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Youth Spirit

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Up Next in January!

Although we are still smack dab in the middle of the 12 days of Christmas, for many of us our minds are starting to move ahead to the new year and what is coming up. So too with Sunday Morning Youth. We are looking forward to a new season. We will be continuing to include All Ages worship once a month as a time when children are included and involved in regular Sunday morning worship with the rest of the congregation. This is a wonderful time to celebrate the place of each one of us in the family of God. Please join us and encourage your children to grow in their faith by participating together. The All Ages Sunday in January will be January 2nd.



The children have been enjoying the addition of 4:12 (our praise band) to Sunday Morning Youth. We will be working on new ways to include music, singing and dancing on a regular basis during our time together on Sunday mornings. Music is such a lasting way to learn about God and to carry His Spirit into daily life. One of the songs that we learned in the fall was called "Jesus is the Light" and everyone yells those words throughout the song. One day while I was talking to Torry, Isla overheard me mention Jesus and she immediately yelled out, "Jesus is the Light!" How wonderful!

Of course January 16th is also the kick-off to the 9:00 Contemporary Worship service. We are working on ways to offer programming for children but there are challenges knowing how many children will be attending, what age groups will be involved and who will be available to teach. If your family is planning to attend the 9:00 service on a regular basis, we would love to know. And, of course, if anyone (teens too!) would be interested in helping with the children at either service, we are always excited to include fresh faces. Just drop me an email or speak to me at church.

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Contact me!

- Ideas, suggestions, comments, new emails? Let me know: lizzt@rogers.com





From the Editor

What a wonderful December we've had at Chalmers! The Christmas Drama this year, featuring many of our children & youth, was told from the perspective of the shepherds. Rev. John led the troupe as the Old Shepherd who was retelling the story of that blessed night to his grandson (played by Colin Ball). The grandson wanted to go hear this man called Jesus, but his mother (played by Crissy Ball) did not want him to go, fearing that it would just cause trouble. The

grandfather, recalling that strange birth so many years ago, retold his experience while tending the sheep near Bethlehem. By the end of his retelling, both mother and son were eager to go and meet this man. Linda Adamson outdid herself this year with this wonderful story. It was a fresh perspective on a well-loved story, bringing it to life again.

Also this month we've enjoyed special music from Reach Out, 4:12, Kenneth & Brynn, Laurie

Pondsford-Hill and family, and the Christmas Eve orchestra, all including Chalmers' children & youth. Worship on Christmas Sunday also focussed on music as Rev. John omitted his normal sermon and instead highlighted the stories behind several well-loved Christmas hymns. It was a beautiful service.

What a Quote!

- "Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest."

Matthew 11:28



Left: Heather as Mary, Yunike as Gabriel and Crissy as the mother.

Bottom left: Colin & Crissy listening to Rev. John (with John Biro Jr. on visuals in the background)

Bottom right: Heather, Yunike, Crissy, Colin, Reece, Torry, Hailee & Aly

From Laurie PH

December is a time of reflection, and as we progress towards New Years, a time of setting new goals, and anticipation of new things to come! I have been reflecting on my time at Chalmers' and I have been wondering what it is that excites people and brings them together. So far, I haven't really been able to pinpoint any one thing. Does anyone have any ideas, as to what draws Chalmerites together?

Although, even if there is one thing, the basic bottom line is that everyone's unique! Each and every one of us has different hopes, different interests and different passions. And so it goes with Youth activities in the church and beyond.

Some may like participating in music, some may only like sports, some may like art, and

some may only want to do activities with other churches, or go on mission trips.

So I tell myself, there really is no need to stress, because as long as people the world over remain unique and diverse, there won't ever be lack or limitation. And as long as you know that we can all have or do or be anything, and that we can all create the activities we want through our presence, youth activities in the church can and will be any kind of activity in the church.

"The ones who are crazy enough to think they can change the world are the ones who do it." Steve Jobs – co-founder of Apple Inc.

I am not a music aficionado, but I do like music. In November, as a part of Youth Group we had the opportunity to write our own lyrics to the music of Leonard

Cohen, *Hallelujah*. We called it *There was a Night in Bethlehem*. Some of you might have heard it at the December 19th service. When we wrote the lyrics, I was asked to consider having them registered as our creation, and I wanted to wait and ask the congregation what they thought of it. So, those who heard it – What did you think?

