



## December 2010

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The Children's Ministry of FBC Hodgenville exists to **REACH OUT** to the lost, **UNITING** them with fellow believers as we **GROW** to become more like Christ by **SERVING** others and **HONORING** God.

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### Angels Sing Gloria

First Baptist Church Hodgenville would personally like to invite you to join us for our Christmas presentation of *Angels Sing Gloria!* There are numerous opportunities to attend and your presence would be most welcome. The dates for the production are:

Friday, December 10, 2010 @ 7:00 p.m.  
 Saturday, December 11, 2010 @ 3:00 p.m.  
 Saturday, December 11, 2010 @ 7:00 p.m.  
 Sunday, December 12, 2010 @ 7:00 p.m.

Following each performance there will be a dessert reception in the Christian Fellowship Center (Gym) for anyone who wants to meet the choir and production cast. We look forward to seeing you in attendance on one or more of these nights.

#### Attention Cast:

Please make note of the following important dates regarding practice and rehearsals for *Angels Sing Gloria!*

Saturday, December 4, 2010 @ 9:00 a.m.  
 Sunday, December 5, 2010 @ 6:00 p.m. (Angels Only)  
 Wednesday, December 8, 2010 @ 6:30 p.m. (full dress)  
 Thursday, December 9, 2010 @ 6:30 p.m. (full dress)



Invitations to hand out to friends and family are now available in the foyers of the church. Please take as many as you like and invite everyone you know. If you have any further questions regarding *Angels Sing Gloria!* please contact Misty Smith (270-358-3193).

#### Buy Buy!

- Each year, 8 to 12 year olds spend \$30 billion of their own money and influence another \$150 billion of parental spending. (cbsnews.com)
- The negative effects of rampant materialism can be tempered by teaching kids to appreciate what they have. Preteens and teens who are both highly materialistic and highly thankful say they like to spend time helping others. (Harris Interactive)

### PowerSource



#### Ask God:

- To help your family focus on Jesus' birth this Christmas.
- To reduce your emphasis on buying and receiving.
- To help your children treasure God, not earthly things.

### Upward Basketball and Cheerleading



If your child would like to participate in Upward Basketball or Cheerleading next year (2011) the deadline to sign up is December 16th. That is also the last night for evaluations. All children are required to be evaluated prior to participation and team assignments. If you have signed up but have not been evaluated make plans to do so.

#### Evaluation Nights

Monday, Dec. 6  
 Tuesday, Dec. 7  
 Thursday, Dec. 16  
 6:00-8:00 each night

Scholarship are available to for any child who would like to participate but cannot afford to do so. If you would like to request a scholarship simply indicate so on your registration form.

We look forward to seeing you all next year for another exciting season of Upward.

## OpenTheBook

**"Beware! Guard against every kind of greed. Life is not measured by how much you own."**

**Luke 12:15**

Our earthly possessions won't matter or be of any use when our lives end. As Luke 12:21 says, the only thing that matters is having "a rich relationship with God."

### Teachable Moments

1. **It's a Boy!**—Create a birth announcement for Jesus, complete with a baby footprint, if you have or know a newborn. Read Luke 1:35-38 and discuss how Mary reacted when she found out she was going to be Jesus' mother.



2. **12 Days of Christmas**—As a family, come up with 12 acts of service you can perform together during December. For example, shovel snow for a neighbor, donate extra blankets to a homeless shelter, and deliver cookies and cocoa to homebound seniors.
3. **Shine On**—Read Matthew 2:2, about the Christmas star. Cut out poster board stars and paint your names on them with glow-in-the-dark paint. Tape the stars to the ceiling above your Christmas tree. Turn off the lights and share ways you can guide others to Jesus, the best gift of all.



**"So commit yourselves wholeheartedly to these words of mine. Tie them to your hands and wear them on your forehead as reminders. Teach them to your children. Talk about them when you are at home and when you are **ON THE ROAD**, when you are going to bed and when you are getting up." Deuteronomy 11:18-19, NLT**

## Food Drive: Feeding the Community

Beginning on December 1st, the Children's Ministry of First Baptist Church Hodgenville will be collecting non-perishable, non-breakable food items for the food pantry.

Decorated drums will be available throughout the church for you to place your donations in to. All donations will go directly into the food pantry for distribution to those in our community who are in need of help. Please consider your part in making this Christmas season a little warmer for those less fortunate.



Questions regarding this mission project may be directed towards the Children's Committee.

