



# Small Talk

Caring  
for  
One  
Another

December 2009

## Angelic words

A week ago I was in Spokane and, of course, that meant a trip to the mall. I couldn't believe how busy the stores were and how frantically the shoppers were shopping! The entire mall was decorated for Christmas and each store had unbelievable sales.

I was standing in line with my purchases and I found myself getting frustrated and just a little annoyed. The store was extremely hot and the sales lady was visiting with every customer about the items they were purchasing. The line was not moving at a pace I could appreciate. It was taking way too long for my shopping experience. While waiting my turn, I looked at the items for sale. The area was colorful with pink trees decorated with aqua and lime green ribbons adorned with a myriad of Disney characters. There was a table full of Scrooge snow globes, music boxes, plates and cups with every cartoon character you could imagine. Outdoor decorations, Santas and snowmen of all shapes and sizes! As I looked, I became more and more overwhelmed and cynical.

At the height of my frustration, I heard a small little voice say, "Look mommy, it's Baby Jesus." I whipped around to see where this angelic voice came from. A few customers back, packed in a stroller was a darling two and a half (I asked the mom her age) year old little girl. I looked where she was pointing. Behind the pink trees, beyond the cartoon characters, on a bottom shelf was a child's nativity set. Everyone in line heard her little voice exclaim: "Look mommy, it's Baby Jesus!"

It's hard for me to tell you how those words changed my attitude in a moment. I am extremely thankful for this child who reminded me Christmas is about Jesus. I'm also grateful for a mom who loves Jesus and is teaching her child the true meaning of Christmas.

During this wonderful time of the year may our thoughts, our actions, and our conversations point to the baby who came to be the Savior of the world.

Because Jesus Loves Kids~  
*Pam Swedburg*



## Celebration planned

Children and parents are invited to celebrate the true reason for the season at the Happy Birthday Jesus Party on Monday, Dec. 14. Festivities will begin at 3:15 p.m. in the church gym.

This annual event celebrates the birth of Jesus and encourages children to practice the art of giving during the holiday season.

Birthday cake will be served and children are invited to visit eight stations to make and wrap Christmas

gifts for their family and friends.

We are asking all who are interested in attending to sign up at the information counter so we are sure to have enough supplies for everyone.

Parents are welcome to volunteer to help children with their projects.

Projects are designed to include children pre-Kinder-garten to 4<sup>th</sup> grade in the joy of giving this holiday season.

Be sure to join us from 3:15 to 4:30 on Dec. 14.

### Dates to Remember:

- **December** – No Kids Club
- **Dec. 10** – Happy Hearts Christmas Program, 10:45 a.m.
- **Dec. 13** – Child Dedication Parent Meeting, 9:30, Room 100
- **Dec. 14** – Happy Birthday Jesus Party, 3:15-4:30 p.m.
- **Dec. 20** – Child Dedications
- **Dec. 27** – No Sunday School, Central Station or The Depot
- **Jan. 3** – No Sunday School, Central Station or The Depot
- **Jan. 5** – Happy Hearts Pre-School resumes
- **Jan. 6** – Kids Club resumes, 6:30 p.m.