Should we pursue having *There Was a Night in Bethlehem* registered as our song? Please e-mail me lauriponsfordhill@yahoo.ca and let me know your response.

At the end of the day, it's really quite simple. The key to success in any relationship is just to keep real, be true to your self, and feel great.

Happy New Year
Laurie

Happy to See You

December is always such a busy month at church that it's hard to keep track of who's coming and going! But we saw 40 children & youth at Chalmers this month and it was wonderful to have them involved in the Reach Out presentation, the Christmas drama, and the All Ages Sunday.

Our preschool class:

Naomi Julia V.
Isla Julia F.

Lily Sarah
Quinton Katelyn
Erin Alison

Our Primary Class:

Haillee Josiah
Morgan Aly
Torry Ferguson
A.J. Evan

Our Junior Class:

Colin Reece
Sarah Anika

Aislinn

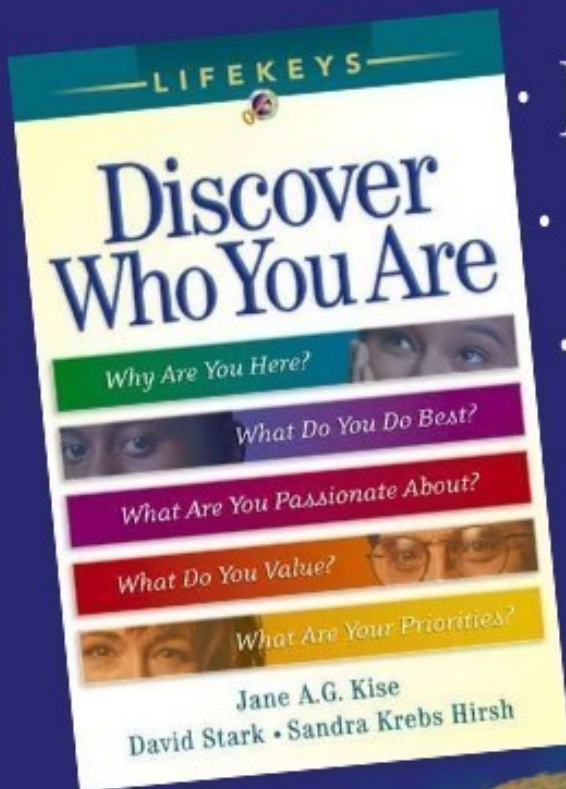
Our Senior Class:

Tom Jackie
Alex Sydney
Crissy Brynn
Emily Cyndi
Charleen Kenneth
Abbey P. Yunesta
Allyson Yunike
Zack Emerald
Jordan

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Feb. 4th 7pm to 9pm

Feb. 5th and
10am to 3pm

Children & Youth Ministries at Chalmers

January 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Happy New Year! Happy 10 th Birthday Cameron T.!!
2 10:30am All Ages Sunday	3	4	5 7:30 Reach Out rehearsal	6	7 Happy 16 th Birthday Hope! 3:00 4:12 rehearsal	8 3-7pm Camp Kintail LIT Reunion 6:00 Annual Chili Cook-off (Jr. & Sr. Youth invited)
9 Happy 23 rd Birthday Amy! 10:30am SMY Preschool Assist:	10	11	12 7:30 Reach Out rehearsal	13 6:15pm Children's Choir	14 3:00 4:12 rehearsal 7-9pm Volleyball (Jr. & Sr. Youth invited)	15
16 9:00 Contemp. Worship 10:30am SMY Preschool Assist:	17	18	19 7:30 Reach Out rehearsal	20 6:15pm Children's Choir	21 3:00 4:12 rehearsal	22 Stay tuned for info about tubing for Jr. & Sr. Youth!
23 9:00 Contemp. Worship 10:30am SMY Preschool Assist: Noon- 'Soup'er Sunday for Youth Ministry	24	25	26 7:30 Reach Out rehearsal	27 6:15pm Children's Choir	28 Happy 12 th Birthday Ben S.!! 3:00 4:12 rehearsal	29
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