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Martin Luther King Jr. Day

"DARKNESS CAN- NOT DRIVE OUT DARKNESS; ONLY LIGHT CAN DO THAT. HATE CAN- NOT DRIVE OUT HATE; ONLY LOVE CAN DO THAT."

But those who **hope**
in the **Lord** will
Renew their **strength**.
They will **soar**
on wings like eagles;
they will **run**
and not grow weary, they will
walk and not be faint.



ISAIAH 40:31



EXTRA! EXTRA! Pray All About It!

Have you every wondered how to pray for the news? Come to this informative class and learn how to be effective in your prayers. This class will start Sunday January 23, 2011 at 5:00 p.m. for 4 weeks and will be taught by Kathy Seidlitz.

Due to recent wild winter weather, our monthly All Committees meeting for January has been rescheduled for **January 16th**. Church Council, in turn, has been pushed back the **23rd**. Please update your calendars accordingly. We're still looking forward to starting a new year with our new ministry members. We can't wait to see what the new years holds.

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PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

DEBBIE WOOTEN, ADMINISTRATOR

We closed out December with our **89.3 WPSS** Christmas Program! As usual we had an amazing turnout. Special Thanks to everyone who joined us for this event. It's always fun to see the students perform at this special time of the year! This was of course followed by the usual two week Christmas break. I am in hopes that everyone had a wonderful time with friends and family over the holidays.

Things are already back in full swing at the Primary School. Students returned to school on Tuesday the 4th full of excitement and anticipation, or was that the parents? Regardless, the first week of classes brought **NATIONAL BIRD** Day on the 5th, Cuddle Up Day on the 6th, and a school wide favorite, Smores Day on the 7th. In the weeks to come we will celebrate Secret Pal Day on the 11th, when each student will be asked to write a note or draw a picture for one of their classmates. We will honor the famous Rubber Duckie on the 13th, and have Mitten and Scarf Day on the 14th. On the 17th we will be closed in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day. The 18th we will have fun with Winnie the Pooh Day, each student will be asked to bring their

favorite Pooh to class! The 19th we will all enjoy a tasty treat with National Popcorn Day! The 20th is Penguin Awareness Day, followed by **NATIONAL HUGGING DAY** on the 21st. On the 24th we will promote kindness with Compliment Day, and then on the 25th we will have fun with Opposite Day! The 27th will be an indulgent one, with Chocolate Cake Day, so much for those New Year's resolutions! Then we will celebrate that loveable character from Sesame Street, Ernie's, Birthday on 28th! We will close out the month with one that's always interesting, Backwards Day! As you can see, never a dull moment at Windsor Park Primary School!

A new year means time for planning of the next school year! I ask for your prayers and support during this planning process. Now is the time to let us know of any suggestions or changes that you would like to see take place in our program. The School Board is hard at work and our goal is to make this the best program in the area. Any ideas or suggestions you have to help us meet that goal are always greatly appreciated! Let's make it a

CHILDREN'S NOTES

CRYSTAL GARRETT, CHILDREN'S MINISTER

Top Ten Reasons to Work with Kids:

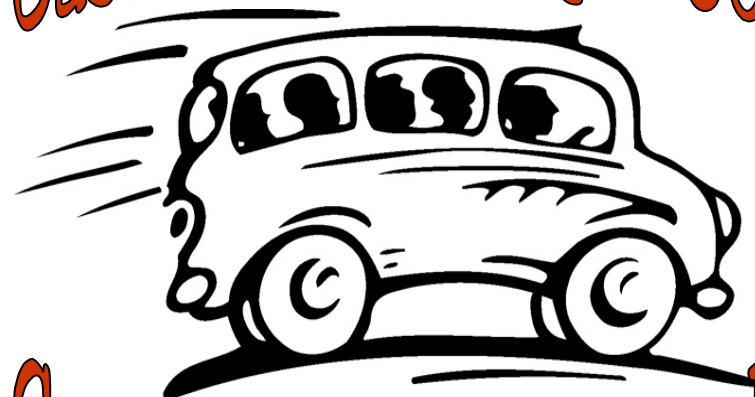
10. Kids are funny.
9. Kids give us an opportunity to see real 'child-like' faith in action...
8. Kids give the best hugs.
7. Kids follow the example of others...they need leaders.
6. Kids are willing learners...
5. Kids are important to the life of our church...
4. Kids have great imaginations.
3. Kids help keep things in perspective.
2. Kids are lessons in love, compassion, and forgiveness.
1. Jesus loved kids. Enough said.

