



The first week of December, I received a message from Sandra Duggins, who was in charge of the Angel Tree this year. She mistakenly thought that she had

until the day before Christmas to turn in gifts from the Angel tree but was then informed they needed to be in by the middle of December. She knew she needed help from a powerful group and immediately thought of the Trinity UMC Preschool Parents. Along with church members and our parents, every child was taken care of. Thank you so much for the help that so many of you gave to make the Angel Tree a success. The greatest thing is that not only is it a gift for the child, but also means the world to the parents who, by your generosity, were able to give their child a good Christmas. You are such a group of kind and loving people!

### DATES TO REMEMBER

Jan. 18<sup>th</sup> - Preschool is CLOSED!!! Martin Luther King Day

Jan. 25<sup>th</sup> - School Closed

### LOOKING AHEAD

Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup> - In House Registration (for children enrolled this year, their siblings and Church members)

Feb. 10<sup>th</sup> - Registration Open to Public

Feb 15<sup>th</sup> - School closed, teacher workdays

Feb. 14<sup>th</sup> - Valentine's Day



## January Birthdays



### Four Years Old

Sydney Bringardner January 28

### Five Years Old

Abby Black January 26

Anthony Wilmoth January 26

## Registration Time



For Summer Sessions and the 2016/2017 School Year is Coming Soon

In House, (Children enrolled this year, their siblings and church members) - Wednesday, Feb. 3

Open to Public -  
Wednesday, Feb. 10

You will be receiving forms and more information toward the middle of this month.



## 2015 TAX INFORMATION

Parents please sign your name on the sheet that will soon be outside Miss Cindy's office if you are interested in getting the 2015 tuition paid information for your personal taxes. If preschool is also used as care for your child when you work, it may be taken as a tax deduction. Add your name to the form and Miss Cindy will have this information for you by January 31<sup>st</sup>.

It is a brand new year, 2016. Wow, looking at that number blows my mind. I am going to start out 2016 by cheating a little and running the very same article that ran in 2015. It is not because I am too busy or too lazy; it is because it was a resolution that I actually kept. By keeping this resolution I can say that I am a totally different person with a relationship with God that is closer than I ever dreamed possible. If hard times pay you a visit this year I hope that you will remember this article.

### *With Love from Miss Claudia*

Well it is officially 2015 and probably the first year that I was not awake to see it come in and really did not feel a bit guilty about it. It didn't need me. It was coming whether I was awake or not. When you reach a certain age you tend to think back to years pass more than you think forward. This coming year I am making a resolution, something I have always refused to do in the past. Before we get to the resolution, humor me for a bit. I spent the majority of my life just a couple miles from here and the only way I can explain it was I lived a charmed life. I was first born to Claude and Ruby Myers, who loved each other with all their heart and loved me and my brothers. The only thing that was missing from my life was a chance to learn to deal with disappointments. There weren't any. We were definitely not rich. Daddy was a truck driver and Momma stayed at home taking care of us and half of the other children in the community. We always had friends to play with, go carts, skate boards, horses and when we reached our teens Daddy, gave us a real car and made a dirt track. To our mother's horror, that is where we learned to drive. Daddy was my hero, even after I

married my childhood sweetheart. When Daddy was in his thirties, he had a heart attack that cause some serious damage to his heart. What I refused to believe was that each day, he was living on borrowed time. In the next few years, he had other heart attacks but I had my rose colored glasses on and never thought he would die. At the age of 51, he had his last heart attack. That began a more realistic life for me. I became stronger and could take care of two children even when I went through another unexpected lost. Four years ago I became so severely sick that I had to be out of work for almost a year. Thank Heavens after many hospital stays my doctor checked my potassium and it was dangerously low. He changed my medication and my family who feared I could die at any time saw their mama come back to life. This past year Cancer paid me a call. Many scary weeks went by but now I am cancer free. That experience reminds me of the first line in the book, "The Tale of Two Cities" ...*It was the worst of times and the best of times.* That line when right over my head in High School when I first read it. Now I understand. Because the first half of my life was so very charmed, the person I was loved God and never failed to thank Him often, but it took the hard times to make me depend on Him completely and trust Him to guide my life. Now that I have made you read through my life history I will give you my resolution which all of us could benefit from:

*I will accept what is,  
let go of what was and  
have Faith in what  
will be.*



## A Little Wishful Thinking

Today was the day. I listened as Miss Susan taught the children in her class the Snow Chant:

I WANT SNOW,  
I WANT SNOW,  
I WANT SNOW,  
Pleaseeeeee

If you moved here from the north, you have probably figured out, Southerners are crazy about snow! Snow for us means that you close down everything and declare a State holiday. We quickly try to cram everything in, make a snow man, go sledding, make snow cream and go to the store and buy bread and milk, whether you need it or not. What is so frustrating is, it seems to me that we are receiving less and less! We get rain when the temperatures are above freezing and just let it drop below freezing and North Carolina, get ready, because "HERE COMES THE SUN". All I want is a little bit of snow, well actually if I am going to wish, let's make it more than five inches. It also would be really nice if it could start around 10:00 am on a weekday. You haven't experienced fun until you have been inside of Trinity Preschool and all of the sudden someone looks out the window and says, "Look, everybody, it's snowing!" Within seconds the noise value inside of the school goes up at least 90%; teachers and kids run to the windows and as for the director, you can probably find her outside doing a Snow Dance. Below are instructions to follow **not if, but when** it snows. 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. If you wake up to snow and CMS is closed, we will be also. If the snow has just begun, call 704-399-1684 ext. 23 for an announcement.



## "Baby, it's Cold Outside"

During cold weather, please remember to dress your child appropriately for the weather outside. The children do go outside unless it is raining or below 32 degrees. Also, make sure each article of outerwear has your child's name in them, as several jackets have disappeared.



### Please Help Keep our Children Healthy



Another reminder, this is cold and flu season. We understand that children may be fine in the morning and become sick very quickly, but please continue to pay close attention to your child. If they are fussy and not acting like themselves, they are probably showing the first signs of being sick. Please remember to keep your child at home for 24 hours after having been sick, vomiting or running a fever. Don't forget to sanitize your children's hands as they enter preschool and as they leave. This will help prevent the spread of viruses and colds. Thanks!

### About Our Church

We invite your family to family each Sunday.

Early Contemporary Service: 9:00AM

Sunday School: 10:00AM

Traditional Worship Service: 11:00AM

