

# The Cock-a-doodle-doo!

A publication for the parents and children of Christ Church, Raleigh, NC

Winter 2012



Can it really be the end of January? Where does the time go? I've always heard that with age the weeks ... months ... years ... go by so much faster. Well, I'm here to tell you ... it is true!!! But hopefully, it's not too late to say Happy New Year!

Sunday School is off to a great start in 2012. Attendance is strong. The children are happy (with an occasional exception!) and the teachers are lovingly dedicated and dependable. *Please remember to thank them often.*

The Sunday School lessons for preschoolers this semester focus on familiar stories from the Gospels: *Jesus' Baptism, Feeding the 5000, Blind Bartimeaus, Zacchaeus, The Calling of the Disciples, The Wedding in Galilee, The Prodigal Son*, to name a few. In kindergarten, our Godly Play storytellers began the semester with parables: *The Good Shepherd, The Good Samaritan, The Sower, The Mustard Seed*, and as Lent approaches stories they will tell *The Mystery of Easter* and six stories describing *The Faces of Easter*..

With the New Year, our first graders began 12 weeks of Eucharist Instruction. They are using Gretchen Wolff Pritchard's book, [Alleluia! Amen](#), as a guide and have special classroom visitors and field trips to the church, chapel and Altar Guild room. First Grade Communion Celebration will take place at the 9:00a service on March 25, with a reception following in the South Courtyard (weather permitting).

Second - fifth grade teachers have enjoyed teaching lessons from the new online curriculum [Weaving God's Promises](#). Some examples of the lessons this semester are: *John the Baptist, Jesus' Teachings (the Sermon on the Mount), Stories from The Kingdom of Heaven, From the Garden to the Cross, Red Book, Blue Book...the Books We Use in Church*. One of the special parts of this curriculum is "the Episcopal Thread " which is woven into each lesson. You can view samples of this curriculum at [www.weavinggodspromises.org](http://www.weavinggodspromises.org).

We at Christ Church are blessed to have so many enthusiastic and committed parishioners who choose to work with our children and youth. The rewards are manifold...just ask about them!

If you are feeling that "tug to teach" there is a place for you in the Children's Ministry program. We thank all of our awesome Sunday School teachers who are committed to bringing the word of God and the lessons of Jesus Christ to our children. We are so grateful. Please let your children's teachers know how important they are to us and to our children.

God bless our children. God bless us all.



Anna

## What's Coming Up?

### February

5 – Sunday School  
 12 - Sunday School –  
 Children's Ministry Committee . 6pm  
 19 – Sunday School  
 21 - Mardi Gras –  
 Pancake Supper – 5:30 – 7pm  
 22 – Ash Wednesday  
 26 – Sunday School –  
 New and Expectant Parent Nursery Ori-  
 entation – 10:00 Parlor  
 Mother - Daughter - 6:00p

### March

4 – Sunday School-  
 11 – Sunday School  
 18 – Sunday School –Children's Ministry  
 Committee –6p  
 25 – Sunday School – 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Commu-  
 nion Celebration, reception follows  
 28 – Stations of the Cross for Children –  
 4-4:45p

### April

1 – No Sunday School - Palm Sunday  
 5 – Maundy Thursday – 6:30 - Children's  
 Program & bread making -  
 Service 7:00p  
 8 – No Sunday School – Easter Sunday -  
 Easter Egg Hunt between services  
 15 – Sunday School  
 22 - Sunday School  
 29 - Sunday School

### May

6– Sunday School – Children's Ministry  
 Committee 6p  
 Confirmation, 5p  
 13 – Sunday School – Mother's Day -  
*Last day of Sunday School*  
 18 – 20 - Kanuga

### June

3 – Graduation Sunday  
 18 – 22 - Vacation Bible School  
 24 – VBS celebration Sunday

## Mardi Gras — Shrove Tuesday

### Pancake Supper

Tuesday, February 21

5:30 – 7:00 pm

Music

Crafts - Great Food - Fun

*Tickets: \$8.00/adults, \$5.00/children (4-12),  
 \$3.00/children 3 & under)  
 (family cap of \$30)*



*This is a fundraiser for  
 Youth Missions and Outreach.  
 Plan to join us for Mardi Gras fun!*

## Winter Coffee

for

## New and Expectant Parents

February 26

10:00am

Parlor

**Please join us in the parlor for coffee and a nursery information session. Take this opportunity to meet our nursery staff, learn about our nursery procedures, talk about Baptism and meet other parishioners dealing with the challenges of new parenthood.**

**Contact Anna Smith**

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*Of all the blessings God sends from above,  
the one most precious is a new baby to love.*

**Nursery Notes** Our nurseries are open every Sunday morning from 8:45-12:30. We have a wonderful staff and who are assisted by volunteer parishioners each week. Please remember to thank these ladies and the families. Infants: Rachel Hunt and ShaNika Adams; Toddlers: Barbara Frederick; 2 Year Olds: Sierra Coleridge Taylor, 3 Year Olds: Donna Jeter; 4 Year Olds: Sharon Jefferson.

