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Dear Families,



**Director's Ditty:** *But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are small among the clans of Judah, out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel, whose origins are from of old, from ancient times.* (Micah 2:5) Years before Jesus was born, prophets foretold of the event that would change and challenge the beliefs of the world. The expectancy of a worldly ruler who would transform the lives of God's people became the reality of the humble birth of the Christ child in a manger. Can you imagine the adjustments in thinking as the King's true identity became known to the shepherd and magi who traveled to visit the child?

Can you imagine the adjustments in thinking of these same shepherds and magi if they were to see what Jesus' birthday has become today? Christmas is my personal favorite time of year, and I start decorating mid-November. I love the peace of starting my day in front of our Christmas tree, simply absorbing God's amazing gift to the world. Being an early riser, this is a near sacred time of my day. My Christmas wish for you is that you will also find a special time each day as we approach the holiday to feel the peace that passes all understanding and share that peace with your children.



### Hands and Feet Mission Projects

We continue to collect pop tabs for Ronald McDonald House and Small Change for Small Chores for a food basket for Concepcion.

Thank you so much for your help in teaching children about being the hands and feet of Christ.



**December**

### A Look at December:

Please mark your calendar for **Tuesday evening, December 13, at 6:30 PM!** Our children will be presenting their Christmas program in the sanctuary. They should arrive in their classroom by 6:15. Students may wear a casual outfit of your choice. Room moms will be soliciting donations of cookies for the reception following the program.



**December 15, Birthday Party for Jesus for our students.** Each year we hold a special party in honor of Jesus' birthday. We will be serving pizza and birthday cake. **If possible, please send in \$2.00 in a sealed envelope by December 8 to help cover the cost of our party. Each child is asked to bring in an item of food for Grace Works, a ministry that helps needy families in Williamson County. Items that are always in short supply are: pasta, cereals, canned fruits and vegetables, canned meats, and other staples.** When the children go down to the fellowship hall for their pizza, they will lay their food item at the foot of our Christmas tree, as their present for Jesus.





## Christmas Break, December 19 through January 4



### From Ms. Karen the Librarian



Our thanks go out to Nolensville Public Library for permitting Ms Karen to make monthly visits to Jacob’s Ladder for a special time of reading. This month, Ms. Karen recommends:

- Room For A Little One: a Christmas Tale** Martin Waddell
- Merry Christmas, Big Hungry Bear** Don Wood
- The Animals' Christmas Carol** Helen Ward
- Spot's First Christmas** Eric Hill
- Christmas in the Manger** Nola Buck



### December Helpers:

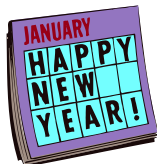
- 1---Patrick Barton
- 5---Valerie Mauro
- 6---Andrea Barnes
- 7---Heather Bell
- 8---Tonia Smith
- 12---Honora Bates
- 13---Amy Miller
- 14---Laura Newman
- 15---Corrie Blair
- Thelma Gomez
- Amanda Pharr
- Jennifer Dunn



### Fund Raising Reminders:

An easy way to help Jacob’s Ladder improve their playground is using your rechargeable Kroger’s gift card to purchase your holiday groceries, gas, and prescriptions. We still have just a few gift cards available for \$5.00. These cards must be recharged in order to benefit the preschool.

Also, **Thursday, December 1, is Jacob’s Ladder Day at Amico’s.** Just let your server know when you order your food that you are part of Jacob’s Ladder. You will get a 10% discount which will be given to Jacob’s Ladder.



**January Tuition will be due by Thursday January 5, which is the first day of school following Christmas break.** You may mail your check ahead of time if you want to be certain we receive it on time. **Child Care** tax forms will be available just prior to the start of the holiday vacation. Please let Ms. Terri know if you need a Child Care expense form.

**Our parade of “take down” children** is growing and we need to make a change in the way we handle this special offering. **Starting January 5,** take down children will not leave their classrooms until the classrooms are opened for regular pick up. Those need take down should be in the vicinity of the old Fellowship Hall by 11:40, but may need to wait for their children to arrive at the door. We ask for your patience and understanding as we try this new approach!

