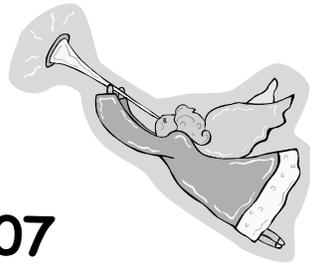


# Trinity UMC Playschool Newsletter December 2007



## Dates to Remember

Wed. Dec. 12<sup>th</sup> - Supper with Santa  
Fri. Dec 14<sup>th</sup> - Angel Tree gifts deadline  
Mon. Dec. 17<sup>th</sup> - Angel Tree Package sort Day  
Tues. Dec. 18<sup>th</sup> - Angel Tree delivery day  
Wed. Dec. 19<sup>th</sup> - Mon. Jan. 1<sup>st</sup> - Christmas Break  
Tues. Dec. 25<sup>th</sup> - Christmas  
Wed. Jan. 2<sup>nd</sup> - First day back from Christmas break

## Tuition Reminder

All tuition monies for December must be in the office no later than 12:00pm, **Friday, December 14<sup>th</sup>**. After that, a \$10 late charge will automatically be charged to your account.

Tuition fees for December do not change. Tuition is figured on a yearly basis, and then broken down for your convenience into monthly payments.

If you are out of coupons, please let Jennifer know.

## SUPPER WITH SANTA!

As you know, we have our Hot Dog Socials every Wednesday from 10am to 7pm. On **DECEMBER 12<sup>TH</sup>** we will also be welcoming Santa Claus! He comes each year on Long Creek's Volunteer Fire Department truck. It is such a magical night as we stand on

the steps waiting. The first thing that happens is we hear the siren and then we see the blinking lights through the trees as he makes his way down Beatties Ford Road. Adults feel like children



again. Santa always arrives around **6:30pm** and will be available for photos with your child. Please bring your camera and come hungry! The Wednesday menu includes not only Hot Dogs but they also serve French Fries, Corn Dogs, Chicken Sandwiches, Hamburgers, Bar-B-Que and home made desserts. Most families usually arrive by 6:00pm so they can eat before Santa arrives.

## Operation Christmas Child



Over 150 boxes were collected at Trinity. Thanks to all the families who participated in the dedication service and everyone who brought shoeboxes. Those boxes will mean more to them than you could possibly imagine.

# Life in the Classroom

With Miss Cindy, Miss Becky & Miss Alicia (oops: last months column was a reprint from last year, sorry!)



## A Day With The Three's

The day starts off with a warm welcome from Miss Cindy, Miss Alicia, or Miss Becky. The children come in and get right down to playing. Most of the children love to build and knock down castles; especially if a teacher makes it. Other favorites are play dough, the bean table, or some of our new manipulative toys. After we play with our friends it is time to clean up and have circle time. During circle time we discuss the weather, days of the week, and the fun topic we are talking about for the month. When we are done with the hard work, it is time for Miss Becky, Miss Cindy, or Miss Alicia to read books or sing our favorite songs. Oh how they love to sing our ABC's, Bubble Song, or the Leaves are Falling Down. We love to hear Froggy, Clifford, or Don't Eat the Teacher.

Next we move on to our fun art project for the day. Some of us love to get all messy, and some of us do not. Whatever the case may be, they all love to do art. After art, we get our hands cleaned, say our blessing, and sit down to have snack. During snack you can hear anything from jokes being told, to talking about what the kids did yesterday or what is coming up for them. At snack time we really work hard on our manners. Yes, the class really does know how to say "please" and "thank you."

From snack, we line up and get ready to go play outside. We love to finally be able to play on the "big" playground. It is so much more fun than the 2 year old playground. Outside we get to play with all of our friends from other classes. It is then time to come inside, sing, read, or do an activity at the table. Every once in a while there may be a mystery reader that surprises us. The day is over and we say goodbye until our next day of school.



# December Birthdays



## Two Years old

Mycah Henry	December 3 <sup>rd</sup>
Morgan Patterson	December 16 <sup>th</sup>
Zachary Ailiff	December 27 <sup>th</sup>

## Three years old

Denissa Mate	December 5 <sup>th</sup>
Luisa Mattheus	December 19 <sup>th</sup>
Hayden Dillard	December 28 <sup>th</sup>

## Four years old

Reece Shore	December 12 <sup>th</sup>
Dryden Barnes	December 17 <sup>th</sup>
Avery Hunning	December 17 <sup>th</sup>
Mason Smith	December 27 <sup>th</sup>
Caleb Dunn	December 28 <sup>th</sup>

## Five years old

Julia Szymura	December 16 <sup>th</sup>
Jacob Foy	December 26 <sup>th</sup>

# Cold Weather



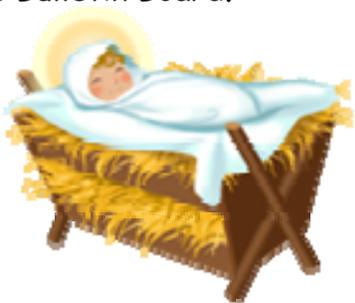
If we should get snow or freezing weather and it is sticking, please come for your children, immediately. Don't wait for Charlotte Mecklenburg to close. Please remember to dress your child appropriately for the weather outside. The children do go outside daily unless it is raining or snowing.

