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Beachmont Christian Ministries

News and Events

“So now that Day Camp is over...”

How many times have we heard a question with that intro? And it usually ends with, “What do you do for the rest of the year?”

If you’ve been around Beachmont on any day in recent years you know that question is obsolete! What a joy it is to see so many ministries taking place. Check out our website and you’ll get a quick glimpse of what goes on here year-round.

What makes all these ministries possible? Well, for many activities there is a fee that is paid (one that is constantly being evaluated and adjusted as we learn what it takes to operate new facilities). For some ministries there is no charge (such as the Teen Bible Study, the Billy Graham telephone counseling ministry, the Easter Sunrise Service and the Live Nativity). In addition, Beachmont provides between \$14,000 and \$17,000 in scholarship monies for families that have financial struggles and find it impossible to afford Day Camp for their children.

As 2009 comes to an end, we at Beachmont could really use your help if you are financially able to assist us. In order to finish the year “in the black” we need an additional \$38,000. Perhaps you are able and willing to help us in this lean time. Finishing well will help us to continue these vital ministries and provide the necessary facilities for those who are benefited by them. Thank you for your interest in and prayers for Beachmont.

~Paul T. Twining for the Beachmont Board of Directors

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Annual Live Musical Nativity

*E*ach Christmas season we host a live musical nativity that has become an annual tradition for many folks.

This year's performances will be on Friday, December 18 and Saturday, December 19 starting at 7:00pm each evening.

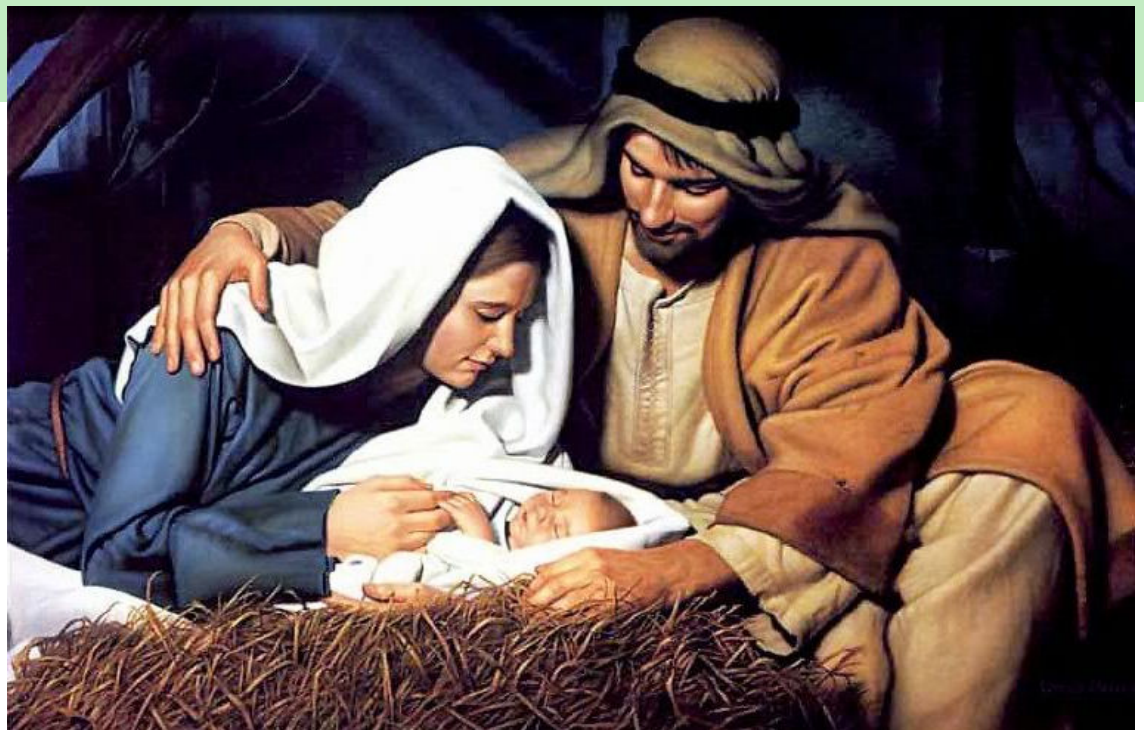
The performances are outside, so be sure to dress warmly! Take a stroll down the candle-lit path from the parking lot to the manger scene.

