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## Presents Or Presence?

In Your presence is fullness of joy; at Your hand are pleasures forevermore.

— I John 2:24-29

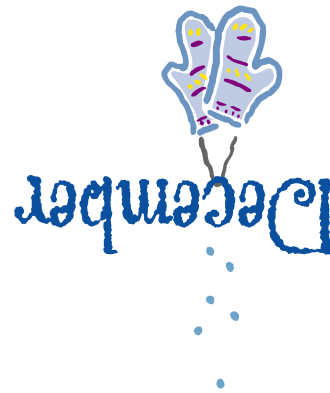
*Oswald Chambers once wrote: "It is not God's promises we need, it is [God] Himself." At Christmastime we often say, "God's presence is more important than presents." But the amount of time and effort we spend on shopping for gifts may indicate otherwise.*

*In certain parts of the world, people give gifts on December 6. By doing so, they have the rest of the month to focus on Jesus and the wonder of His birth, God's perfect gift to us.*

*When we say we want God's presence more than presents from others, perhaps we're being truthful. But how many of us can honestly say that we want God's presence more than His presents?*

*Often we want gifts from God more than we want God Himself. We want health, wealth, knowledge, a better job, a better place to live. God may indeed want to give us these things, but we can't have them apart from Him. As David said, "In Your presence is fullness of joy" (Ps. 16:11). Presents may make us happy temporarily, but fullness of joy comes only when we remain in a right relationship with God. So, what would Christmas be like if we truly celebrated God's presence?*

God's presence with us is one of His greatest presents to us.



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## December Events



December 1st, Tues. "Grease" Depart "Y" 4 PM.

December 2nd, Wed. "Holiday Fest" 8 AM- 2PM.

December 8th, Tues. "Christmas Tree Farm" \$ 25.00

December 1st-31st "Oak Park Tickets for lunch" \$5.00



*My Dear Members,*

*Another year is taking us to the end of 2009.*

*"Merry Christmas, and Happy New Year" !!!*

*What a blessing to have all of you here at the YMCA to bring the JOY that sustains me daily.*

*This year has brought us some challenges that made some major changes in our lives... But one thing that NEVER changes is the Love, Respect, and Joy we share with each other.*

*May each of you have the peace, and comfort that our dear Lord Jesus provides for all of us... every breath we take.*

*We just have to believe and trust that God will give us a new sun-rise each day, to go forward in His love and grace.*

*I am soooo fortunate to be surrounded by each and every one of you. Christmas is everyday for me, throughout the year.*

*We will continue to have fun, be healthy, and enjoy our days here at the YMCA.*

*May the blessings of the Christ Child be upon each of you.*

*With lots of love, hugs, and smiles,*

*Barbara*



## *Just think,*

*To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven.*

*—Ecclesiastes 3:1*

*Just think,—*

*You're here not by chance,*

*but by God's choosing.*

*His hand formed you*

*and made you*

*the person you are.*

*He compares you to no one else*

*you are one of a kind.*

*You lack nothing*

*that His grace can't give you.*

*He has allowed you to be here*

*at this time in history*

*to fulfill His special purpose*

*for this generation.*

*Be encouraged by His love & Grace*

## *"Born to Die"*

*The Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many. — Matthew 20:28*

*Although millions celebrate Jesus' birthday, few seem to be aware of it's real significance. We recognize that His birth was unusual because He was born of a virgin. His life was unique too, for He was the only one who lived without sinning. His death was also unusual. Jesus was not a martyr. He was not the victim of unfortunate circumstances, dying for a worthy cause. Nor did He lay down His life just to set a good example. There's much more to it than that.*

*The Lord Jesus came into this world to be a Savior! Jesus Himself said that He came "to seek and to save that which was lost" (Luke 10). The Bible tells us that "all have sinned" and that "the wages of sin is death" (Romans 3:23). In order to save the world, Jesus had to die for it. He came and lived the perfect life and then died the death we should have died. The true meaning of Christmas is that Jesus was BORN to DIE. Because He was crucified and then rose from the dead, forgiveness of sin and assurance of heaven is now offered to all who believe.*

*Have you accepted God's gift of salvation?*

*This will be the most meaningful Christmas gift you could ever receive.!!*

## Coming in December... "Holidayfest"

Will be Wed. December. 2nd, from 8AM-2PM. Our Vendors and Craft people will be on hand for your one of a kind Christmas shopping. We will also have on hand for your enjoyment, "Homemade Chicken & Dumplings". Please mark this on your calendar's for some special gifts for that special person. If you have any questions, call Barbara Franklin 704-636-0111.



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**SPECIAL ATTENTION:** The new "Oak Park Retirement Homes" are having a fundraiser for our J.F.Hurley Family YMCA. They are selling "Meal Tickets" for Lunch in their "New Dining Area" from Dec.1st—Dec. 31st. (7 days a week). The cost is only \$5.00 each and will go to help our "Senior Services Programs". You may purchase the tickets at our "Member Service's". After you purchase your tickets, you must make a reservation for the day you would like to attend.



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**OUTING:** We are planning an outing to the "Christmas Tree Farm" they also have "Christmas Decorations". We will be leaving the "YMCA" Tuesday, December 8th. The cost is \$25.00 for transportation. We will also be stopping for lunch on your own, somewhere along the way. We always have a great time, so please sign-up soon. Space is limited. Call Barbara for any questions, at 704-636-0111.



## The Meaning of the Snowflake

*Every new snowflake comes to the earth  
as a picture of our Savior's birth,  
because they are sent from up above  
and remind us of God's care and love.*

*Each one is so intricate and small  
because Christ sees the details of us all,  
and just as two are never the same  
the Lord knows and calls us each by name.*

*Snowflakes gently cover the world in white  
and hide what's unlovely from our sight,  
showing us how He covers our sin  
and gives us His grace when we come to Him.*

*So may every snowflake bring Christ to mind  
and in every bit of white may you find  
a reason to Celebrate anew  
and a reminder of His love for you.*



**DECEMBER**

**1st**

Outing: "Grease" SOLD-OUT

**2nd**

"Holiday Fest" 8AM-2PM

With our vendors & crafter's

**5th**

"Big Band Dance" with "The Hi-Liters", Cost:\$5 person

**8th**

"Christmas Tree Farm" Cost\$25 Depart the "Y" 9:30

**16th**

"Y"Wonders Christmas Covered Dish Luncheon at 12:30

**21st**

First Day of Winter

**24th & 25th**

**Christmas Eve & Christmas Day**

We will be Closed

**31st**

New Years Eve we will be open

**January 2010**

**1st**

We will be Closed



# December 2009



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Outing: "Grease" Depart "Y" at 4 PM "SOLD OUT"	2 "Holiday Fest" 8AM-2PM Please come out to Christmas Shop.	3	4	5 "Big Band Dance" with The Hi-Liter Cost:\$5 per. Doors Open 7-10:30 PM
6	7	8 Outing: "Christmas Tree Farm" Cost: \$25 Sign-up A.S.A.P.	9	10	11	12
	Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day					
13	14	15	16 "Y" Wonders Christmas Covered Dish Luncheon at 12:20 PM	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25 Merry Christmas	26 The YMCA will open with the regular Sat. Hours.
	First Day Of Winter			Christmas Eve SERVICE		
27	28	29	30	31	1	We are CLOSED on Jan. 1st.
				NEW YEAR'S EVE		