

# PowerHouse Youth

Joke of the month: ☺ What's big, red, furry, quick, jolly, and here for a moment-then gone the next?

**PowerHouse Youth** would like to: Wish you a Merry Christmas; we wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! We truly do hope that you and your family and friends and all of your gatherings throughout this season will be blessed with joy, with laughter, with love, and most of all praising, honoring, and adoring our Savior!!

May we all continue to seek after the Lord and his direction for MFCOG and our own lives. Seek wisdom, ask for guidance, and be encouraged for the Lord knows and sees what is ahead for this church, this community, and our purpose. ( Revelation 22:13` )

Below is a logo for the IYC 2010 trip that is happening, July 15<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> in Orlando, FL. Parents begin to talk with your student(s) about attending this wonderful event for next summer. There will be an upcoming meeting (TBA) discussing the trip and a planning meeting to arrange financial support, travel arrangements, and other items concerning event.

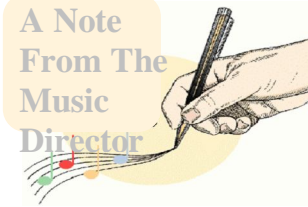


1. Sat. Dec. 12<sup>th</sup> Luminaries at Burke Memorial Cemetery. 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
2. Sun. Dec. 13<sup>th</sup> PowerHouse Christmas Party. We will be leaving directly following the morning service. Bring \$10.00 for gift purchasing.
3. Wed. Dec. 23<sup>rd</sup> No PowerHouse Youth Service that evening. Merry Christmas!

Answer: Santa and his reindeer bringing you a Merry Christmas!

Our Wednesday night services began at 7:00 p.m. - with Sunday school at 9:30 a.m. - with Sunday night activities starting at 6:00 p.m. I look forward to seeing each of you and a guest at **PowerHouse Youth Ministry!**

Serving Him, Kevin



Well, another month has flown by and I don't have a clue where it went! It just seems like life is so hectic anymore. When do we get to stop, relax and take a deep breath??? Why don't you stop right now as you are reading this and just take a deep breath in.....hold it just a second.....now let it flow out and let your anxieties flow right on out with it!

There now, don't you feel better? I do! God...please give us peace in our hearts and minds and help us to keep our focus on **You**, not on the things of the world, during the Christmas season. Help us to slow down and take the time to express our thanks and joy to You! Amen. The Children's' Christmas program will be presented on Sunday morning, December 13 and the Adult Choir Christmas program will be on Sunday evening, December 20, followed by a Christmas Afterglow. Please put both of these programs on your calendar and be sure to be here to celebrate the birth of our Savior with both of these groups.

If we have overlooked you by mistake and you haven't received a Christ Birthday booklet, there are some located in the Narthex and near the mailboxes in the back hallway. Please pick one up as soon as you can and start your daily readings. And don't forget to put Come and Go Christmas Eve Communion on your calendar, too. This is one of my favorite times of the Christmas season!

Please be in prayer for all the members of our church and community who are sick, out of work or hurting in any way.

And as always, please be in prayer for our Church and the music ministry.

With a song in my heart, Beth

## You Are Invited To Our WCG Christmas Party Tuesday, December 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.

Due to several conflicts, the WCG Christmas Party, originally scheduled for Tuesday, Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> at Friday Friends has been rescheduled for Tuesday, Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>. We will gather in the church Fellowship Hall at 6:30 p.m. for fun and fellowship. All ladies of the church are invited! Please bring an appetizer or dessert to share with the group. Also, please bring one or two men's items to be donated to Burke United Christian Ministries.

Suggested items are: underwear, thermal underwear, warm socks, caps or toboggans, sweatshirts (basically warm clothing of any kind), soap, deodorant, shampoo or any kind of toiletry. We also need a volunteer or two to be in charge of a Christmas game. Please call Kristen at 828-205-8573 or Beth at 828-442-1960 to volunteer! We'll see you all on December 15<sup>th</sup>!



It's the beginning of the winter quarter in the Christian Ed. Department and that means Christmas is just around the corner! There are several things planned for this Christmas season that I'm sure you are going to enjoy. Please check out the different activities listed below. I hope you and your family are able to participate in several of them. Keep us in your prayers as we try to keep Christ in the center of all we do.



**CE & CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PRACTICE SCHEDULE**

- Dec. 2 –Wed. ~ Children's Christmas practice ~ 6:30-7:00
- 6 – Sun. ~ Children's Christmas practice in sanctuary ~ 6:00-7:00
- 9 – Wed. ~ Children's Christmas practice in sanctuary, with popcorn and sno-cones while watching the new Christmas VeggieTales movie: *Saint Nicholas-A Story of Joyful Giving*, following practice ~ 6:30-8:15
- 13 - **Children to perform during morning worship service**, with Christmas ham dinner for everyone following service.
- 16 - KidsPlace/Christmas activity TBA ~ 7:00-8:00
- 20 - **HAPPY BIRTHDAY JESUS PARTY FOR EVERYONE** in the lower level during Sunday School, with treat bags for the children ~ 9:30-10:15
- 20 - **Children will dress in nativity costumes for Children's sermon during morning worship service.**
- 23 - No KidsPlace due to holidays



**\*\*\*Kids - Don't forget the Lock-In scheduled for January 8<sup>th</sup> for those who attend 9 out of 12 Christmas practices!!! Thanks kids and Becky Brickman for all your hard work!**



**CHILDREN'S CHURCH SCHEDULE**

- December 6 – Heather Price / Meagan Rector
- 13 – Barbara Blankenship / Dillon Stilwell
- 20 – **No Children's Church**
- 27 – Teresa Fender / Trina Farris

Working together for Him, Kathy

**Kid's Christmas News...**



Children will be performing Christmas music on Sunday morning, Dec. 13th, during the morning worship service. Children will gather in the classroom we have been practicing in, after Sunday School, at 10:15 a.m.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY JESUS PARTY FOR EVERYONE** Sunday morning, Dec. 20th, during Sunday School. Birthday cake, pastries, fruit, drink, etc will be served 9:30-10:15. Treat bags will be given to the children. Come help us celebrate his birth! Following the party, the children will meet in the classroom to put on costumes in preparation for the Children's Sermon during morning worship service.

**The Children's Christmas Program**

**Will be presented on Sunday morning, December 13<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m.**