

what's happening at Dec & Jan 2004 **Kids 4 Christ**

Holiday Time at Kids 4 Christ

Many Special Events Planned to Celebrate the Birth of Jesus

As the year winds down and everyone gets busy with holiday plans, don't forget the real reason for the Christmas holidays: the hope brought into the world when Jesus was born. This December Kids 4 Christ has many activities planned that will remind families and children alike of the reasons behind Christmas and give them chances to enjoy the season together.

K4C will be taking a short break at the end of the month to give volunteers time to spend with their own families during the holidays, but look for exciting new programs and events for children and adults to begin early next year.

"The Word became a human being and lived here with us. ... From Him all the kindness and the truth of God has come down to us." -John 1:14 (CEV)

Jesus' Birthday Party

On Thursday December 16th at 6:00 (the last day before school lets out for the year) Kids 4 Christ will be hosting a birthday party for Jesus. All children who attend on Wednesday at least once during the month of December are invited to attend this event and so are their parents. K4C will run regular pickup routes that night so that all of the children will have a chance to attend and receive their Christmas gifts, but parents are strongly encouraged to bring their children or ride along with them. Refreshments will be provided for everyone who attends, young or old.

Good Attendance Policy

Four times each year Kids 4 Christ takes a small group of children who have regularly attended Wednesday class during the last three months. Some of the children and parents are confused about the rules for going on these trips, so here is an explanation of the Kids 4 Christ attendance policy:

Children who miss one or no Wednesday night classes during a quarter (three month period) are invited to go on the Good Attendance trip. Attendance is only counted during regular Wednesday classes - missing other special activities will not impact a child's opportunity to go on special trips.

Children who miss two or three Wednesdays in a quarter do not qualify to go on outings, but they can get prizes to recognize their hard work and good attendance. Prizes will generally be given out the same week that the children get their notice about Good Attendance outings.

Children who start attending Kids 4 Christ for the first time during the middle of a quarter can still qualify for Good Attendance outings if they attend at least six weeks of the quarter and do not miss any Wednesdays during their partial quarter. --->

The next Good Attendance outing (for children who miss one or no Wednesdays during the months of October, November, and December) will be held on January 22nd. K4C will be taking the kids back to Chamlee's Roller Rink in Trion.

After School Tutoring

In January or early February Kids 4 Christ will begin offering after-school tutoring and homework help to a select number of children who already attend Wednesday activities.

The free program will only have a limited number of slots, which will go to the children who sign up first. Details of the program (like the days it will be offered and how many slots will be available) have not been worked out, so be watching for take home sheets about this sometime early next year.

Personal Items

Parents, please be aware of what personal items your children bring with them to Kids 4 Christ. K4C cannot be responsible for anything that gets lost or stolen, so remind your children not to bring anything they consider valuable and to watch out for the things they do bring. Parents of younger children should put names inside jackets and hats to be sure they get home with their owners.

LaFayette Christmas Parade Float

For the second year in a row, Kids 4 Christ has a float entered in the annual LaFayette / Walker County Christmas Parade. This year's parade theme is "Songs of Christmas" so the K4C float will be celebrating the children's song "Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer." But no parade float would be complete without children, so 21 children who had the best attendance during 2004 (through November, 46 weekly meetings) have been invited to join K4C volunteers on the float. The parade will be held Friday December 3rd at 6:00 PM. Children who are invited to participate will bring home information after class.

21 children with best attendance through November:

Chase Bradley - 38 weeks	Richard Long - 37 weeks
Jade Davis - 45 weeks	Ra'Shaun Loveless - 42 weeks
Kevina Davis - 45 weeks	Alyxandria McDaniel - 40 weeks
Natija Davis - 45 weeks	Kabrecia Montgomery - 40 weeks
Summer Dillingham - 44 weeks	Lacey Neal - 44 weeks
Cheyenne Dillingham - 44 weeks	LaTricia Oliver - 45 weeks
Keychelle Evans - 46 weeks	Jeffery Stinnett - 40 weeks
Shaunece Evans - 46 weeks	Kloie Wallin - 44 weeks
Amber Harry - 46 weeks	Timothy Wallin - 44 weeks
James Harry - 46 weeks	Darlicia Wheeler - 43 weeks
Katie Sue Long - 43 weeks	

Honorable Mention:

Gordon Brown - 31 weeks	Justin Elrod - 31 weeks
Chelsey Chambers - 33 weeks	Tanika Montgomery - 30 weeks
Cornelius Dixon - 31 weeks	Andrew Smith - 30 weeks
Joseph Ellison - 30 weeks	Kayla Smith - 30 weeks

Christmas Facts

- Christmas is the celebration of Jesus' birth, but nobody knows what month Jesus was actually born in. Christmas is held in December now because the dark, cold winter months need a time of joy more than any other time of the year. That's why some people in other countries celebrate Christmas in January.
- The first Christmas celebrations were held around 336 AD in the country of Rome. Christmas was not a national holiday in the USA until 1890.
- Germany was the first country to use Christmas trees. Early Christmas trees were hung upside down from ceilings and were not decorated.
- Some people spell Christmas as "X-Mas." That's because in the Greek alphabet "X" sounds like "CH," and X is a symbol of Jesus Christ.

Schedule of Events

December 3rd, 6:00 - LaFayette Christmas Parade

Kids 4 Christ will participate in the city's annual Christmas Parade on Friday December 3rd. The 21 children who have attended the most Wednesdays during 2004 (through November) are invited to join K4C volunteers on the group float. Invited children need to be dropped off at the Kids 4 Christ building by 4:30 in order to get everyone in place by start time. Names of the children invited to participate are listed on the previous page.

December 16th, 6:00 - Jesus' Birthday Party

Any child who attends a K4C class in December is eligible to come to the Jesus Birthday Party on Thursday December 16th. This is a special night set aside to give the kids their presents and meet with their families. Regular Wednesday vehicle routes will be run to pick up all of the children, but parents are encouraged to bring their children (or ride with them) and see the new Kids 4 Christ building. Refreshments will be provided for everyone who attends. This event is limited to adults and *only* the kids who attend during December.

December 22nd & 29th - Holiday Schedule

Regular Kids 4 Christ activities will *not* be held on December 22 or 29 so that the volunteers can spend holiday time with their families. Class will resume normally on Wednesday January 5th. (Regular office hours are also canceled during this time.)

January 22nd, 11:00 - Good Attendance Skating Party

To reward all the kids who missed one Wednesday or fewer during the months of October, November, and December, K4C will be taking another trip to Chamlee's Roller Rink in Trion for a day of fun. Pickup will begin around 9 AM on Saturday the 22nd. Lunch will be provided, and the kids should all be home by 2 or 3 that afternoon. (Permission slip required.) See page 2 for an explanation of the K4C Attendance Policy.

January 26th, 6:00 - Younger Kids Dentist Visit

On Wednesday January 26th, dentist Faye Wood will come to Kids 4 Christ to speak to the younger children (3 yrs. to 1st grade) about proper dental care. Dr. Wood will show the kids how to brush their teeth and give everyone in attendance a free toothbrush and toothpaste to take home with them.

January or Early February - Kids 4 Christ Cool After School

Early next year Kids 4 Christ will launch a new program: free after school tutoring and homework help for kids who already attend K4C Wednesday activities. This new service will be offered on a first-come basis, with only a limited number of slots available. Watch for take-home notes about this program as more details become available.

These scheduled events may be changed or canceled as necessary.

For an up-to-date list, please see the Web schedule at www.k4c.info/schedule/



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