



# Pitts Baptist CDC News

December 2016 Edition

## December Events

**December 15: Christmas Program 6:30 PM**

*Please pick up your child by 6:00 pm and drop them off with their teachers in the CORE hallway by 6:15 pm.*

**December 21: Class Christmas Parties w/ Santa**

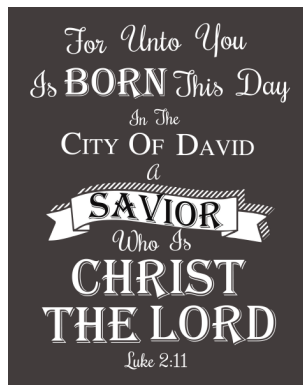
**December 23 & 26: Christmas Holiday: CLOSED**

**January 2: New Year's Holiday: CLOSED**

Parents,

Please remember to call and let an administrator know when your child is out sick.

We appreciate you keeping us informed about your child's well being, so we can plan accordingly.



**Congratulations to all of our staff who are celebrating anniversaries this month!!**

Ms. Lori-6 years



## December Employee of the Month

Congratulations to Ms. LaJuan for being named December's employee of the month for her exemplary performance both inside and outside the classroom! Ms. LaJuan's beautiful smile and positive attitude are contagious! She loves her students well, looks for fun ways to learn new things and is always willing to lend a helping hand. Ms. LaJuan is a treasure, indeed!

## Infants

We loved our First Thanksgiving together! We enjoyed giving thanks for our food, family and fun! We also talked about eating good food.

We are excitedly working on our Christmas treasures to share with our families! We are learning new words and songs every day. The Christmas Program is coming and we can't wait to sing for you! Please dress your child in grey for our special part in the Christmas program (December 15).

## Crawlers

Our November was all about using our senses to explore! We celebrated Thanksgiving and gave thanks for all God has given us. We continue to practice using our signs and words. We are learning so much each day!

December will be all about Christmas! We are so happy God sent His Son to us, and we will celebrate in many different ways!

Please be sure your child has a jacket and socks or shoes each day. We do take walks and go outside, even on the cooler days!

## Young Toddlers

We learned about God's creation throughout November as we searched for trees, clouds and leaves outside. We loved pointing to things that God made.

We love singing Jesus Loves Me!

We are excited to talk about the Birth of Jesus this month. We will also use our senses to explore God's creation and we will also talk about how and where Jesus traveled.

We have fun marching and pretending to ride in cars. We are looking forward to creating and decorating a Christmas tree together!

## Older Toddlers

In November, we learned about Noah, the day Jesus calmed the storm and Joseph's Coat of Many Colors. We made a warm coat collage and turkeys. We explored pinecones, acorns and leaves.

We are excited to learn about the birth of Jesus throughout December. We are excited to experience the scents and sights of Christmas time. We will explore tinsel and play hide & seek with fun Christmas items.

Please be sure we have a weather appropriate change of clothes at school each day and a warm coat for outside time.

## Twos

Throughout November, we learned about farm animals and the different sounds the animals make. We also spent time talking about all that we are thankful for as we celebrated Thanksgiving.

In December, we will learn about sharing stars and the birth of Jesus. We will talk about the shepherds, wise men and angels, too!

Please be sure your child has a jacket at school each day as the weather gets cooler.

## Early Preschool

Last month we visited the farm and learned about all the different animals. We learned about how the farmer cares for the animals. We enjoyed celebrating Thanksgiving and talking about all that we are thankful for.

Now we are getting into the Christmas Spirit and learning about the true meaning of Christmas. We will talk about how our families celebrate Christmas and we will have a special birthday party for Jesus!

Please be sure your child's extra change of clothes is appropriate for the cooler weather.

## Preschool

November was a sweet time in preschool as we reflected on everything God has created for us. We learned about families, especially the very first family. We also had fun exploring and learning about our senses.

December will be all about Christmas as we celebrate the Birth of Jesus. We will talk about community helpers and how important each job is to our community. We will continue learning a new letter each week. We will learn what it looks like, it's sound and some things that start with that letter.

Please remember to check your child's folder each day. Also, please do not leave any open food or drinks in cubbies.

## Pre-Kindergarten

November came and went so fast! We enjoyed talking about all the things that we are thankful for. We appreciate all of the parent participation in our Family Turkey project. The kids were so excited to share their projects with their friends!

We are looking forward to celebrating Christmas and learning about how Jesus' Birth is celebrated around the world. We will learn about the twentys family and the letters K, L & M.

Please send a clear 1 liter bottle to school, if possible.

We are excited to sing for you at the Christmas Program December 15 and will hold our class Christmas party on the afternoon of December 21.

## School Age

We had a great November learning about the First Thanksgiving and giving thanks for all we have. We are striving to show an attitude of thanks throughout all of our days.

December is sure to be fab! We will talk about Jesus' Birth, the real reason we celebrate Christmas. We will learn more about Operation Christmas Child and focus on being selfless. We will discuss ways we can choose to be more about giving than receiving.

We plan to allow the children to participate in a Secret Santa experience. As Christmas draws near, watch for details.

As a reminder, we take the children outside daily. Please keep this in mind as you dress your child each day. Children should be dressed in weather appropriate clothing and have a coat, hat, gloves, etc. for cold weather. Our teachers are sensitive to the children's response to the temperature and adjust their outside time accordingly. In extreme temperatures, a walk outside may be most appropriate. Some parents believe that cold weather can make children sick. Research actually proves otherwise as germs can be contained in the classroom and breathing in fresh air can help your child's immune system!

## Half-Day Preschool

We had lots of fun learning about our five senses in November and how God gave these to us to explore the world around us. We learned about the first Thanksgiving and an Indian named Squanto who helped the Pilgrims grow corn. We thanked God for all that he has done for us, doing for us, and His many provisions. In December, we are moving from a time of thankfulness into a time of giving. We will be discussing when Jesus was a boy and will use our imaginations to think of toys he may have played with. We will be learning about Christmas and discuss how we celebrate because of the birth of Jesus and we give gifts because Jesus is the greatest gift. We will continue working our way through the alphabet and our numbers. As the weather turns colder, please remember to bring your child's coat, hat, and mittens. We go outside daily, even in cold weather.

## Half-Day Pre-K

We had such a great November. We took nature walks on the warm days and collected items to explore. We learned how to pray and many ways to show thanks for all we have. We began learning how to play the hand bells. We are excited to show you what we have learned in the Christmas Program! Please wear Christmas colors for the Christmas Program on December 15.

Throughout December, we will learn about many different forms of transportation, old and new. We are looking forward to creating a hot air balloon. We will also celebrate Christmas traditions as we learn about baby Jesus and the wise men. We will practice sight words: kind, look, me & not.

It's time for mistletoe, Santa, presents, and Christmas carols. At Pitts Baptist Child Development Center, we embrace these aspects of Christmas. But, the reason for this exciting time of year must always be at the forefront of our teaching. The Birth of Christ, the Savior, born to save mankind from our sins, is our main focus during Christmas. So even though you'll see Santa, Rudolph, and Frosty, you'll see Jesus as our central focus. Here's the story from the New International Version, Luke 2:6-11.

**While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn. And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord!**