**Pagers:** Our pagers have recently been temperamental, sometimes working, sometimes not. On the Sundays the pagers are not available we will ask you to leave a cell number on the nursery sign in sheet and to keep your phone with you on *vibrate*. This allows us to get in touch with you during the service if necessary.

Finally, please remember as sniffles, cold and flu season is upon us, do not bring sick children to the nurseries.

Thank you!

## *Newcomers to the Nursery Welcome and Congratulations!!!*

*GRACE WERLING JENKINS, daughter of Eden and Clark Jenkins on November 27*

*MARY CATHERINE HARDY HODGES & DEMPSEY WOOD HODGES, daughter and son of Amy and Dempsey Hodges on November 27*

*DAVID HAYS SARTORIO, son of Lindsay and Steven Sartorio on December 1*

*SAMUEL BURKE FOWLER & MARGARET ANN FOWLER, son and daughter of Robin and Brad Fowler on December 4*

*SOPHIA BALDWIN PARAMORE, daughter of Charlotte and Matt Paramore on December 6*

*JEWELL GOODING HOBGOOD, daughter of Lila and A. Hobgood on December 7*

*ROSALIE ELIZABETH POE, daughter of Chaney and Boss Poe on December 15*

*FRANCES PRESCOTT LITTLE, daughter of Meredith and James Little on December 16*

*MORGAN ELIZABETH BRANCH, daughter of Jenny and James Branch on January 7*

### **Mother Daughter Celebration**

Sunday, February 26, 6pm

Jan Karon, the author of the wildly successful Mitford Series of books, is our speaker at the Mother Daughter Celebration this year. The night will begin with food and drink and end with our speaker telling us how she became an author. Suggested for girls and women ages 8—98! *More details to come.*

**All Parish Weekend at Kanuga -  
May 18-20, 2012**

**Save  
The  
Date!**



*Help us, O God, to enter into the  
secret of childhood so that we may  
know, love and serve the child ...  
following your holy will.  
- Maria Montessori*

**VBS 2012**

**Rainbow Joe!**

**Coming**

**June 18-22**

## Mission Trip to Honduras

From February 11-17, 2012, a second group of fourteen Christ Church members will be traveling to Honduras to visit the Hope for Jesus Children's Home (<http://www.hopeofjesus.org/>). We will be working with the children, as well as providing needed assistance around the farm that supports the children. They are . . .

Jim Adams, Marks Arnold, Dottie Benz, Al Conyers, Lizzie Davis, Emmett Haywood, Clay Herget, Millie Herget, Suzy Lamb, Dave Shoner, Milton Small, Susie Small, Geoff Smith, Sandra Smith, Kate Taylor

If you are interested in supporting the Hope for Jesus Children's Home, you can

\*Send your financial donations by January 31, 2012 so they can be doubled through a matching grant. Contributions can be mailed to: Hope For His Children International/4815 - 200 Executive Park Court, Suite 201/Jacksonville, FL 32216  
\*Sponsor a child at the Children's Home (see website for details)

\*Purchase coffee in the lobby on Sunday Mornings

If you would like to provide school supplies for the children as they head back to school in the spring, they have requested that we bring the following items with us.

7 PACKS OF MULTI-COLOR DRY ERASE MARKERS (4 markers per pack) *these are items requested for teacher use*  
14 METAL PENCIL SHARPENERS  
10 PACKS OF PENCILS (10 pencils per pack)  
7 PACKS OF ERASERS (either the pencil-topper erasers or hand-held erasers)  
6 PACKS OF BALL-POINT PENS (black or blue)  
OTHER PENS (various colors)  
OTHER SCHOOL SUPPLIES

## A Parent's Prayer

This is a scanned copy of a well worn prayer that has been on my refrigerator since my children were very small. One of my "Mom" friends found it in *Highlights for Children* and shared it with me. It often helped me through challenging parenting days. Maybe it will help you too.

