

W.A.M.M. NEWSLETTER

“ GENESIS TO REVELATION ”

December 12, 2010

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UPCOMING EVENTS

FRIDAY, December 10:
Kindergarten-5th Grades
Sing in Panorama

Requirement: 4 W.A.M.M. rehearsals

Songs: Same

Attire: Christmas Pajamas (Shorts under gowns please. Socks, slippers or bare feet are acceptable.)

Schedule:

6:15PM Arrive in Worship Center for Sound Check

7:00PM Panorama Begins

Children will be dismissed to sit with parents when they finish singing.

SUNDAY, December 12:
Kindergarten-5th Grades
Sing in Panorama
NO W.A.M.M. for Preschool

Requirement: 4 W.A.M.M. rehearsals

Songs: Same as December 8's Rehearsal

Attire: Christmas Pajamas (Shorts under gowns please. Socks, slippers or bare feet are acceptable.)

Schedule:

5:15PM Arrive in Worship Center for Sound Check

6:00 PM Panorama Begins

Children will be dismissed to go sit with parents when they finish singing.

SUNDAY, December 19:
NO W.A.M.M.
MERRY CHRISTMAS!

SUNDAY, December 26:
NO W.A.M.M.
HAPPY NEW YEAR!

BIRTHDAYS

18th

Timothy Kovtun—1st

19th

Cassie Tolleson—
1st-2nd Grade Teacher

21st

Noah Beard—1st

24th

Lacy Woodburn—PS

26th

Connie Nicholls—K

28th

Nicholas & Nathan Ferguson—PS

29th

Caleb Sartalamacchia—1st

30th

Claire Han—1st

31st

Tucker Creel—1st

DEVOTION

THE PROMISE OF A KING

Isaiah 9:2-7

Have you ever been promised something that seemed too good to be true? That's the kind of promise God's people received in Isaiah 9. They were promised light in the places that only knew darkness. They were promised freedom instead of slavery. They were promised glory instead of shame. They were promised peace instead of war. They were promised a child. Not just any child. They were promised a king—better than any king they knew. They were promised a king whose reign would be known by things like justice, righteousness, and peace. They were promised a king whose reign would be without end. They were promised an eternal king who would make everything right. Forever.

When Isaiah spoke of such things, few listened and few believed. For those who did believe, it wasn't Isaiah they believed, but instead the God who promised again and again that his passion for his people would make this miracle happen.

As kings came and went, as leaders rose and fell, God's people were tempted to doubt his promises. The stories of God's past deliverance seemed like ancient history to many people under the oppressive rule of a foreign king or the unjust rule of one of their own kings. So while they longed for the deliverer Isaiah promised, it was tough to really hope God's promise would come true. Why was God taking so long? Did he remember? Did he care?

God did remember. God did care. When the time was right, he sent his son Jesus—the promised Messiah, the great and everlasting king. Jesus was everything Isaiah promised and more. As we prepare our hearts for Christmas, we can be thankful that we serve a God Who keeps His promises!

The real meaning of Christmas is not in the gifts that we get from others, but the gift that God gave us in sending His only Son to live and die for us. That's a reason for us to sing --- Joy to the world, the LORD has come!

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