



# Shiloh Baptist Church Preschool Newsletter

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"For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace." Isaiah 9:6



## From the Director...

As a kid, my focus at Christmastime was making a super-long list for Santa and my parents. And every year, my parents and Santa always found a way to make sure that we had a good Christmas. As I look back, I could probably only tell you a few gifts by name that I received. Not because I didn't get nice things - because I did - but because those presents were just toys, just games, just things. What I do remember are the gifts that you can't wrap. One year my dad promised us that he would light the fire in the fireplace around Christmas. Well, that year it didn't get cold enough for a fire. So my dad, wanting to keep his promise, turned down the thermostat and got the house really cold and lit the fire. We had hot chocolate and sat by the fire in our pretend winter. Another year during our Christmas Break from school we went to visit some family friends in North Carolina. Before we left, they told us that it wasn't snowing so we were really disappointed. Well, after we got to our destination, a blizzard came through! Being the Floridians that we are, we were unprepared for the snow, let alone a blizzard. We didn't have any boots, just one pair each of Kmart canvas shoes. The snow was wet and it soaked our shoes, socks and feet. So to prevent us from getting frostbite, my dad had the clever idea to wrap the hotel garbage bags around our shoes as a plastic boot. We looked ridiculous (I know the locals had to know that we were from Florida) but boy did we have fun playing in the snow! When I was about five years old or so, I remember going with my dad to deliver presents to a family that our church bought gifts for. I don't remember everything about that day but what I do remember is that when we walked into the home, there were young children with their mom and dad but there wasn't a single gift. There wasn't even a tree to put a gift under. After we delivered the presents and got back into the truck, I remember my dad saying something to the effect of, "It bothers me that they do not have a Christmas tree. They should have a Christmas tree." So, we got them a Christmas tree and it was just as exciting to give them tree as it was to give them the presents. At five years old, I felt that wonderful feeling of giving. Experiences like those are the gifts you never lose, they never get old and they never break.



I hope that all of you have a very Merry CHRISTmas. **Remember our Lord on His Birthday!**

In Christ,

Brittany J. Lara

### Thanksgiving Feast

Thank you to all of the parents who cooked, prepared and bought food, drink and paper items to our Thanksgiving Feast. All of the food and desserts were delectable! Thank you to the parents and grandparents that came to our feast. It is really a special treat to the children to have you visit. A special thank you to Bro. Wesley for cooking us turkey, green beans, and providing fresh fruit. Thank you to Miss Kelsey and Mrs. Susan at the church office for working in the kitchen and serving food. Thank you to Mr. Simon and Mr. Philip for setting up and cleaning up our area and for eating the leftovers.

### Christmas Parties

All of our classes will be having their Christmas Party on Friday, December 18, 2009. Please see your child's teacher if you would like to sign up to bring something to the class party.

To date, 3,681 pouches have been recycled at the Teracycle Recycling Plant. Please continue to support our fundraiser and help God's Earth at the same time! Just buy, drink, and recycle!



**Pouches Processed: 3,681 (Since 08/24/09)**

**Money Collected: \$73.62**

Just a reminder about our vacation policy. Every child is entitled to two tuition-free vacation weeks per enrollment year - August to August. The child cannot attend on these weeks and unused weeks cannot roll over into the next enrollment year. These requests are to be submitted at least two weeks in advance for approval. You can find the vacation requests online at [www.shilohbaptistpc.org/preschool](http://www.shilohbaptistpc.org/preschool) or you can get one in the preschool office. Payment for the week following the vacation must be paid for in advance. If a vacation request form is not submitted, you will be charged for that week even if your child does not attend.

### Upcoming Dates

Every	Tuition Due
Monday	
Dec. 11	Deadline to turn in Lifetouch Photos or Payment
Dec. 18	Classroom Christmas Parties
	Mrs. Holly's Birthday
Dec. 24	Christmas Eve (Closed)
Dec. 25	Christmas Day (Closed)
Jan. 1	New Year's Day (Closed)



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