

Kid's Voice

A way to connect

Newsletter Date
December 1st

Special points of interest:

- A Two year old— Christmas?
- New Family Members here at FBC Benbrook
- Events coming up

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Teaching a two year old about Christmas?

Shannon Pannell

“A week before Christmas I wrapped gifts and placed them beneath the tree. My 2-year-old daughter, Cathy, watched me intently as I wrapped, and soon she began asking questions. Her first inquiry: “What doin?””

“I’m wrapping Christmas gifts.”

“I dood it?” She asked. There was nothing in our home that Cathy didn’t involve herself in completely. “Yes, you can do it. I said. Lets get your wrapping paper and tape. You can wrap these.” I knew Cathy would want to help, as all 2 year olds do, so I was ready. I’d prepared pieces of wrapping paper, a tape roll, and a stack of “presents” for her to wrap.

Then came her personal favorite question: “Why come?”

Good question, I thought, *why come did we have presents?*” So I shared the events of Jesus’ birth with Cathy. I told her about the wise kings, who bearing gifts, came such a long way to see Jesus.

“Why come wrap?”

“So the presents will be special, I explained. When Jesus was born, he was a special present from God. His mom and dad wrapped him up and put him in a manger.”

“Why come tee?”

“We put them under the tree to wait for Jesus’ birthday, I said, On his birthday, we open them and find the spe-

cial surprise inside. God sent Jesus to be our special present, so we have presents to celebrate his birthday.”

Cathy grew quiet and I went back to wrapping. Suddenly, off she went and soon returned with her favorite baby doll. She gave the doll a big squeeze, then laid it in the middle of her wrapping paper. Cathy worked to make the gift beautiful. When she was satisfied, she put it under the tree. “Jesus!” She



proclaimed happily.

Colleen Oglesby

Our New Family Members



Makenna Grace Gordon born to parents Casey and Krista on Sept 29, 2009

At birth: 7lbs 13 oz, 21.5 inches long

Now: 10lbs 2 oz, 22.5 inches long

Josie Elizabeth Lester born to Joshua and Beth Lester, and brother Wyatt on October 6th 2009

Weight 6 lbs. 9oz

Length 19 inch



Christmas Schedules

Sunday, December 6
Night of the Father's Love
6:00 p.m.

Reception following in Fellowship Hall



Sunday, December 13
An Evening of Glorious Christmas Music for Two Pianos
6:00 p.m.

Presented by Ms. Iryna Simoneaux and Dr. Oscar Dressler

Sunday, December 20
A Baby Changes Everything
A Christmas Musical:
11:00 a.m.

Presented by Our Sanctuary Choir and Drama Ministries

Special Christmas Sermon
6:00pm

Presented by Dr. Todd Pylant



December 23rd
No Evening Activities



December 24th
Family Christmas Eve Service

No childcare available

December 27th
Joint Service
11:00am

No evening Activities

"During Sunday morning announcements, when the pastor informed everyone that someone had donated an organ to the church, a little girl shrieked, "Eeenmm! Who would give their organs to the church?!"
Sandi Brown
Bloomington, Indiana

Special Christmas Schedule for the Children's Ministry



December 2nd
Christmas Card Decorating
With Mom
7-7:45pm
3- 12 years old

December 5th
The Gingerbread House Extravaganza
10am-1pm
Infant- Elementary Ages

December 16th
Dress like Christmas Caroling Night
7:7:45pm
3-12 years old

SUNDAY AM



December 20th

10am

Joint Sunday School in Big Room

**Max Lucado's
Hermie & Friends**

A Fruitcake Christmas

December 27th

10am

Joint Sunday School in Big Room

Goal Tenders

December 2nd

Christmas Card Decorating
with mom

December 9th

AWANA Store Night

December 16th

Dress like Christmas Caroling
night

December 23rd, 30th

No AWANA

January 6th

HAT Night

Dear Parents,

As the Christmas season draws near, we at FBC Benbrook want to thank you again for another special year. This year we have seen many beautiful things with our children! Several have been born and several have been born again! It brings joy to my heart to have the honor to work along side of you to encourage our children to love the Lord with all their heart, all their souls and all their might! I want to encourage you again with a verse in Duet 6:5-8 *"Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. 6 These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts. 7 Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. 8 Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. 9 Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates."* Thank you for the opportunity to love on your children and I pray for you to continue the work! You do not labor in vain and may God bless you this time of year as we celebrate the Babe wrapped in swaddling clothes who changed the world! He is our Savior, Christ the Lord!

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