

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



DECEMBER – JANUARY

You won't want to miss our upcoming...

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM:

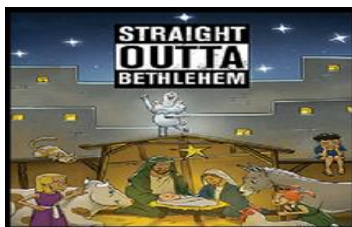
"STRAIGHT OUTTA BETHLEHEM"

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15TH

AT 9:15 A.M

"Straight Outta Bethlehem" is a musical which takes us back to Bethlehem the night Jesus was born. It is filled with orphans who live and serve at the Inn of Bethlehem. They are led by a perky, optimistic girl named Starr. Each of the orphans were taken in off the streets of Bethlehem by the innkeeper, a kind girl named Trixie. All of them are happy to serve at the inn and to be a part of their unique "family". They have an animal choir that they care for in the stable! The play opens with the orphans meeting our antagonist, Blake, who is more pessimistic about life than Starr. He's learned not to let down his guard or to trust people. He is very determined to earn some money at the inn, and then get "straight outta Bethlehem". On this particular day, Mary and Joseph arrive at the inn looking for a place to stay, and are overjoyed to tell the children a story of angels! But there is no room at the inn, so Mary and Joseph stay in the stable. The shepherds arrive at the inn to tell another story of angels! God sent His Son as a Baby who would grow up to redeem us and die in our place.

So, come and support our kids and enjoy this wonderful musical depicting the truth of Christmas.



REFRESHMENTS NEEDED

Please let the church office know if you can bring some cookies or other pastries, &/or fruit for after the program.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

This time of year is my favorite time of year, but for many it is also a very depressing time of year. What should bring joy brings heartache. In fact, there have been some years where you have told yourself, "we're going to cut back, simplify, and just have a Christmas that's main focus is on the real reason for the season—Jesus!" But, every year there are the convincing advertisements calling out to you, children pleading, and it just seems easier to take part in the worldly pleasures, just one more year. We tend to overspend, overeat, materialize, and we get lost in the busyness. It robs us of our peace and joy and it robs Jesus of his rightful role as the center of our celebrations! I hope you can take the needed time to relax and refocus on Jesus, finding peace and comfort in the truth of Christmas: His coming to be born in the manger to die on the cross for our sins. Hallelujah! - LaTonya



Happenings:

† **Sunday School** 9:15AM – 10:15AM

with bouncy house fun from 9:00AM – 9:15AM

† **Children's Church** for children 3 years old – 3rd Grade during the message time of our worship service

† **AWANA club** Wednesdays 6:15 P.M. – 8:00 P.M.

No club Wednesday's Dec. 25 and Jan. 1 – club resumes Jan. 8th.

† **Christmas Program:** Dress Rehearsal Sunday, Dec. 14th at 9:30am

Children's Christmas Program: Sunday Dec. 15th

At 9:15 A.M.

† **Christmas Eve Candlelight Service**

at 6:00 P.M. December 24th, 2019.

Includes a children's message and a gift for each child.

Bring the whole family to go **Christmas Caroling** to area nursing homes on **Sunday, Dec. 15th**, meeting at **the church at 5:00pm** to leave together.