Each performance is approximately forty-five minutes and is filled with drama, narration & Christmas music put on by Beachmont staff and children.

After the show, feel free to take a closer look at the animals and then head up the hill to the Dining Room in the Aimee B. Foard Field House for a time of fellowship and refreshments with Christmas cookies and hot chocolate.

No tickets are needed—all are welcome!

Come and celebrate the true meaning of the holidays with us!



A Christmas Message

By Paul T. Twining, Director of Beachmont Christian Ministries

Several years ago on a hot summer's day a church was having their annual picnic at Beachmont. It was a perfect day for a swim and the entrance to our pool was jammed to capacity with eager bodies waiting to take that first plunge. The lifeguards gave all the necessary instructions, letting them know that no one would enter the deep end unless they passed a basic swim test. After reminding them not to run—ever—the gate was unlocked and bedlam happened! Several kids ignored the whistle blasts and ran full-tilt for the deep end and jumped in! Three or four swimmers were assisted to the pool's edge when the guards were informed that someone was “down there on the bottom”! The guards put their training into action, retrieved that 8-year-old boy, got him on the pool deck and began CPR.

I've often thought about that situation and it's comparison to what Jesus did for us when He came to that humble stable in Bethlehem. I Timothy 3:15 tells us that “Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners”.

Remember what the angel said to Joseph? “Do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins” (Matthew 1:21).

No one has to inform us that we are sinners and nothing to date in human history gives us any hope that there is anything we can do to rid ourselves of the sin that permeates our hearts. We are just like that 8-year-old on the bottom of the pool—helpless! If we die and appear before our Creator God in this sinful condition we will incur His holy wrath and be separated from His presence for all of eternity. WE NEED SAVING!

Christmas gives us an annual opportunity to celebrate the Messiah, God's promised gift who came to rescue us from the curse of sin and reconcile us to our Heavenly Father. Perhaps you are one of many that has attempted to save themselves from their sins by being a good person, going to church and helping those in need. If so, you are aware that something is still missing. That something is a personal relationship with God and it is precisely the reason Jesus came to earth as a baby and died 33 years later. The apostle Peter tells us that “He Himself bore our sins in His body on the tree”.

Do you believe that Jesus bore *your* sins on the cross and that there He paid for them in full? If so, then rejoice! If not, BELIEVE! “For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that whoever BELIEVES in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

Merry Christmas to all who receive His gift of salvation!

(Oh yeah, that 8-year-old boy was fine!)



Current & Upcoming Events



Tuesday Teen Bible Study

- For teens ages 12 & up
- 7:00-10:00pm (worship & Bible study from 7:00-9:00, refreshments & sports activities follow the study until 10:00)
- Our current semester runs until December 22
- This semester's topics: the girls are studying *Lies Young Women Believe* and *The Truth That Sets Them Free* and the guys are studying *Hebrews 11* and *Lessons of Faith from Nine Different Old Testament Characters*

Saturday Night Dodgeball

Ages 7-14 7:00-8:30pm

Ages 13 & up 8:30-10:00pm

\$5.00 at the door

Live Musical Nativity

December 18 & 19 at 7:00 pm.

Summer Day Camp

Registration has begun!

Visit our webpage for more information and to download an application. Spaces are limited and registrations are taken in a first-come-first-served order.

Camp is for ages 4-13 and runs from 10:00-4:00 each day. There are five different sessions throughout the summer to choose from (one 1-week session and four 2-week sessions).

Sign your children up for a session of fun-filled camp activities including archery, nature hikes, Red Cross swimming lessons, free swim, arts & crafts, sports & games, and Bible lessons.

There are "Junior Counselor" volunteer opportunities for teens ages 14-17. Applications for new volunteers will be available in January in our office and online.