It is in teaching that we learn...in giving that we receive. Come see what is happening on the other side of the church. Opportunities abound for you to get involved and before you know it you will be compiling your very own Top Ten List. God has big things in store for us this year. You don't want to miss out!!!

Upcoming events:

Jan 23rd- WindsorPark Kids Drama Club will meet during Children's Church. This club is for all kids grades 4th thru 6th. We will meet the second and fourth Sunday of each month.
Feb 12- WindsorPark Kids Fellowship at the Kilzers. More info to come.

Gassed up & Ready to GO!



Sunday Riders Wanted!

The church van is ready to roll!
Don't let transportation issues
keep you from joining us
on Sunday mornings!

If you or someone you know needs
a ride, contact Pastor Chris!

HAVE YOU LEARNED THE LESSONS?

STEVEN ARMSTRONG, ASSISTANT TO THE PASTOR

In less than two weeks prior to this article our family has been shocked and saddened by the sudden unexpected death of Kay's sister, Barbara Broyles, and the unexpected death of the thirty-nine year old husband of one of Kay's friends and co-workers, Will Bailey. I write this in their memory and honor.

There are many things about life in this world that are hard. It is not Paradise as God first created it to be. We are not the sinless, carefree people God created us to be. Sin has marred it all. So we live subject to disease, disabilities, disasters, and dying. (Genesis 3)

The lessons of the Advent speak to us in our suffering, fallen world. Have you learned the lessons over the past weeks or years of your life? Do you 'get it' that the coming of Christ into our world is the answer to everything we are longing for? Maybe you react to that statement as a bit extreme or overstated. Maybe you haven't yet found that a relationship with Christ that is 'all that' to you. So you don't believe it because you haven't found it to be true in your experience yet. It just doesn't make sense to you.

Look with me for a moment at the five Advent candles/themes we have looked at over this season of reflecting on Christ coming into the world as a human baby.

The first is the Hope Candle. The whole nation had looked in vain a long time for the Hope of Israel, the Messiah, to come save them from their enemies. What they didn't know was that

their greatest enemy was not the occupying Roman army, but the sin in their hearts that held them in bondage, separated from Holy God. Against this enemy there was no hope of victory even if they lived in a free country. The Jewish priest, Zechariah, and his barren wife, Elizabeth, had also prayed all their lives to have a child of their own to no avail. Now it was too late. They were too old. All hope was gone – unless God intervened. If He was going to do that, He would have done it a long time ago, they may have reasoned. Unexpectedly, God announced they would not only have a son of their own but that he would be the chosen one to prepare the people for the coming of the Messiah into the world! *"...called a prophet of the Most High...to give his people the knowledge of salvation through the forgiveness of their sins..."* He was to be called John – John the Baptist (baptizer). Though Zechariah didn't believe the angel who told him this at first, the child was born and hope was renewed – for the whole world! So God had a purpose in His timing. Have you learned God's time is always best? In whom or what do you place your hope? Who/what can assure your future will be a good one except for God? In God alone is there always hope. As the old hymn says, "the arm of flesh will fail you. You dare not trust your own." (Read Luke 1)

The second is the Faith Candle. Unexpectedly, an angel told Mary that she would give birth to a son who would be the Messiah - but while she was still a virgin. He would be the Son of

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**MEN'S PRAYER GROUP
TUESDAYS 6:45AM**

Singles Group



Single? Come have fun with our new group! **We're going out to lunch on the 23rd after the morning service.** We'll meet at the alter table once service lets out to decide where and arrange any needed rides.



