



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 12 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. Please see the attached invitation for more Christmas Program details.

### **Christmas Break Sign Up**

Day One Christian Academy will be closed December 24-26 and January 1. December 23, 27-31, and January 2-3, 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 12. Mrs. Money will be sorting the orders when they arrive and will notify you when they will be available for pick up.

### **Christmas at Gloria Dei**

Sunday, December 8, Gloria Dei 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!

Sunday, December 22, at 10am join us for Christmas Lessons & Carols which includes traditional lesson readings along with Christmas carols and anthems.

Sunday, December 24 Christmas Eve Candlelight Services at 12pm Contemporary and 4pm & 6pm Traditional.

End of Year Service at 10am in the Chapel. For a full list of events, please visit [gdlc.org/Christmas](http://gdlc.org/Christmas)

### **Parent Chapel**

Parent Chapel will be on December 18. 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: Sponsor a Child or Family**

This Christmas Season we have a chance to help make Christmas special for families at Whitcomb Elementary and our local community. If you are able to bless others, through either The 3 Wishes Tree or purchasing items off an Amazon wish list, you may follow the link below or visit [gdlc.org](http://gdlc.org) for additional details [Whitcomb Christmas: Sponsor a Child or Family | Gloria Dei Lutheran Church](#)

Blessings,  
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