## Family Experience: Reason for the Season

**Take a break from shopping to focus on what happened on that "Silent Night" in Bethlehem more than 2,000 years ago.**



- **Celebrate Stillness**—Gather several CD or music players and some Christmas music. Give everyone an index card and a pencil. Ask family members to write or draw what they'd like for Christmas. As they begin, play different Christmas music on all the players at the same time, at a loud volume. After one minute, stop the music. Say: "Now let's focus on something else, without the distraction." Place a figure of baby Jesus in front of family members and say, "For one minute, pray silently and ask God to show you what's important about Christmas." When time is up, ask: "What answers did you come up with? How was the noisy music like what often happens at Christmas?" Close in prayer, asking God to help your family find time to be quiet and thankful this season.
- **Bring the Story to Life**—Have family members choose different characters in the Christmas account. Together, write and present a short drama based on each character's experiences. Discuss the different people's perspectives and why Christmas was important to each of them. Make simple costumes. Videotape the play and watch it while enjoying Christmas cookies. You may also want to post the video on a video-sharing site and send the link to family and friends as part of your annual Christmas greeting.



## What's Playing at the Movies

**Movie:** *The Chronicles of Narnia: The Voyage of the Dawn Treader* (releases Dec. 10)

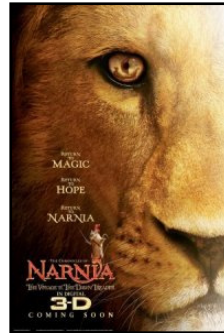
**Genre:** Adventure, fantasy

**Rating:** PG (for some frightening images and sequences of fantasy action)

**Cast:** Tilda Swinton, Skandar Keynes, Georgie Henley

**Synopsis:** When Edmond and Lucy return to Narnia with their cousin, they meet Caspian and take a magical trip in the royal ship. Aslan protects the children during encounters with kidnappers, dragons, dwarves, "merpeople," and more.

**Discussion Questions:** How can you tell that Jesus is with you when life is "smooth sailing"—and when waves toss you around? What storms have you faced, and how has Jesus helped you through them? Read aloud Mark 4:35-41. What are some things you're afraid of or some things that seem overwhelming to you? How can Jesus provide calm?



## What Music Is Releasing

**Artist:** Jason Castro

**Album:** *Who I Am*

**Artist Info:** The guitar-playing, dreadlock-wearing Castro, 23, won the hearts of *American Idol* fans with his renditions of "Hallelujah" and "Over the Rainbow." His new album is a crossover to Christian music.

**Summary:** "I'm a Christian in whatever I do," Castro says. "Every song in some way is led by what I believe." In "You Are," the first single from *Who I Am*, Castro sings to God, "You are life more beautiful. You are love more powerful. You are the light that always shines. You are the one."

**Discussion Questions:** How would you describe who God is, especially to someone who doesn't yet know him? In what ways does God make your life "beautiful"? Read aloud Isaiah 52:7-10. How can you share the good news of God's "victory" with other people?



## What Games Are Out

Title	Content	Rating & Platform
<i>Kinectimals</i>	On a mysterious island, players meet adorable cubs and teach them tricks using the new Xbox Kinect technology.	E; Xbox 360
<i>Beyblade: Metal Fusion</i>	Based on a popular toy (and anime TV series), this game involves stadium battles with spinning tops.	E; Nintendo DS
<i>Battle of Giants: Dinosaurs Strike</i>	Players fight to become the top predator. Includes animal combat and natural disasters.	E10+; Wii

**RATINGS:** EC=Early Childhood, E=Everyone (ages 6+), E10+ (ages 10+), T=Teen (ages 13+)



## Culture & Trends

**What's happening right now that may affect your children and family:**

- According to an annual report that tracks the Christmas wishes of children ages 5 to 16, Apple products such as the iPhone, iPod, and iPad have replaced toys as the hottest requests. (Duracell Toy Report)
- Diagnoses of ADHD continue to rise, with one in 10 U.S. children affected at some point. (cdc.gov)

## Quick Stats

- Couples rank marital "stress-causers" in this order:
  - Finances
  - Intimacy
  - Children
  - In-laws
 (American Express)
- Children younger than 4 are four times more likely than older children to sustain a head injury while sledding. Experts recommend helmets and close adult supervision. (emaxhealth.com)



# December 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
						 Christmas on Main Street @ 6:00 p.m.
<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
 Hanging of the Greens	 Evaluation 6:00-8:00	 Evaluation 6:00-8:00	 Angels Sing Gloria! Dress Rehearsal @7	Angels Sing Gloria! Dress Rehearsal @7	 Angels Sing Gloria! @ 7:00	 Angels Sing Gloria! @ 3:00 & 7:00
<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
  Angels Sing Gloria! @ 7:00				 Evaluation 6:00-8:00		
<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
	<b>No School</b>	<b>No School</b>	<b>No School</b>	<b>No School</b>	<b>No School</b>  Christmas Eve Service	 Christmas Day
<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>1</b>
	<b>No School</b>	<b>No School</b>	<b>No School</b>	<b>No School</b>	<b>No School</b>  New Year's Eve	 New Year's Day

## LEGEND

Faithweaver Sunday School  
9:30-10:45 (K-5)



Children in Action (K-5)  
Mission Friends (Age 3-5)  
Sunday Evenings @ 6



TeamKID meets on Wednesday Evening  
6:00-7:00 (No Transportation)