You don't have to leave Desoto to be a missionary. You can do it right inside our church on Thursday evenings.

ESL classes meet on Thursday evenings at 7:00pm.

You do not need to be a trained teacher to teach ESL. If you know how to speak English, you can learn how to teach English with just a little training.

The important part of ESL is our sharing the love of Jesus with the students who come. Please see Lauralee Lindholm or contact the church office.



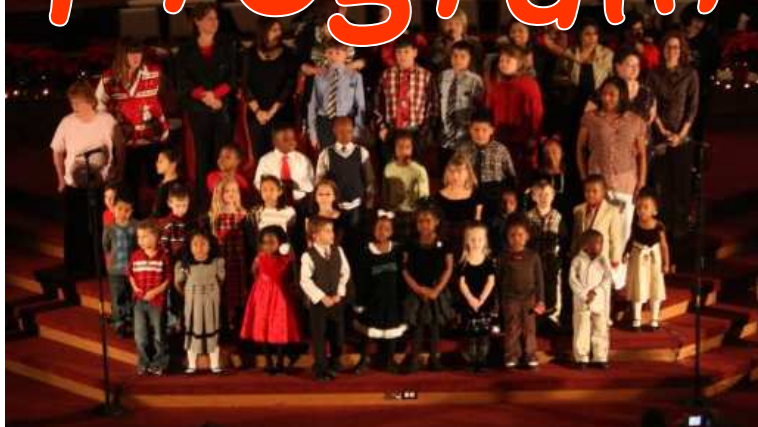
Primary School



Christmas



Program



Children's Choir



3 Wise Men &



a Little Baby

& Santa



Helping After the Holidays

The Crittendon's son's house was destroyed by fire right before Thanksgiving. They have a new place to stay, but they are in need of a few items. If you have any of these items please contact the church office at 972-230-3000 and we will help you make the connection with the family.

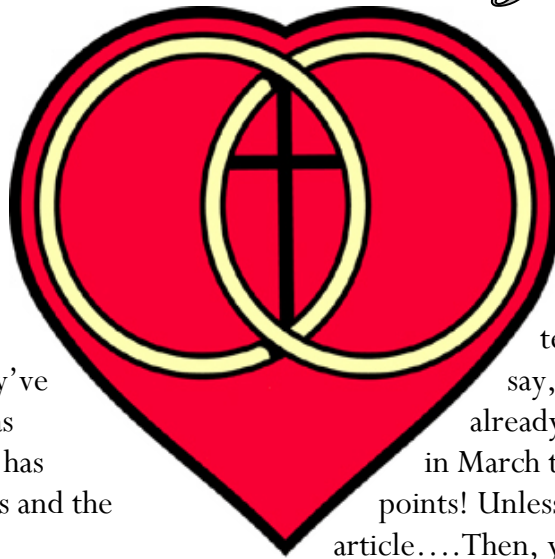
Items needed: Refrigerator; Washer and Electric Dryer; Queen Size Bedding; Full Size Bedding; Clothes for 6 yr old girl; Clothes for a 1yr old girl; Clothes for a 12 yr old boy (waist is 34 and shirt size 16.). They are also in need of an inexpensive vehicle.



Enrich Your Marriage in March

From newlyweds to veterans of matrimony, every marriage can use renewing from time to time. (Just ask your spouse)

Pastor Chris and Kathy to the rescue! They will be sharing how to renew your marriage to better and stronger in a week. They're sneaky too. You'll notice that they've started after the football season has ended and before March Madness has begun. For all else there are DVRs and the internet.



Everything starts **March 6th at 5pm** and will continue with weekly classes on Sunday at the same time for 6 weeks. Sign up by filling out a form in the bulletin or contacting the church office.

