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Butler, PA 16002

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- * **Saturday, December 2** - Christmas Movie Night 6:00 pm-???
- * **No Advent Luncheons due to an uptick in Covid among our congregation**
- * **Saturday, December 9** - Christmas Craft and Game Night 6:30 - 8:30 pm
- * **Sunday, December 10** - Money for Angel Tree gifts due
- * **Saturday, December 23** - Summit Food Bank Distribution
- * **Sunday, December 24** - 10:00 am Morning Worship; 7:00pm Christmas Eve Worship and Candlelight service
- * **Sunday, December 31** - 10:00 am Morning Worship

PEACE LOVE HOPE JESUS PEACE LOVE HOPE JESUS



Prepare the way for the Lord!

Advent is a time that calls us to be in reflection as we prepare the way for the Lord. Yes, Jesus has already come, while Advent calls us to remember the birth of Jesus, it also calls us to prepare for Jesus' return!

The Kingdom is here, but not yet. That requires us to continue to prepare for the coming of Christ. Personally, in reflection of our life in Christ, repentance where it is required and continued prayer and the study of God's Word. As the Church, it calls us to the continuing work of the Great Commission and to work on outreach to our community surrounding Summit.

SUMMIT

Presbyterian Church
Changing Lives for Jesus Christ!

The Summit Herald
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 Summit Church is a member of the
 Evangelical Presbyterian Church.

Church Staff:
 David Perry, *Transitional Pastor*
 Carol Novy, *Minister of Education*
 Dianna Carr-DiZinno, *Admin. Assistant*

Sunday Schedule:
 10:00 a.m. Worship

Other ministries of Summit Church:

- **Summit Church's Christian Community Outreach Building**
- **Loaves & Fishes Food Bank**
 Directors: Kim Steighner, LuAnn Steighner, & a host of volunteers
- **HIS Kids Christian School**
 (PreK--6th grade)
 650 Saxonburg Rd.
 Butler, PA 16002
 724-352-8177
 office@hiskidscs.org

We are continuing that work during this time of Transition, as a Church, we have participated in the Refocus and Renewal Seminar and will shortly be finishing the analysis of Phase 1 of the Transition and in February will start the Visioning process of Phase 2. Individually, new studies in Christian Education will be offered following worship on Sunday – grab a coffee and a snack and come join us! The first study will be on Advent beginning on December 3rd.

Advent is a time of preparation. May you have a blessed journey through this Advent Season!

Prepare the way of the Lord!

Grace and Peace,

Pastor David



'Tis the Season

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

from the November 14 Session Meeting

Clerks Report: Motion approved to accept the minutes from the October 10 Session Meeting.

Finance Committee: Motion approved to accept the October treasurers report.

Congregational Care: Skip Brown will be the Session liaison to the Deacons.

HIS Kids School Report: Christmas Movie Night on December 2 and Christmas Craft Night on December 9 at the CCO Building. All are welcome to attend! Both events are sponsored by Summit Church.

Facilities: Session has agreed on a siding quote for the original schoolhouse. Work should begin soon.

New Business: Right Now Media is still available for all church members for use. Set up instructions are listed in the Sunday bulletins. Starting December 3, an Advent series from Right Now media will be played in the sanctuary following worship.

November 7, 2023

HKCS Board Meeting Summary

Many of the teachers joined us for discussion prior to the board meeting. The Veterans Day celebration was held and enjoyed by all. The students sang songs and helped serve. They spoke about the Field trips to Sylvania and some upcoming projects. We discussed the school discipline policy, a mentoring program, after school activities, more STEM projects, and appreciation for the board working with the teachers. Carol will be teaching the upper grades about respect in Bible class. We will have more activities for the church and school to do together. Looking to create a long term strategic plan. Thank you for your continued prayers and support.



