

**Chalmers  
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Church**

# Youth Spirit

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## Merry Christmas!

What a pageant! Thank you to everyone who worked so hard to prepare and present the wonderful story of Jesus' birth through the eyes of the innkeeper's daughter. I was really impressed with how everyone pulled together, showed up for extra rehearsals and made a real commitment to this presentation.

December also saw two Family Sundays which allowed all of our Sunday Morning Youth teachers to have a couple of weeks off to join their families in worship or

travel during the Christmas season. Rev. John and I worked together this year to try and make those two services true "Family" services where everyone felt included and had a worshipful experience. We chose the theme of "Christmas Around the World". December 20th was focussed on traditions around the world—both those that are ubiquitous, like the Christmas Tree, and those that are very different, like carolling until 5:00 am Christmas morning in South Korea. Interestingly, through all the research, I came to realise that as North Americans we get more sleep Christmas Eve than many other cultures! The focus on Sunday, December 27th was carols from around the world and the stories that go with them.

There are a lot of people that deserve to be thanked this month for helping in different ways. The most obvious of course are Linda & Judy for their work on the pageant and Rev. John for his accommodations with worship. I'd also like to thank everyone who came out to rehearsals or who made a special effort to

attend the pageant. In relation to the Around the World Sundays, thanks to Angeline, Joyceline & Jacqueline for their presentation about India. And thank you to Pat, Laurie, Tom, Harry, Siska, Andrew, Gillian, Cyndi, Maureen, Debbie, and Audrey for helping out with the readings and to the Gaels for their special praise. A special thank you to Masa and Joanne for bringing greetings from Japan. And finally I'd like to thank everyone who wore something to represent another country.

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Linda directing the pageant.

### Contact me!

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# From the Editor

I hope I will be forgiven if the newsletter is somewhat briefer this month than normal. Although I enjoy spending time working on this newsletter, there are too many other fun things to do during these twelve days of Christmas to spend too many hours sitting at my computer. I do want to take this opportunity to wish everyone a Very Merry Christmas (and on a side note—if you want a laugh, ask one of my parents to say the phrase “It made Mary merry to marry Murray.” Every word sounds different! No kidding!) So from my family to yours, I hope you are continuing to enjoy this very Blessed Christmas!



My family: Tom Hunter (my dad) holding Isla (my daughter), Crissy, Tom & Colin, (my niece and nephews) with Torry (my daughter). Lynn Ball (my sister) with me, Christine Hunter (my mum) and Andrew (my husband) all decked out in our tartan for Christmas Around the World.

## What a Quote!

- “And Mary said, “My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour, for he has looked with favour on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name.””  
Luke 1:46-49



Chalmers' Children's Choir: Grace, Jacqueline, Joyceline, Kenneth, Brynn & Beth

## Pageant Pictures

Below left: Charleen, the innkeeper's daughter, Crissy, the innkeeper's wife and Kenneth, the innkeeper

Below right: Yuneste, Yunika, Allyson & Charleen







**More Pageant Pictures**

Top: Most of the pageant presenters

Above: Tyler, Cameron A. & Christian, the shepherds.

Above right: Rev. John as Simeon blessing Baby Jesus in the temple

Bottom left: Erica, a traveller, and Kathryn, the Angel.

Bottom right: Harry & Gord, two of the wisemen



# Happy to See You

December was an hard month to track since we had the pageant, the Reach Out singing and two family Sundays (when we don't take attendance). Still, we saw an average of 26 children & youth each week. I tried to pay attention each week to who was with us, but I apologise if I missed anyone.

## Our preschool class:

Naomi	Julia V.
Isla	Jack
Julia F.	Lily
Sarah	Quinton
Julie	

## Our Primary Class:

A.J. B.	Aly
Rieley	Haillee
Josiah	Taylor
Morgan	Ferguson
Torry	A.J. F.

## Our Junior Class:

Cameron A.	Christian
Colin	Crissy
Alyson	Declan
Brynn	Cyndi
Reece	Sarah
Tyler	Kenneth

Jacqueline	Joycelina
Yunika	Ian

Brian

## Our Senior Class:

Tom	Jackie
Alex	Sydney
Abby M.	Jessie M.
Charleen	Sam
Abbey P.	Yunesta
Allyson	Emily
Zack	

# Christmas Around the World



## Christmas Around the World

Top left: Shirley, Joanne, Masa & Bruce

Top right: Jacqueline, Angeline & Joycelina

Bottom: Torry & A.J.



# Children & Youth Ministries at Chalmers

## January 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Happy 9 <sup>th</sup> Birthday Cameron T.!	2
3 10:30am SMY- The Gathering 10:30am CY09 at St. Lawrence  7pm Contemporary Service	4	5	6	7 Happy 15 <sup>th</sup> Birthday Hope!	8	9 Happy 22 <sup>nd</sup> Birthday Amy!  Happy 25 <sup>th</sup> Birthday Tim!  6:30pm Chili Night
10 10:30am SMY	11	12	13	14	15	16
17 10:30am SMY 10:30am CY09 at Oakridge  Noon - 'Soup'er Sunday (Katrina)  7pm Contemporary Service	18	19	20	21	22	23
24 10:30am SMY  2:15 pm Reach Out at Caressant Care	25	26	27	28 Happy 11 <sup>th</sup> Birthday Ben S.!	29	30
31 10:30am SMY						Evening of Gospel Music (TBA)

## Other Notes

I've never included birthdays on the calendar before, but I think that as a church family, we should celebrate with one another. I am continuing to collect the remaining few birthdays that I am missing. If there is someone in

your family under the age of 25 and I don't include their birthday on the calendar, please let me know!  
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## In February

**Camp Kintail Camper Reunion**—Saturday February 6th

**One-Day Wonder**—Saturday, February 20th at New St. James

For a calendar of all Chalmers activities, go to [www.chalmerslondon.com/year\\_calendar.htm](http://www.chalmerslondon.com/year_calendar.htm)