Sign up now and when your spouse tells you that they signed you up you can say, "I love and cherish you so much that I already signed us up. I want the only madness in March to be my love for you" POW! Brownie points! Unless of course they read this part of the article....Then, you're on your own.

Souper Chili Bowl!

An illustration of a football player in a purple jersey and helmet, running to the right. He is carrying a large brown chili bowl in his left arm. In his right hand, he holds a carton of milk. A red chili pepper is falling from the bowl. A red can is on the ground behind him. The background has red wavy lines suggesting motion.

The Super Bowl is coming to town. You can't stop it. You can't hope to contain it. It's everywhere and it's BIG. BUT, you don't have to wade through an ocean of cars only to be crushed in a sea of humanity inside of Jerry World. And you don't have to mortgage your house for tickets. Nope... We've got something closer to home. It's time for our annual Souper Chili Bowl Spectacular! Come enjoy the game, the commercials, the chili and soup! **February 7th!** Kick off is at **5pm**. We'll have a great time of watching the big game on a big screen! Those who wish to enter the contest are welcomed to bring their soup and chili creations. Winners are chosen at half-time.

Ongoing Events



Cancer is a life-changing experience. The good news is that you're not alone in your struggle. On **Tuesday, February 1st, at 3pm**, the Cancer Support Group will meet. Each month, on the first Tuesday, members share their experiences along with the healing and support that comes from talking with and relating to people in similar situations. Don't miss this chance to connect with others and find healing.



Losing a loved one is never an easy experience. It is hard to go through the grief on your own, but there is hope. On **January 18th (2pm) and 25th (7pm)**, Pastor Chris will lead the Grief Support Groups. Members fellowship in love and support with each other as well as have a good time bonding and laughing. Their laughter can be heard down the hall.



Women of Windsor Bible Study

Meet Jesus up close and personal. As you go through this study, you will have a greater appreciation and deeper relationship with the Savior adding more snapshots than in the manger, walking on water, and His death on the cross. "No one understands...like Jesus."

Sunday Nights at 5pm

Debra's contact info:
469-417-8712 or
dkilzer@erac.com

See you on Sunday evenings at 5pm.— Debra Kilzer

MEN'S BREAKFAST

February 5th, all men are invited for breakfast and Bible study in the Fellowship hall at **7:30am**.



Say Cheese!



Are you on our Family Board? It's a great way for people to put names with faces and meet new folks. Don't get left off! See Wally Kamm or Mike Causey to get your picture added to our wall of happy family faces!

Do you have a ministry or ongoing event that needs to be covered in the Windsor Wire?

Send an email to: bripulver@yahoo.com. Include the basics: Who to contact; What goes on; Where does it take place; When does it take place; and How people join.

You've Got Prayer M@!!

Have a prayer request that can't wait? The prayer chain serves as a hub for prayer requests and urgent announcements. Signing up for it is easy. **Contact Kathy Seidlitz to have your name added to the list - 214.929.1523 or sidelites02@tx.rr.com.**



Be on the lookout for Box Tops for Education! They're EVERYWHERE on EVERYTHING! Cut them out and collect them and you can help the Primary School raise money. Of course, don't clip them off items in the store without buying them first. That could end up with lots of yelling and chasing. You can save up your bounty of box tops and drop them off to Debbie or the WPPS office.

LESSONS LEARNED?

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God. Mary asked for clarification, but believed and submitted to what the Lord said to her, even though it was humanly impossible. To build her faith, God was gracious to tell her about Elizabeth's 'impossible' pregnancy. This would not be easy. People would talk and judge her. And what about Joseph - he might be angry, leave her, or even shame her publicly, risking her being stoned to death for her assumed immorality and broken promise. But Mary trusts God and is willing to risk all that. She replies, "**I am the Lord's servant. May it be to me as you have said.**" Have you learned what the angel said to Mary, "**For nothing is impossible with God**". Just as importantly, have you learned God always does the right thing at the right time? That He makes no mistakes? That He can be trusted completely? God always blesses, honors and rewards faith and faithfulness to Him. Whom do you trust? (Read Luke 2)