SUNDAY WORSHIP ADVENT READINGS

- * December 3 - the Carr-DiZinno Family
- * December 10 - the Galvan Family
- * December 17- TBD
- * December 24 - TBD
- * Christmas Eve - TBD



CHRISTMAS POST OFFICE



Would you like to save on your Christmas card postage? Then be sure to take advantage of Summit's Christmas Post Office in the Fellowship area! Bring the Christmas cards you have for your Summit brothers and sisters (with no postage stamps) and file them in the boxes rather than dropping them in the mail. The side door by the church office will be open during office hours M-Th 8:30-12:00 p.m. for those who feel more comfortable dropping off during the week. Then check back to see if any mail has arrived for you!



*...a quick study of God's edifying Word by R.J. Baker.
Discover the truth and promises intended for every believer.*

Why Worry?...There Is a Better Way?"

(Revised & Enhanced Previous Lesson)

Study Verses: Philippians 4: -9

Paul writes succinctly to the church at Philippi: "Be anxious for nothing: but everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your request be known to God." Admittedly, it will take more faith than what I have today to end all my worrying. Yes, as I've grown in grace over the years, my worry has been scaled down to "healthy concern", or so I would tell you.

The truth is, I always seem to do my serious worrying early on, before giving a problem to the Lord. How absurd is that? I know God's promise, but fail to use it until the Holy Spirit reminds me that the Scriptures clearly explain GOD's willingness to shoulder my burden. I know that! I have experienced that! Why then...

In Paul's Philippian message, he teaches five practical lessons every believer needs. Each point is complete with instructions for living a more abundant life.

- **Rejoice in the Lord...Always!**
- **Be Anxious for Nothing**
- **The Peace of God is ours...Freely, not Needing Understanding.**
- **Concentrate on What is Good and Excellent, Seek Wisdom.**
- **Contemplate and Boldly Use the Above Lessons**

CLOSE

Upon reading the "Study Verses" listed above, I wish to share a couple of spirit inspired thoughts that have been so helpful to me over the years. I pass them on with the sincere hope they will aid your Christian journey, as they have mine.

Confronting a serious problem, once you understand what you are dealing with...**DO NOT CONTINUE TO DWELL ON IT. That is stemming from pure evil (Satan).** Worry gives growth to greater trouble, and it becomes more perplexing. Rather, concentrate on the **Solution, Jesus Christ!** He is greater than any of our problems, and that is who God's Perfect Peace flows from while we await divine action. He may choose to involve us directly, or not at all.

We cannot wear-out our **God** with prayer or praise. Fervent prayer honors Him and aligns us with..."Your will be done." His way is always the best way, the "higher way".

Amen



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| 3 Gabriel Stupka | 19 Jon DeLuca |
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| 7 Linda Nowakowski | 21 Jakob Painter |
| 11 Tim Hay | Christine Byers |
| 14 Tammy Hassler | 28 Rose Mainhart |
| 15 Terry Antoszyk | Lois McCommon |

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If you would like your birthday or anniversary listed in the Herald, please contact Dianna in the church office. Thanks!



Articles for the September *Herald* are due to the church office by Monday, December 18th. Thanks!

Session,

Reminder that our next meeting will be on Tuesday, December 12th.



Do Your Christmas Shopping and Support HIS Kids Christian School!!

HIS Kids will once again be having their Gift Card Fundraiser! Cards keep their value while HIS Kids receives a percentage for each card sold! Order form can be found in this Herald as well as at the church. All orders are due by Sunday, December 3rd, with delivery by Sunday, December 17th. Questions? Contact Carol Novy: 724-679-0326. Thanks for your support!

Herald Assembly Team for the January issue:

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| Dave Faust | Kathi Fischer |
| Peggy Peters | Cheryl Rumbaugh |
| Amanda Galvan | Ernie & Nancy Hall |

The Angel Tree is Here!!



