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This newsletter is sent with a blessing and a prayer to...



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CONNECTING POINT

December 2009

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ;

The entire reason for Christmas is the love of God. God loves you so much that He came to earth as a human, so you could get to know Him and learn to trust Him. Every star, every planet, every animal, every cell, and most of all, every human being was created out of God's compassion.

How do you respond to this truth about Christmas?

Tell God: 1. I am sorry; Forgive me. 2. Thank you for loving me and paying for my sins on the Cross. 3. I receive Jesus as my Savior ; I receive His forgiveness.

God came to earth to remind you that He is with you and available to you always, no matter where you are. There is no place nor situation where God is not available to a humble, faith filled heart.

Here is a poem that could be said as a prayer:

“Christ be with me; Christ within me,
 Christ behind me; Christ before me,
 Christ beside me; Christ to win me,
 Christ to comfort and restore me,
 Christ beneath me; Christ above me,
 Christ in quiet, Christ above me,
 Christ in hearts of all that love me,
 Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.”

Many people wrongly feel that God is out to get them. That He is constantly playing a game of “gotcha!” That He is just waiting for them to mess up, and fail so He can “zing-them.”

Christmas tells us that no one wants what's best for you more than God. He is not mad at you. He is mad about you. Jesus doesn't rub your mistakes in. He rubs them out. He came to erase all your sins, mistakes, failures, and regrets. Jesus came to save us not to condemn us.

Christmas tells us that “God loves you.” “God is with you”. And “God is for you.”

See you Sunday December 6th for a combined worship service at 10:00 for the children's Christmas drama.

Enjoy this day with Jesus;

Wayne



“Forever Gloria”

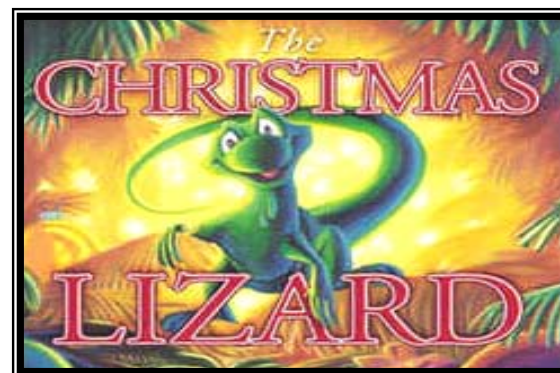
will be presented by a choir comprised of members from Nashville United Methodist Church and Nashville Baptist Church. Join us at Nashville United Methodist Church on Saturday, Dec. 12th and Sunday, Dec. 13th at 7:00 p.m. in Braswell Hall. Come and enjoy this special Christmas celebration of God showing His love in the most miraculous way – through the gift of His Son, Jesus.



**BirthDay
 Party
 for Jesus!**

All children ages 3 - 5th grade, please bring a friend and join us in celebrating Jesus' Birthday on Sunday Dec. 20th from 4:00 - 6:00. There will be party games, prizes, and cake. Each party attendee is asked to bring a \$5 wrapped toy to be given to needy children in Nash County Schools. Gift labels will be available at party sign-in. Call the church office at 459-7178 with any questions.

The Children of
 Nashville United Methodist Church
 Present:



A play about *Oscar*,
 a pet lizard, and his quest
 to find the *true*
 meaning of Christmas.

Presented:
 December 5th at 7:00pm
 and
 December 6th at 10:00am



Christmas Eve
 SERVICE

*We will have two
 Christmas Eve Services
 this year.*

*A family friendly service
 will be held at 5:00pm.*

*Children, can come
 dressed as a manger
 scene character.*

*We will also have a
 Candlelight Service
 later that evening (time TBD).*



Nursery Help Needed

Amy Danforth is in the process of creating the 2010 schedule and is in need of volunteers for the 8:30 Toddler and Infant Nurseries. If you currently use the nursery or just love caring for children, please call Amy at 459-7178



Angel Tree

NUMC is once again sponsoring a group of Nash County children in need through our Angel Tree. The Angel Tree is located in the gathering area. When you select a tag, please be sure to sign it out on the poster located on the wall beside the tree. The gifts will be due back to the tree no later than Sunday, Dec. 6th.

Love Offering

Christmas is a time to show appreciation to our church staff for the fine work they do each day for ministry here at NUMC. The Staff-Parish Relations Committee asks that you consider making a contribution to a love offering to show your love and support for them. Please designate "Staff Christmas Love Offering" on your donation and submit it no later than December 21st.



