

Dear church family,

January 2009

A big welcome to the New Year! All of us in the music program wish you a year of health, spiritual wealth, and joy for you and your family!

December was a wonderful month for us, as we were involved in so many fun musical activities! Thank you to everyone who performed in the Cantata on December 7th. Your talents were evident that morning, in the way you delivered such a beautiful message in such a difficult context! Also, thank to the cherubs, children, and youth choirs who performed in the pageant on December 14th. You are a perfect example of little bodies but enormous spirit! In addition, the beginner and advanced bell choirs performed on November 23rd and December 21st, respectively. Thank you to each of the individual bell players who brought to life such difficult music, with energy and unending drive. I am grateful for everyone who has made December a success!

This year we are planning for a choral concert in Wilson hall, sometime in June, to showcase the "hits" the choir has performed throughout the year. More details will be released as we have them, and we will keep you informed.

In addition, we are planning a Band concert in Wilson Hall, and hope you can all attend! In the coming months, we will be practicing with the band and youth choirs to produce a Christian pop/rock set list of songs. We are hoping to perform sometime in the Spring, but closer to May. We start rehearsals on January 18th at around 11:30 a.m. in the choir room. If your child would like to participate, please let me know.

A reminder for the children's rehearsal schedules on Sundays:

- o 11:00 a.m. – Cherubs
- o 11:15 a.m. – Children
- o 11:30 a.m. – Youth choir/band rehearsal

Below is a summary of the children's calendar for the Spring of 2009, which includes: Family Worship Sundays where the kids sing (Family Sundays where kids are not singing are not included here), and special musical occasions which will request the children's involvement.



- **Sunday, February 1, 2009 – Family Sunday**
- **Sunday, March 8, 2009 - Family Sunday**
- **Sunday, April 5, 2009 - Family Sunday**
- **Sunday, May 17, 2009 - Family Sunday**
- **Sunday, May 31, 2009 - Confirmation Sunday might include some youth soloists.**
- **Sunday, June 7, 2009 – Kids do one introit only, for the end of the year.**

Also, we will keep you updated on the bells performances. Each bell choir will have one remaining performance before June. Please let us know if you are interested in being a part of our groups!



Lastly, I wanted to thank everyone involved on Friday November 14th for making the Talent Showcase a hit! I leave you now with a few pictures to showcase the event. We are hoping to have it annually, so please let us know if you'd like to be involved next year when the date gets closer.



Thank you to everyone, and may you all have a wonderful new year!

Blessings to you and your family,

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