You are invited to help brighten the life of a child this Christmas through our Angel Tree. Again, this year, we will be collecting monetary donations which will be used to purchase gift cards for our Food Bank kids, as well as kids serviced by The Lighthouse Foundation's Annual Christmas Toy Shoppe!

Instead of having anyone go out to shop for presents, we are inviting you to donate toward gift cards that will be given to each Food Bank child, or be a part of the Lighthouse's Toy Shoppe. **We will purchase the gift cards.** A suggested donation is \$20-\$25, but you may do whatever you are able.

There are "angel envelopes" on the tree in the sanctuary which you may use to make your donation. Cash or check made out to "Summit Church", with Angel Tree on the memo line, can be placed in an envelope and then put in the box under the tree. All donations must be received by Sunday, December 10 for December Food Bank and Lighthouse Toy Shoppe distribution. Any questions, please contact Carol Novy. Thank you in advance for your kindness!

SCRIP Order Form for HIS Kids Christian School

SCRIP is fundraising while you shop! Just complete the order from below; turn it in with your payment, to the church office or to Brittany at the school, **no later than Tuesday, Dec. 5th.*** You will get gift cards at face value and the school will get a percentage from the retailer!! A great way to do your Christmas shopping! **Card pick-up beginning 12-13-21.**

NAME:	Check Number:
Phone Number:	Date:

Product	%	QTY	Total	Product	%	QTY	Total	Product	%	QTY	Total
Ace Hardware \$25.00	4%		\$	Dunkin' \$10.00	3.5%		\$	Ross Dress for Less \$25.00	8%		\$
Aeropostale \$25.00	10%		\$	Eat'n Park \$10.00	9%		\$	Sam's Club \$100.00	2.5%		\$
Amazon \$10.00	1.7%		\$	Eat'n Park \$25.00	9%		\$	Sam's Club \$25.00	2.5%		\$
Amazon \$25.00	1.7%		\$	Five Below \$25.00	2.5%		\$	Sam's Club \$50.00	2.5%		\$
American Eagle® \$25.00	10%		\$	Gap \$25.00	14%		\$	Sephora \$25.00	5%		\$
Applebee's® \$10.00	8%		\$	GetGo \$25.00	4%		\$	Sheetz \$25.00	3%		\$
Applebee's® \$25.00	8%		\$	Giant Eagle \$100.00	4%		\$	Shutterfly \$25.00	9%		\$
Arby's \$10.00	8%		\$	Giant Eagle \$25.00	4%		\$	Speedway \$25.00	4%		\$
AutoZone \$25.00	7%		\$	IHOP \$25.00	8%		\$	Starbucks \$10.00	4.5%		\$
Barnes & Noble \$10.00	8%		\$	iTunes & App Store \$15.00	5%		\$	Starbucks \$25.00	4.5%		\$
Barnes & Noble \$25.00	8%		\$	iTunes & App Store \$25.00	5%		\$	Starbucks \$5.00	4.5%		\$
Barnes & Noble \$5.00	8%		\$	Jiffy Lube \$30.00	8%		\$	Steak 'n Shake \$10.00	8%		\$
Bass Pro Shops \$25.00	10%		\$	Kohl's \$25.00	7%		\$	Subway Restaurants \$10.00	4.5%		\$
Bath & Body Works \$10.00	12%		\$	L.L. Bean \$25.00	16%		\$	T.J. Maxx \$25.00	7%		\$
Bath & Body Works \$25.00	12%		\$	Lands' End \$25.00	15%		\$	Taco Bell \$10.00	5%		\$
Best Buy \$25.00	4%		\$	Little Caesars Pizza \$20.00	8%		\$	Target \$10.00	2.5%		\$
Bob Evans Restaurants® \$10.00	10%		\$	Long John Silver's \$10.00	8%		\$	Target \$25.00	2.5%		\$
Bob Evans Restaurants® \$25.00	10%		\$	Lowe's \$100.00	4%		\$	Texas Roadhouse \$25.00	8%		\$
Bosco's \$25.00	8%		\$	Lowe's \$25.00	4%		\$	The Home Depot® \$100.00	4%		\$
Buffalo Wild Wings® \$10.00	8%		\$	Macy's \$25.00	10%		\$	The Home Depot® \$25.00	4%		\$
Buffalo Wild Wings® \$25.00	8%		\$	McDonald's \$10.00	2%		\$	ULTA \$25.00	7%		\$
Build-A-Bear Workshop® \$25.00	8%		\$	Michaels \$25.00	6%		\$	Walmart \$10.00	2.5%		\$
Burger King \$10.00	6%		\$	Nordstrom \$25.00	4%		\$	Walmart \$100.00	2.5%		\$
Cabela's \$25.00	10%		\$	Nordstrom Rack \$25.00	4%		\$	Walmart \$25.00	2.5%		\$
Cheesecake Factory \$25.00	5%		\$	Old Navy \$25.00	14%		\$	Walmart \$50.00	2.5%		\$
Chili's Grill & Bar \$25.00	11%		\$	Olive Garden \$25.00	8%		\$				
Chipotle Mexican Grill \$10.00	9%		\$	Panera Bread \$10.00	8%		\$				
Chipotle Mexican Grill \$25.00	9%		\$	Panera Bread \$25.00	8%		\$				
Claire's \$10.00	9%		\$	Panera Bread \$5.00	8%		\$				
Dairy Queen \$10.00	6.5%		\$	Papa John's Pizza \$10.00	8%		\$				
Domino's \$10.00	8%		\$	Pizza Hut \$10.00	8%		\$				
Dunham's Sports \$25.00	8%		\$	Red Lobster \$25.00	8%		\$				
				Red Robin \$25.00	8%		\$				
				REI \$25.00	8%		\$				

