



Open Arms Newsletter

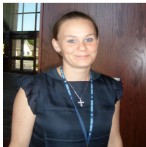
November-December 2011



Ellen Mattheus
Executive Director



Adrienne Muich
Enrollment Coordinator



Brooke Horwith
Center Administrator



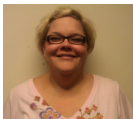
Emilie Dubert
Staffing Manager



Holly Berry
Lower Level Manager



Cris Norona
Closing Manager



Nikki Deacon
Reception #1



Barb Jones
Reception #2

Executive Director's Corner:

"A Blessing that Came in a Small Package"



As an administrator, I am presented with many goals for measuring my success on a daily basis: enrollment, quality assurance, curriculum, etc. As I visit the classrooms I observe the joy that comes from learning, making friends, and seeing something for the first time through the eyes of a child. I witness the fruits of my labors to ensure a quality, Christ-centered education for our children. This is a true blessing in my life, watching children learn and develop on a daily basis.

Parent conferences produce a positive, educational team working towards success for the children of our school. I feel that the blessing of caring and loving parents, united with our teachers, is a true blessing. We are all focused on the children's needs and successful learning. Our children are precious gifts from God and are true blessing in our lives. Blessing them with a Christ-centered education is a gift to them, and brings many opportunities to learn of the most precious gift in our lives—Jesus Christ.

Our children learn the subjects taught in preschools throughout our nation, but they also have the blessing of learning about Jesus. They worship Him in chapel, and each day they are reminded that God is with us always. He loves us and cares for us. His love will never falter!

As we celebrate the most precious gift of all at the time of Christ's birth – we need to remind our children that Christ brought us the gift of forgiveness through the His birth, life, and death! Celebrate Christ in Christmas — the greatest gift of all!

If your family does not have a church home, please come and join us for our *Christmas Worship Services* (see details on the back of this newsletter). You are always welcome and encouraged to join us in worship and study!

A Time of Thanksgiving:



We would like to thank all of the families who donated food items and came to pack bags for the Thanksgiving Food Project. **202** Thanksgiving bags were made, **2,989** pounds of food was collected, and **\$2,100.00** in food gifts cards were donated through the church and Open Arms efforts! Thank you for your generous donations to this mission project.

Upcoming Special Events...

December

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- 12/4 Ladies Advent Tea (2pm-4pm)
12/6 Bob Brown Puppets "The Snow Show" (11am & 12:45pm)
12/13 *Christmas Program*- Half Day AM Classes (9am)
Half Day PM Classes , Kindergarten Extension, & All-Day Kindergarten Christmas Program (5pm)
12/15 *Christmas Program*– School Age Classes (4pm)
12/16 *Christmas Program*- All-Day Classes (5pm)
12/22-1/2 Half Day Classes and All Day Kindergarten Christmas Break
12/24-12/25 CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES
Family Christmas Service- 5pm
Candlelight & Carols- 7pm
Christmas Praise Celebration- 9pm
Candlelight & Communion- 11pm
CHRISTMAS DAY WORSHIP- 11am
12/26 Open Arms Closed - Christmas Holiday (Full Day Program Closed)

January

- 1/2 Open Arms Closed—New Year Holiday
1/3 Half Day Classes Resume
1/27 Mad Science (11am, 12:45pm, 2:45pm, AND 4pm)

Christmas Programs for 2011: "Christmas Presents"



Dates & Times...

December 13 at 9:00 a.m.

Half Day AM Classes—Christmas Program

December 13 at 5:00 p.m.

Half Day PM Classes & All-Day, Kindergarten Extension,
& All Day Kindergarten Christmas Program

December 15 at 4:00 p.m.

School Age Classes

December 16 at 5:00 p.m.

All Day Classes (Ages 2-PK)