



First Baptist Church Collinsville

Teaching and Training Kids
That Rock for Jesus

What is in a Name? (Matthew 1:21)

Has anyone ever asked you what your name means? I expect they have. When your mom and dad found out they were going to have a baby, they began to think about choosing your name. They wanted to pick just the right name for you. To find that name, they may have looked through a book that provided the meaning of thousands of names. I looked up a few of your names to see what they meant.

Luke means "a bringer of light"; Gabriele means "God is my strength"; Isaiah means "salvation is from God"; Diana means "one who is divine"; Noah means "rest or peace"; Elizabeth means "consecrated to God." If I did not select your name, ask your mom or dad what your name means or look it up online.

When Mary and Joseph found out that they were going to have a baby, they didn't have to go to the library and get a book to choose his name. In fact, they didn't choose his name at all. God sent an angel to tell Mary and Joseph, *"You will have a son, and you will call his name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sin."* You see, the name Jesus means "the Lord saves." God loved us so much that he sent his only Son to save us.

What's in a name? If the name is Jesus, then there is salvation! I hope you have accepted Jesus as your Savior. If not, please consider doing that today. Once you do, you will understand what Christmas is really all about. Have a wonderful Christmas.

Pastor Larry

Mark Your Calendars:

- 12/14 - Breakfast with Santa
- 12/15 - Children's SS Christmas Party
- 12/18 - Children's Choir Program 6:45
- 12/22 - Happy Birthday Jesus CC
- 12/25 - No services or activities

December Birthdays

- 18 - Talyn Andrews
- 23 - Rebecca Vernon

Dec. Sunday School Schedule:

- 12/1: The Fiery Furnace
- 12/8: Nebuchadnezzar's Dream
- 12/15: Daniel in the Lion's Den
- 12/22: Jesus Was Born
- 12/29: Daniel's Dream

December Worship Schedule:

- December 1: Children's Church:
"We're Humble Towards Each Other"
- December 8: Children's Church:
"The Holy Spirit is Everywhere"
- December 15: Pastor's Pals
- December 22: Children's Church:
"Happy Birthday Jesus"
- December 29: Pastor's Pals

A NOTE FROM Mrs. Charlotte:

A special thank you to all of our wonderful children that participated in our activities in November which included making Christmas cards for our veterans in the hospital, a food drive for our pantry, and preparing Samaritan's Purse shoeboxes for other children. I am so proud of each of you participating and what you have done for others.

Let's take a minute and talk about gift giving for Christmas. Do you enjoy watching someone unwrap a gift you have given him or her. It's fun, especially when you know you have given them something they want. Giving and receiving gifts is one way we show people we love them. That was true in Bible times too.

The Book of Matthew tells us that there were wise men who came looking for Jesus sometime after he was born. The wise men were probably people of wealth. Somehow, God had revealed to them that his Son had been born in Bethlehem. We do not know very much about these wise men. We do know they understood that Jesus was worthy of their finest gifts. So they brought him gold, frankincense, and myrrh. These were very special gifts and they showed their honor for Jesus.

Now, we cannot give wrapped gifts to Jesus the way we give them to other people, but there are ways we can give to Jesus. We give gifts to Jesus when we give to his church. We give gifts to Jesus when we help people in need. We give gifts to Jesus when we worship and praise him. **The best gift we can give to Jesus is when we give ourselves to him.** We may not think of ourselves as wealthy people, but Jesus is worthy of every gift, no matter how big or small.

As you celebrate Christmas this year, I hope you will remember to give something to Jesus to show how much you love him.

I hope each of you have a Merry Christmas!



BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

• DATE: Saturday, December 14, 2019

• TIME: 9:00 A.M.

• PLACE: Fellowship Hall First Baptist Church Collinsville

• Children of all ages, and the youthful, please join us for Breakfast with Santa on Saturday, December 14. Our Helping Hands Class will be serving up hot buttery pancakes, sausage, fruit, juices and coffee.

• The Children's Choir will be performing songs of Christmas.

• We will have a special visit from the Jolly fellow himself

Mission Friends:

Ages 2-5 (Pre-K) Meets Wednesday Nights at 6:30

Mission friends is in Rohingya where our missionaries plant churches and reach out to the south Asian people. Our concept area is Jesus.

GIRLS IN ACTION:

This month is G/A's we will be sharing the wonderful ministry of Lottie Moon who used the baking of cookies to draw people closer to God. We will try our own baking cookie skills.

We will also be studying the life of missionaries Burt and Susan Galvin who are missionaries to South Asians. They have been on the missionary field for more than twenty-five year. We will be introduced to Rohingya refugees who are migrant workers in Malaysia.

R/A's

R/A's is for boys K-5th grade.

We meet on Wednesdays from 6:30-7:30.

We continue to explore God's word and learn how to read it and apply it daily to our lives.

For
Unto
us a
CHILD
is born
Unto us a Son
is given, and the
Government shall be
Upon His shoulders,
and His Name shall be called,
Wonderful, Counselor,
Mighty God, Everlasting Father,
Prince of Peace!
Isaiah 9:6

The Sunday School Christmas Party, complete with breakfast, will be Sunday, December 15.

Please be there by 9:45. Don't be late!



Children's Choir

We are continuing to practice on Wednesday nights 5:15-6:00. Although we've been cut short on our practices due to various circumstances, we still plan to perform our Christmas Program on Wednesday, December 18. It will be a show for sure! Join us as we sing, laugh (a lot) and remember the REAL reason for the season!

"I am not ashamed of the gospel; it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone that believes."
Romans 1:16