# Angel Tree



If you are looking for a wonderful feeling, take an angel off the tree and shop for a child you have never met. We have a chance to be Christmas love for a child.

We have a tree as you walk into the Playschool and we also have them in the family life center and sanctuary as well. All of these angels are students or siblings of students from Hornet's Nest Elementary. All gifts need to be turned in by Friday, December 14<sup>th</sup>. On Monday morning, December 17<sup>th</sup> we will be sorting and bagging the wrapped presents. On Tuesday morning December 18<sup>th</sup>, we will be taking the gifts to Hornet's Nest Park Elementary School. We still need "Last Minute Elves" for our children on the tree. These special people volunteer each year to be ready to shop on Monday Morning, December 17<sup>th</sup> in case any of the children's angels were taken off the tree and gifts were not brought in. There is a sign up sheet on Claudia's Bulletin Board.



## With Love from Claudia

Last Friday the Playschool staff surprised both "Miss" Mary and "Miss" Crystal with a baby shower. I don't know who was the most excited the moms or the grandmothers who are me and "Miss" Susan. Two little girls are expected to arrive within days of each other; of course since both moms are

scheduled to go to Huntersville Presbyterian, Susan and I hope Addison Tran and Kyrsten Figaro will choose to arrive the same day. At the shower both girls received tons of pink lacey clothes, ribbons for their hair and everything else little girls need to feel pampered and loved. Preparations are being made at their parents and grandparents homes anticipating their arrival. Plans are being made so each family member will know exactly what their responsibilities will be when the big day comes. Nothing is being left to chance so we can be assured Addison and Kyrsten have the smoothest of transitions into our lives. Little hospital bags will soon be packed with special outfits to wear on the day of their homecoming. Mary and Crystal are both visiting their doctors weekly so they will know when to expect their girls. With so much being done one may think the girls are some type of royalty. Actually, they will only be considered royalty by their families.

As we await the arrival of these two little girls we are reminded of another baby born long ago. We came to realize that not only was he royalty, but He was the King of Kings and the Lord of Lords. This little one didn't have a little bag packed with a special going home outfit. There had been no surprise showers in his young mother's life. The night he choose to arrive, instead of a modern hospital, he was born in a stable that was shared with animals. He was wrapped in rags and his bed was a manger filled with straw. There was no waiting room filled with family members clutching gifts, only shepherds who until that night were strangers to the family.

The world basically ignored the arrival of this little boy, but arrive he did. Over 2,000 years have passed and this little baby even without the showers and fanfare changed all of our lives and the entire world stops to remember his birthday each year.



## Christmas Happenings



Our past Christmas memories always include time spent at the church. The following events will bring your family closer to the meaning of Christmas. The Playschool family is cordially invited to attend...

*Dec. 9<sup>th</sup> , 7pm*

### *Children's Christmas Program*

*The children will be acting out the birth of Christ, with the help of several stirring mice.*

*Wednesday, December 12<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 PM: Supper with Santa in the Family Life Center at Trinity United Methodist Church. Don't miss this yearly tradition hosted by Trinity Playschool, Long Creek Volunteer Fire Department and the Hot Dog Committee as Santa arrives by fire truck to visit with and hear all the children's Christmas wishes.*

*Dec. 24<sup>th</sup>, 7pm*

*Communion Service – Dress is casual, bring the whole family. This is a quiet reminder of the reason we celebrate this Holy Day.*

*Dec. 24<sup>th</sup>, 11pm*

*Candlelight Christmas Eve Service*

## Parent Exchange

One of our parents wants to keep children at her home during the day (full or half days). Her name is Sammi Bass and she has subbed at Trinity some this year. If you are interested or know someone who is, her telephone number is 704-820-6455.

If you had been there, what present would you have given to baby Jesus?



You will find the babe wrapped in swaddling cloth and lying in a manger... Oh, to have been there that night and seen that beautiful baby who would grow up to save us all! Wouldn't you have loved to bring a present to the newborn king?

Cindy & Alicia's class: **Meagan Samuel** would give Jesus a toy. **AJ Akerberg** would bring a wooden box and **Dryden Barnes** would give a race car to the King. From **Melvin Sifford**, Jesus would get a truck, **Colby Lane** would give a toy baby, **Caleb Dunn** would give a transformer and **Sydoux Andrews** would give Him fish. **Emani Glover** thinks toys would be nice but **Owen Lanham** thinks Thomas the Train would be the perfect gift. **Grant Damare** would bring a toy to the Baby Jesus and **Elle** would bring a choo choo train.

Kim & Andrea's class: **Mason Smith** would bring the Baby Jesus a mommy and **Alexis Walley** would bring a bike. **Alison Naugle** would bring a dog and her sister **Shelby** would give Jesus Captain Crunch. **Lon Callis** would give a calendar and **Brennen Rogers** would give a ball. **Avery Hunning** would bring the Baby Jesus moon sand and **Patrick Royster** would bring a sand table. **Aubrey White** would bring Jesus toys and **Will Slattery** would bring Him Santa whereas **Isabella** would bring Jesus a scooter.

## Movie Night

Come on out and join us Friday, December 14<sup>th</sup> in the Family Life Center. This will be an all evening Family Christmas Marathon. Be looking for the upcoming movies to be posted throughout the playschool. There will be pizza and snacks available. Prices range from \$.25 - \$1.00.