Make Checks Payable To: *HIS Kids Christian School*


Total Due All Columns:

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Questions? Contact Carol at 724-352-8177. Thanks for your order!!

***Summit Church members please turn in your order form by Sunday, Dec. 3rd.**

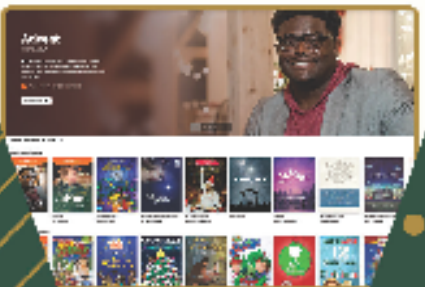
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3. Download the app for your device and start browsing!

OR

Text **SEPC** to **49775**

Once you are on the website browse for these options!

For Adults and Youth:

*Check out special videos for Christmas!

*Bible Backroads

*The Bible Project—Scroll down to The Bible Project, then click on Read Scripture Series for amazing, short videos of each Bible book!

Lots of great videos for Kids—click the “Kids” link by the browse button for kids safe videos!

*The StoryKeepers

*SuperBook

Join us in the sanctuary, beginning Sunday, Dec. 3 after worship, for a special Advent study using RightNow Media.

Summit Church 2023

Elders

Skip Brown	724-991-8100
Diana Campbell	724-352-1113
Luc Carr-DiZinno	724-816-7448
Bruce Dean	724-352-3309
Terry Dean	724-352-3309
Amanda Galvan	724-991-0639
Darlene Grabe	724-352-9274
Jason Grabenstein	724-272-6628
Phil Henkel	724-504-4738
Gail Montgomery	724-996-9123
Andrew Moyer	724-352-0358
Judy Sutton	724-287-1126



Deacons

Anna Crider	724-900-1389
Celeste Faust	724-352-4194
Sally Foust	724-352-9054
Trish Harrison	724-283-6048
Michelle Morgan	724-283-8223
Linda Nowakowski	724-524-2111
Peggy Peters	724-352-5915
Renee Slupe	724-287-6271
Linda Toy	724-352-3268

Saturday - December 23

Volunteers please come at 8:00 am to set up and pack orders. **



Distribution will be between 9:00-10:00am.