We are in the process of compiling our 2010 flower calendar. A calendar with available Sundays is in the gathering area. Please feel free to write your name in any available Sunday. If you have questions, call the church office.

Directory Picture appointments begin this week. You will receive a reminder call a few days before your scheduled time. If you haven't made an appointment, you can still call Olan Mills at 1-800-866-2263. Our church number is 47524. You can also call the church office with any questions.

Youth PAC Fundraiser

Youth PAC will be selling Christian all occasion cards in between services. A pack of 12 cards is \$8. Also, see any Youth PAC member for your 2010 Christian Wall Calendar - just \$10.

Thank you for your support.

December

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 2:00 - Directory Pictures - Cockrell Hall 7:00 - Pastor/Parish Meeting - Cockrell House	2 2:00 - Directory Pictures - Cockrell Hall 6:00 - Play Practice Braswell Hall	3 9:00am - Nash Central Spaghetti Luncheon/Dinner	4 6:30pm - Play Practice Dress Rehearsal - Braswell Hall 6:30pm - Men's Class Christmas Party - Cockrell Hall	5 10:00am - District Christmas Party - Cockrell Hall 7:00 - Christmas Lizard Play - Braswell Hall
6 9:00 - Sunday School 10:00 - Combined Service - Christmas Lizard Play - Braswell Hall No King's/Cov Kids Youth meet as usual	7 10:15 - Nursing Home Ministry - Nash Grove 2:00pm - Directory Pictures - Cockrell Hall 7:00pm - Trustees, Parlor	8 2:00pm - Directory Pictures - Cockrell Hall	9 5:30 - Children's Choir - Choir Room	10 7:00pm - Cantata Dress Rehearsal - Braswell Hall	11 2:00pm - Directory Pictures - Cockrell Hall	12 9:00am - Directory Pictures - Cockrell Hall 7:00pm - Cantata - Braswell Hall
13 7:30am Men's B-fast Cockrell Hall 7:00pm - Cantata - Braswell Hall No Youth PAC, Pathfinders, King's or Covenant Kids	14 10:00 - 4-H - Cockrell Hall 7:00pm - Pre-School Christmas Program Sanctuary & Cockrell Hall	15 11:00 - Braswell Milling Christmas Party - Cockrell Hall	16	17	18 5:00 - Nash Central Jazz Band - Braswell Hall	19 ASP Fire Dept. Christmas Dinner, Braswell Hall Cockrell Hall reserved in AM Camp-4-Kids Christmas Wrap
20 4:00 - Birthday Party for Jesus - Cockrell Hall Camp-4-Kids Christmas Wrap No King's or Covenant Kids	21 10:15 - Nursing Home Ministry - Nash Grove	22	23 5:30 - Children's Choir - Choir Room No Alpha	24 Family Service - 5:00pm Christmas Eve Service Candlelight Service - TBD	25 Merry Christmas	26
27 No Youth PAC, Pathfinders, King's or Covenant Kids	28 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	29	30	31		

Recurring Church Activities

Scouting Schedule
Wolf Den
1st & 3rd Sunday 2:00pm - Cockrell Hall
Pack
2nd Tuesday 7:00pm - Cockrell Hall
Webloes!
1st, 3rd, & 4th Tuesday - 7:00pm - Cockrell Hall

Sunday
8:30am Worship Service (Contemporary)
10:00am Sunday School
11:00am Worship Service (Traditional)
5:30pm Pathfinders & Youth PAC
5:30pm Crown - Fellowship Class
6:00pm Play or King's & Covenant Kids
Tuesday
7:00am Prayers with the Pastor
9:00am Men's Bible Study - B. Garage
7:00pm DivorceCare - Chapel

Wednesday
6:30am Pathfinders @ Bojangles
6:00pm Alpha - Men's Bible Class
6:30pm Youth Bible Study - Basement
6:30pm Puppet Team
7:00pm Choir Rehearsal
8:00pm Narcotics Anonymous
8:00pm Nar-Anon

Thursday
7:00pm Disciple II - Fellowship Class

Weekday School
9:00am - 12:00pm
Kidspace
3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Attendance

Date	8:30	11:00	Totals
Nov. 1	187	105	292
Nov. 8	217	130	347
Nov. 15	217	96	313
Nov. 22	225	107	332
Average	212	110	321