

CM Connection



Ebenezer Baptist Church • Children's Ministry Newsletter

December 2011

Upcoming Events...

Saturday Dec 3– Christmas program rehearsal 9:30am
Sunday Dec 4– 6:30pm Spirit of Christmas Program
Sunday Dec 11– last RUSH and Kids Small Groups before Christmas break
Saturday Dec 24– Christmas Eve service – 7:00pm
Sunday Dec 25– Worship Celebration – 10:30am
Sunday Jan 1– Worship Celebration – 10:30am
Sunday Jan 8– RUSH and Kids Small Groups resume



Christmas quotations

"Never worry about the size of your Christmas tree. In the eyes of children, they are all 30 feet tall."
~Larry Wilde.

One of the most glorious messes in the world is the mess created in the living room on Christmas day. Don't clean it up too quickly.
~Andy Rooney



Christmas Statistics

1 in 10 – The number of the presents received that will be broken by the New Year

7 in 10 – The number of dogs that get Christmas gifts from their owners

\$33 – The average amount spent per person on last-minute purchases

25% – The percentage time spent in line-ups when Christmas shopping

5340—Average number of times Visa cards are used every minute during Christmas time.

The REAL Night Before Christmas (by parents)

T'was the night before Christmas
when all through the house
I searched for the tools
to hand to my spouse.
Instructions were studied
and we were inspired,
in hopes we could manage
"Some Assembly Required."
The children were quiet (not asleep) in their beds,
while Dad and I faced the evening with dread:
a kitchen, two bikes, Barbie's townhouse to boot!
And now, thanks to Grandpa, a train with a toot!
We opened the boxes,
my heart skipped a beat—
let no parts be missing
or parts incomplete!
Too late for last-minute returns or replacement;
if we can't get it right, it goes straight to the basement!
When what to my worrying eyes should appear
but 50 sheets of directions, concise, but not clear,
With each part numbered and every slot named,
so if we failed, only we could be blamed.
More rapid than eagles the parts then fell out,
all over the carpet they were scattered about.
"Now bolt it! Now twist it! Attach it right there!
Slide on the seats, and staple the stair!
Hammer the shelves, and nail to the stand."
"Honey," said hubby, "you just glued my hand."
And then in a twinkling, I knew for a fact
that all the toy dealers had indeed made a pact
to keep parents busy all Christmas Eve night
with "assembly required" till morning's first light.
We spoke not a word, but kept bent at our work,
till our eyes, they went blurry; our fingers all hurt.
The coffee went cold and the night, it wore thin
before we attached the last rod and last pin.
Then laying the tools away in the chest,
we fell into bed for a well-deserved rest.
But I said to my husband just before I passed out,
"This will be the best Christmas, without any doubt.
Tomorrow we'll cheer, let the holiday ring,
and not run to the store for one single thing!
We did it! We did it! The toys are all set
for the perfect, most magical, Christmas, I bet!"
Then off to dreamland and sweet repose
I gratefully went, though I suppose
there's something to say for those self-deluded—
I'd forgotten that BATTERIES are never included!

CM Parent Handbook

Check your mail folder at Ebenezer
for your copy of the CM Parent
Handbook! The Parent Handbook
is also available online
and at the Information
Desk in the foyer at
Ebenezer.