The third is the Peace Candle. Joseph was in a very difficult situation. How could he find peace with his fiancé being pregnant? How could he believe her impossible explanation? How could he ever trust her again? What about the public shame? All it took was a Word from the Lord "**what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.**" Then he could shift from emotional turmoil to peace. He listened, he believed and he obeyed all the Lord told him. It would be hard, but there would be inner peace. Have you learned that in this alone there is peace in life? Are you depending on something or someone else for your peace? Have you learned to be at peace with God because He always keeps his promises to guide you, provide for you, and protect you? (Matthew 1)

The fourth is the Joy Candle. Shepherds were lowly, disregarded ones in society. Theirs was a pretty boring, thankless job - watching sheep - day and night. Imagine their surprise when God unexpectedly chooses to tell them first the joyful news about the birth of the Messiah - information the whole nation was hoping to hear. And He let them see and hear angels talking and praising God! What joy must have filled their hearts! "**Let's go to Bethlehem and see this...**" They find it all just as they had been told "**a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger**" (an animal feed trough - an unusual place). Have you learned to notice the unusual and surprising things God does for you and others - big and small? Have you learned to find joy in seeing God's hand at work? Have you learned to find out for yourself, by your own personal experience with God, that God is always good and right and trustworthy? Is God - His character, Word, and works - your source of joy? (Luke 2)

The fifth and final is the Christ Candle or Love Candle. God the Son didn't have to become a human and live on earth. He chose to because He loves us. He didn't have to live a life of poverty with the common people of his day. He could have come as a conquering king. He could have been born in a palace. He could have been a man of great wealth and prestige and power and high position. But He came to die. He came to offer himself up as an acceptable sacrificial Lamb to pay the penalty for our sins once for all. Why would God leave heaven to put Himself through all that suffering when He had the power to avoid it? He loves you. He loves everyone. "**He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance**" and be forgiven - being born again by His Spirit to eternal life. Have you learned He came and died and rose again for you? Have you learned what it is to be loved, accept love, and have the capacity to love others? Isn't that what everyone wants?

So have you learned that the coming of Jesus Christ into a life really is all we long for - hope, faith, peace, joy and love? Have you learned it's a wonderful, lifelong adventure that ends in heaven with God and all those who have gone before us as believers in Christ - our believing loved ones too? What a homecoming and reunion that will be! What a day of deliverance from all the sorrow and pain and suffering in this world! Have you learned to look forward to that day - whenever God chooses for it to come? In times of grief, Christ continues to bring great comfort to me - and to many others.

Uplifting with Your Overload

Did the holidays leave your house a little extra packed with presents and now you need to donate or giveaway your old things to make way for the new?

Turn your old books, magazines, videos, CDs and cassettes into life giving water for Ethiopia! **Heart For Ethiopia** is rounding up used books, CDs etc. to sell through their eBay store. All of the money goes to dig wells and provide for needy children in Ethiopia. All the work and outreach is done through the Addis Kidan Baptist Churches and God is really moving!

The Lindholms are always collecting the items. If you cannot find them, you can leave your donations under the table in the foyer next to the portico. If you were financially blessed and want to find a good home for your older money, cash donations are also accepted. All donations to **Heart for Ethiopia** are tax-deductible, life-changing and much appreciated.

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Elder Care Classes



Are you taking care of an older parent or loved one? We have support for you. The Elder Care class meets on **Sundays at 5pm** in Steve's office. Come and join us and let us help and support you in your experience.

Senior Adult Fun!



Our Annual Potluck and Planning Meeting is on **January 20th at 11am**. Bring a potluck dish and have fun as we look at what adventures and fellowships we want to have over the new year. If you cannot attend, but would like to still submit ideas, call the church office at 972-230-300 to let Belinda know.



In case of inclement weather this Winter, you can always check Channel 8, wfaa.com, the church prayer chain or church web site for any changes or cancellations to our services or events.