



HAPPY NEW YEAR 2012

JESUS - THE GIFT THAT KEEPS ON GIVING!

The presents under the tree have all been opened and for many of us the tree itself is gone, but how do we continue in this season of giving long after Christmas is gone? What can we do TODAY to make a difference in the lives of people? What gift have we to offer those that we come in contact with on a regular basis? I believe we have the GREATEST GIFT - the gift of Jesus living inside of each of us! While this gift holds great value, it costs us very little to share. Ask yourself, "What can I do today to make a difference in the life of one person?" and then think about where you will go today that might open the door for others to see the love of Christ operating through you. It is one of my goals this year to practice "gift-giving" throughout the year. For example, the other day I was in a local food store and bumped into one of our own WPHC volunteers. We chatted for just a few minutes and then after they left I proceeded to the check-out. While I was at the register, the cashier asked me how I knew that person. I told her that we went to church together and that he was a volunteer in our children's ministry. At first, I was a little guarded and thought she was going to tell me something negative. However on the contrary, she stated how much that person has made an impression on her because he was always smiling in the store and how he always has a good attitude no matter what the circumstances. Little did he know, that volunteer made an impression just by giving that important gift - the gift of a smile and a positive attitude. It didn't cost him anything and yet it made an impact on those around him. Now, whether that person is always just brimming over with joy or they deliberately make a point to keep smiling, the fact of the matter is, it did make an impression. That is just one example of the gift-giving we can do daily. There are numerous other ways: bringing someone a home-baked item, sending a

thoughtful card, taking time to ask how someone is feeling, etc. There are many other ways. Can you think of one? Jesus can live through each one of us, if we let him. I have often heard spoken in regards to money, "If God can get it through you, he can get it to you." I believe it's the same with simple gift-giving. He CAN get it to you today, if he knows he can get it through you. So, if you don't feel the joy of the Lord, be a little more deliberate about it, work a little harder at it. If our Heavenly Father knows he can get it through you, He can get it to you! Have a great day!

LIFE-LAUGHS Here are two little anecdotes that I call "life-laughs." Often times, our days pass so quickly that we fail to take the time to stop and laugh at the everyday occurrences. I thought I'd share these two with you. If you have one to share next month, you can email me at cbouchard@wphc.net

In late October, I'd purchased a package of rubber cockroaches at the dollar store to use for a game in Children's Church. After the game, I inadvertently put one roach in my pants pocket while cleaning up that Sunday. Over time it eventually it ended up on my dresser in my bedroom at our house. One Sunday morning while getting ready in a dark room, I accidently knocked the rubber roach to the floor. Later that day I found out Carol had nearly knocked herself out trying to pulverize the giant "roach" she found "crawling" on the floor early that Sunday morning. Uhhhhh . . . sorry dear!

I have enjoyed serving in the various capacities that our community and the local schools have to offer. In early November, I had the opportunity to serve as a judge in the Davenport Elementary Talent Show. I enjoyed seeing a handful of our own WPHC kids at the event. A few Sundays afterwards one of the

students saw me at church and approached me. "I saw you at my school," he shouted. "I know!" I said. "I was glad to be a judge!" He paused just for a moment, looked at me a little puzzled and then matter-of-factly said. "Gosh, I didn't know you had TWO jobs!" I had to laugh!

BIBLE QUIZZING (PBQ & JBQ): The Primary & Junior Bible Quiz teams are moving into the second half of their very first season with only 5 months left to go for this year. They meet on the 2nd & 4th Sunday night of each month in the lower level (a.k.a. "Little Whitnel"). The next quiz meet will be held on Saturday, January 7th at Stoneville Pentecostal Holiness Church in Stoneville, NC. Pray for a great meet! The team will be meeting on Thursday, January 5th from 6:30 - 8:00 P.M. for "Pizza Party Practice." **Volunteer opportunities are available for coaching and coaching assistants for next year (August 2012 - May 2013).** If you would like to get involved with Bible Quizzing, see Daniel or Jessica Roberts or Pastor Charles.

CHRISTMAS MUSICAL 2011 A special thank you to all those who were involved in "Dude, You Hear What I Hear?" We had a great time and everyone enjoyed the presentation. We cannot wait until next year!



CHILDREN'S CHURCH "MISSIONS SUNDAY" We will be promoting a "Missions Sunday" on the first Sunday of every month in WPHC KIDS beginning this month. A segment of Children's Church will feature a mission story and country or ministry focus for prayer on the first Sunday of each month. Also, we will begin sponsoring a child in the "People to People" ministry. We want to develop a HEART FOR MISSIONS in our children!

MEET PUSPITA BISWAS Each month \$25.00 from the Children's Church offering will go to support Puspita Biswas, a 5-year old girl living in Bangladesh through the People To People Ministry. The children will be reminded of that special offering on "Missions Sunday" in Children's Church on the first Sunday of the month. We will support her in prayer & financial support for 2012. Anyone (individual families, SS classes, or volunteers) interested in assisting with getting cards and letters to Puspita or sponsoring their own child can see Pastor Charles.

R.A.S.O.R.S. will meet the first and third Sunday night of every month (January 1st & 15th) and is open to all students pre-K through 5th grade.

FAMILY NIGHT is Wednesday, January 4th at 6:15 P.M. and is a great opportunity to meet newcomers or visit with old friends. Enjoy a delicious meal followed by Men's & Women's Ministry Meetings and Royal Rangers and Mpact Girls for children at 7:00 P.M.

FUNDAY NIGHT is Sunday, January 29th at 6:00 P.M. Watch for upcoming announcements concerning this special event night!

SIDEWALK SUNDAY SCHOOL Anyone interested in getting involved in this new outreach ministry for 2012 should meet with Pastor Charles during the Family Night meal in the Sunday School room behind the kitchen at 6:30 P.M.



LEADERSHIP EVALUATION FORMS were emailed to every volunteer last month. If you have not completed your form, please do so at your earliest convenience. Anyone involved as a Children's Ministry volunteer is asked to do so. Your feedback and suggestions for 2012 are important. If you need an additional evaluation form please let me know. I appreciate all you do.