

December 20, 2020

"Salvation is found in no other else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved." Acts 4:12

FBCG Kids



My Family Christmas ...

I enjoy Christmas. I enjoy some of the cheesy movies. I enjoy the music. For many, Christmas gives a happier feeling. I enjoy the decorations that others put up. I do not enjoy the cold that the season brings.

Growing up, our house has been "the" house for extended family gatherings. My mom is one of 12 siblings. My maternal grandmother lived next door for a short time. My mom's siblings and their families, that lived in FL, would come to our house for the holidays—Easter, Thanksgiving, and Christmas. For Easter, and Christmas, they out of town family would spend a night or two. We had people everywhere. It was nothing for our gatherings to have 50+ people. "The more the merrier!"

My fondest memories are

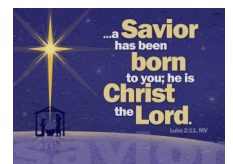
during the Christmas season. My mom was the church organist during my preschool and elementary years. At night, after we were put to bed, she would practice playing on our piano. We would crawl out of bed, moving our pillows and blankets to our doorways and fall asleep there, listening to her play.

During our Christmas family gathering, we would pile into the family room, my mom would play the Christmas carols and everyone would sing a long. Some songs were in English, others were in German. Each year, one of my mom's older brothers would read the Christmas story from Luke 2. In school, my sisters and I had to learn this passage (Luke 2:1-14) for a play. The years that followed, we try to see who still has it

memorized.

These days our family is spread out. Not everyone makes it back to FL for Christmas. A few years ago, I did not make it back for Christmas, so I spent Christmas with my mom's cousins. They too gathered together to sing Christmas carols, mostly in German, a couple in English (for my benefit), and to share the Christmas story. Each night the grandfather shared part of their family history for all the children and grandchildren to learn where they came from. What a special time that was.

What are your family traditions? What memories are you creating with your families and extended families?



Calendar Events:

Announcements and Resources

Last week, via snail mail, families should have received a **2021 calendar of dates**. These dates include Preteen Weekend (4th—6th grades), VBS (Pre-K—8th grades), and Summer Camp (3rd—6th grades). If you did not receive that calendar, please let me know.

Also, if you serve on the **Preschool Extended Care**

rotation, you should have received a 2021 schedule in the mail last week. This week I sent that out via email.

Have you seen the Lottie Potty? Yes, you read that correctly. Mr. Jimmy has created a Lottie (Moon) Potty that he is riding around on Sunday mornings to remind

us that this is the season to give to the **Lottie Moon Christmas Offering (LMCO)**. Donating to the LMCO, especially in the stocking on the potty, will allow you to "flush" the toilet for a song. It's all in fun. The LMCO is important as 100% of this offering goes to missionaries overseas and the projects they do to share God's love.



Advent—Week 4

The fourth candle represents peace and is called the “Angel’s Candle”. The angels announced that Jesus came to bring peace—He came to bring people close to God and to each other again.

Scriptures to Read:

Luke 2:11, Isaiah 7:14, John 1:14, John 3:16, Philippians 2:8-10, Titus 3:4-7, Luke 23:33-34; Luke 24:46-49, John 1:16.

“My spirit rejoices in God my Savior.” Luke 1:47

Let the Party Begin!

This season, no doubt you’ve been part of at least one Christmas party with tables overflowing with food, hours of enjoyment with friends, and possibly funny gift exchanges. Holiday celebrations are simply part of the Christmas spirit!

But years before holiday parties came about, Mary celebrates (rejoiced) over the news that Jesus would soon be arriving! She knew Jesus

was not just a baby to be born. He would be “great ... the Son of the Most High” - the Savior!

FAMILY ADVENTure:

What are some ways your family can celebrate Jesus amidst other Christmas events? Start this focus when your kids are young and make it part of your Christmastime tradition. Here are a few ideas:

- Enjoy a “Happy Birthday, Jesus!” cake as part of your family’s Christmas Eve party. Sing “Happy Birthday” to Jesus before you begin eating it.
- Set up a makeshift Nativity scene alongside your Christmas tree décor. Talk with younger children about the biblical story of Mary and Joseph watching over Baby Jesus.
- Keep child-safe Nativity sets available preschoolers and younger children to

play with during weeks leading up to Christmas, and talk about it with them.

From the LifeWay Kid Ministry 101 Blog



There is a **Prayer Wall** on the church website. The Prayer Wall is a place to post a prayer need or to pray for the needs that were posted.

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Mission Moment ...



This week, as we celebrate Christmas, many of us will be with our families. I think of the missionaries who are in their countries overseas.

This week will you pray for a family or the families on this list. God knows who and where they are. God knows their needs.

Tim, RoseAnn Luke, Rachael

Jonathan, Becky Luke, Joy
Kevin, Karen Brian, Ally
Ed, Mindy Dan, Janet
Phil, Christiana Ben, Sherri
Charlie, Shannon Sandy
Boyd, Jennie Eric
Mick, Dalese Paul, Lori
Elbert, Kay Daniel
Charlie, Teresa Karl, Julie
Jeff, Lori Jeff, Lori
Will, Elizabeth Ian
Bryan, Whitney Kyle, Jamie
Trey, Adrai Trey, Randi

Joel, Angela Lori
Kevin, Keri Kyle, Valeria
Daniel, Carla Kevin, Nozomi
Terence, Jennifer Leigh Ann
Lee, Laura Ashley Laura
Justin, Helen Scott, Emily
Jonathan, Rebecca Anthony
Barry, Vera Steven
Rick, Barb Brit, Astrid
Shannon, Katie Don, Joy
Glen, Shannon Josh
Sam, Desiree’ Mark, Krista
Tommy, Marcia Jodi