



December is a busy month filled with exciting news! This is the month we celebrate the birth of Jesus and all the joy God has placed in our lives.

### **Christmas Program**

The Zebra, Cardinal, Dragonfly, Turtle, and Hummingbird classes have their Christmas Program on Thursday, December 14 at 6:30pm. Children participating in the program are asked to be dropped off in their classroom at 6pm to prepare for the program. The Christmas program will be in Gloria Dei's Life Center area. Gloria Dei is hosting the Christmas Village again in the Welcome Area. The Christmas village will be set up for families that would like to explore the village and take pictures prior to the program. Please see the attached invitation for more Christmas Program details.

### **Christmas Break Sign Up**

Day One Christian Academy will be closed December 25, 26 and January 1. December 27-29 and January 2-5, there will be no preschool. Care is available for students that follow the full-time calendar (6+ hours on scheduled days). Please indicate on the sign-up lists outside the classrooms if your child will be needing care during the Christmas Holidays so we may staff appropriately.

### **Scrip Orders**

The SCRIP Orders are expected to be delivered Thursday, December 14. Mrs. Money will be sorting the orders when they arrive and will notify you when they will be available for pick up. We will communicate if there are any delays and when they are ready to be picked up through a posting on the main door and through Lillio (formerly HiMama).

### **Christmas at Gloria Dei**

Sunday, December 10, Gloria Dei Lutheran Church will be having our annual Carols and Bells Service at 11am in celebration of Christmas and Jesus' birth. All are encouraged to bring jingle bells to this engaging service! Between the 8:30 and 11 service, GDLC is hosting a Walk through Bethlehem. Join us as we visit Bethlehem as many characters from the Bible come to life! Children will receive a gift after getting their passports stamped along the way!

Sunday, December 17, join us for Festival of Lessons & Carols which includes traditional lesson readings along with Christmas carols and anthems featuring the GDLC Chorale, Jubellation Bell Choir, and guest professional musicians. After worship, all are invited to the Star of Wonder Christmas Party as the Life Center is transformed into a whimsical starry night experience to celebrate Jesus' birth.

Gloria Dei will have Candlelight Christmas Eve Services with communion on December 24 at 10am Contemporary, 4pm & 6pm Traditional, 1:30 pm Español. All Christmas Services will include candlelight, communion and a children's message. For more information on Gloria Dei's Christmas events, please visit [gdlc.org/christmas/](http://gdlc.org/christmas/).

### **Parent Chapel**

Parent Chapel will be on December 20. Our Zebras are looking forward to leading us in worship this month! As you join us for Chapel, please remember that the children are expected to sit quietly and participate during the activities and lesson. Consistency is key with children, so please assist by modeling similar expectations. There is always time for fellowship and conversations during lunch. We appreciate your partnership during Chapels!

### **Christmas Ornaments**

Throughout December, the classes are making beautiful ornaments to decorate our Christmas tree in the front lobby. The children enjoy hanging their special ornaments with their class. Parents are encouraged to collect their child's ornament on their last day prior to Christmas break to add to your own Christmas tree at home!



### **Ways to Give this Season – Whitcomb Christmas Store**

Day One is joining Gloria Dei in their partnership with Witcomb Elementary to provide some holiday cheer to some of their students. There are families at Whitcomb in need this holiday season that cannot afford gifts for their child(ren). An Amazon wish list of items for these children has been created and the parents will be able to pick out a gift for their child for Christmas morning. You may follow the link below to the wish list, or we have the QR code posted on the parent board and in the front lobby to get access to the list. This is a great opportunity for your child to be apart of the giving spirit of Christmas as they can help pick out a toy or item and spread holiday cheer to these children.

[https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/1Q5LKIC49X33M/ref=cm\\_go\\_nav\\_hz](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/1Q5LKIC49X33M/ref=cm_go_nav_hz)

Joyfully,  
**Sarah Benson**