary and Joseph.

### Make Christmas Gift Wrap Paper

- Purchase Christmas stamps and washable stamp pads at your local craft or discount store.
- Buy stamps that depict the Christian symbols of Christmas such as a star, an angel, or an Advent wreath.
- Guide your child to press the stamp on the pad and then onto paper sacks. White paper bags can be used to make gift bags.
- When stamping an angel design, tell your child, "An angel told the shepherds that Baby Jesus was born."

### Play Out the Christmas Story

- Open the Bible to Luke 2 and tell the Christmas story.
- Let your family dress up in robes and play out the story.
- Use a shoe box for the manger and a doll for Baby Jesus.

### Bake Christmas Cookies

- Use a favorite recipe or use refrigerated cookie dough.
- Use Christmas cookie cutters (i.e., star, angel, sheep, camel, etc.)
- While the cookies are baking, talk about the Christmas story.
- Share cookies with extended family, neighbors, elderly friends, etc.

## Hands-on Experiences with a Bible

Share your love of the Bible with your child. Help him know it is a special book for him, too.

- Handle your Bible carefully. The way you handle the Bible and your tone as you read it communicates to her your love and respect for the Bible.
- Encourage Riley to touch, hold and handle the Bible. Encourage care but do not overreact to a torn page; pages can be taped.
- Sit and talk with a child about the pictures in his Bible. Let him tell the story illustrated by his favorite picture.
- Help Addison mark her Bible with a strip of colored paper. Or print a Bible phrase on a sticky note and place it at the correct reference.
- Play a Bible game. Place colored paper strips in a bag. After he draws a strip, lead him to find the matching colored marker in the Bible. Read the verse out loud and talk about what it means.
- Use verses from last Sunday's Kidz Konnection Class lesson to help review what was taught.

## December Lessons in Preschool "Kidz Konnection" Classes Relate to our CRBC 24 Essentials

The emphasis for December is: **God Sent Jesus**

### **Levels of Biblical Learning Concept Areas: Jesus**

- Dec. 6: **Isaiah Told About Jesus**  
(Isaiah 1:1; 6:1, 8; 7:14; 9:6-7; 11:1-5)  
God planned for Jesus to be born.
- Dec. 13: **Mary and Joseph Heard Good News**  
(Luke 1:26-56; Matthew 1:18-25)  
God chose a family for baby Jesus.
- Dec. 20: **Jesus Was Born**  
(Luke 2:1-20)  
Jesus was born as God planned.
- Dec. 27: **Family Worship Service**  
11:00 a.m. Worship Center  
All family members worship together

During December teachers will lead the boys and girls to focus on the events surrounding Jesus' birth. Through the Bible learning centers, songs, and group activities, children will hear how God's plan happened just as He said it would.

*Recently our church adopted a Covenant and Statement of Faith. These lessons in Kidz Konnection classes lay the foundation for boys and girls to begin understanding our Core Doctrines, Disciplines and Virtues.*

### Needed:

- (1) underpants and long pants for 2's through 5's for both boys and girls
- (2) good washable toys for all age groups

**PALS Volunteers Needed**  
Every Sunday Morning  
at 9:15 & 10:45 with  
2 year olds & younger

Volunteers may serve once  
per month/quarter

**Kidz Klub Volunteers**  
Needed @ 10:45 with  
Threes thru Kindergarten

Volunteers may serve  
once every 2 months or  
once a quarter

**Call Linda Myers to Volunteer**

### Preschool Kidz Konnection Division Directors

***If you have questions about your preschooler's experiences at church or how you can become more involved in our CRBC Preschool Ministry, feel free to contact any of these ladies.***

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