**Volunteers—new and “experienced” are always welcome to serve at the Summit Church Food Bank. Packing orders and carrying them out to the cars of those we serve—there are jobs for everyone! This is a great service opportunity for individuals and families!! Won’t you join us??

Mark Your Calendar for Two Fun Christmas Events for Families and Friends of Summit Church!!

Christmas Movie Night

Saturday, December 2—6:00pm-???
School Multipurpose Room

Christmas Craft & Game Night

Saturday, December 9 6:30-8:30pm
School Multipurpose Room

Join us for a special night of Christmas movies—old favorites and new ones! We will set up the projection unit and big screen. Bring snacks to share, blankets, pillows, “bag” chairs; whatever you need to make yourself comfortable. Little ones can even wear their pj’s!!! ***Please note: Children must be accompanied by an adult!

Come on out for an evening of Christmas fun! Make a Christmas craft or two, play some fun Christmas games, enjoy a snack! Everyone is invited (having a child is not required, but children must be accompanied by an adult!)



NOTES FROM OUR HIS KIDS TEACHERS !

It is hard to believe that the Holiday Season is already here. All 32 Preschoolers have grown so much and I am so proud of the progress they have all made since the beginning of the school year! All of the Preschool classes worked very hard to make Fall trees and leaves, lots of turkeys, cornucopias, monarch butterflies and stained glass leaves for our Open House decorations. They were all so proud to show off their fine works the night of Open House. We have now moved onto making Nativities, Christmas trees and Angels for Christmas and practicing for the Preschool Concert which will be held on Friday, December 8th at 1:30 p.m. Mark your calendars for the concert, as well as for the "Souper Bowl" Service project held during the month of January. Donations of soup and crackers will be collected during January to donate to the Summit Church Food Bank.

I hope that all of you have a wonderful Holiday Season and as always thank you for your prayers and support for us at His Kids Christian School!

Blessings!

Mrs. Yam – Preschool Teacher



Merry Christmas

We wake up on Christmas morning, and celebrate Jesus' birth
 We thank God, that he sent his son to earth.
 Precious is the Son of God, God's perfect lamb
 Wonderful counselor, Prince of Peace, and the Great I Am.

The gifts under the tree, remind us, of the wise men three
 Gold, frankincense, an myrrh, the gifts they gave to thee.
 Just as the start in the East, shone bright for the world to see
 The Christmas star shines bright, for you and me.

Let us sing Happy Birthday Jesus, and celebrate his birth
 Live our days to show Jesus love, while we are on this earth.
 We remember loved ones passed, and know again we'll see
 Taking time to remember their love, and precious memories.
 They celebrate with Jesus, in all of Heaven's glory.
 And we await the day, when Jesus we will see.

We say thank you for the blessings, God, you give us every day
 To love and see and feel, and guide us along the way.
 And as the love story goes, you sent your son, Jesus, to die for the world and me
 So we could receive your grace and love, and live for all eternity.

We send Merry Christmas wishes, to our friends and family
 And know the greatest gift was born, in all his glory,
 We praise the reason God sent his son, to know of his grace and love
 To praise his name forever, and share with others, his unending LOVE....

Mrs. Smith – Second Grade Aide





**Joy to the World—
the Lord Has Come!**

As we enter this Advent season, preparing our hearts to celebrate Jesus' first coming while looking forward to the day that He will return; the staff and students of HIS Kids pray you will always remember that the God who brings hope, peace, joy and love is with you now and forever! You are loved!!

Emmanuel—God With Us!

Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Report



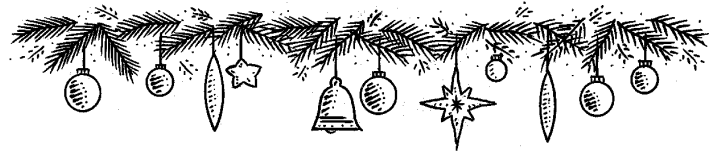
HIS Kids students filled 48 shoeboxes! Combined with Summit Church's 34, we packed 82 boxes for children around the world! Stay tuned for a report of where they went!! Thanks for your support!!

**BEST
CHRISTMAS
SONG EVER**
WITH
YANCY



You are invited to our HIS Kids Christmas Program, "Best Christmas Song Ever," on Thursday, Dec. 7, at 6:30pm. Come discover which song really is the best Christmas song ever! This program features our K-6th grade students—our preschoolers will share their program Friday, Dec. 8 at 1:30 pm.

There will be refreshments as well!



Come Join In The Fun!

Mark these dates on your calendar!

Christmas Movie Night: Sat. Dec. 2,
6:00pm—???

Christmas Craft & Game Night:
Sat. Dec. 9, 6:30-8:30pm

Both of these events will be held in the multi-purpose room of the school. All children must be accompanied by an adult! Flyers with more info will be coming home with students this week.



Prayer Huddle

If you would like to be a part of our prayer emphasis this year, we invite you to join us for our monthly "Prayer Huddle". Join us the first Friday of the month—so our **December Huddle will be on the 1st**. Meet us at 8:30 am at the front of the school! Everyone is invited!

Our Mission Statement...

HIS Kids Christian School is a ministry of Summit Presbyterian Church located in Butler, PA. Our purpose is to educate children and guide them to Jesus Christ through an academically challenging Bible-rich curriculum. We desire to see children develop in a balanced way - spiritually, mentally, physically, and socially, just as Jesus did.

Our Board...

The HIS Kids Board is made up of members of Summit Church, Parents, and the Community. They meet monthly—usually the first Tuesday of the month. Because HIS Kids is a ministry of Summit Church, the board is under the authority of the Summit Church Session. This year’s board members are:

Michelle Morgan, President	Lynette Glaze, Vice-President
Amy Warner, Secretary	Ken Galvan
Jason Dobson	Heather John
Debora Dawson	Holly Collins

Our Boosters...

HIS Kids Boosters are comprised of anyone who supports the ministry of HIS Kids Christian School—anyone can be a HIS Kids Booster!! The Boosters support the mission of HIS Kids Christian School and provide the “extras” for our students and teachers, such as field trips (admission and transportation); special activities, such as our Thanksgiving Feast and end of the year Fun Day; refreshments for concerts and special events, just to name a few. This year’s Boosters Leadership Team is made up of Dianna Carr-DiZinno, Janice Stahl, and Tara Cornetti.

Stay Tuned

Listed below are some helpful links and addresses to help you stay connected. Don’t forget to check out our calendar on the school website to keep up-to-date on upcoming events.

School E-mail	office@hiskidscs.org
School Website	https://www.hiskidscs.com
School Facebook Page	HIS Kids Christian School
Boosters E-mail	boosters@hiskidscs.org
Boosters Facebook Page	Hkcs Boosters

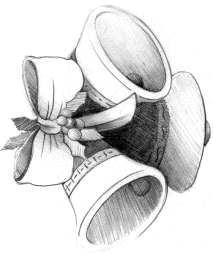









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Staff

Preschool—LeAnn Yamnitsky
Preschool Aide—Patty Hankey
Kindergarten—Linda Heckman
1st Grade—Tara Riddell
2nd Grade—Josh Mion
Primary Aides—Sherry Smith, Tara Corace
3rd Grade—Kim Maxwell
4th Grade—Jennifer Schwalm
5th Grade—Jennifer Dimit.
6th Grade—Lisa Nagg
Bible (3rd-6th Grade)—Carol Novy
Music—Stephanie Horstman
Art—Brandy Biondo
Phys. Educ. (K-6th Grade)—Amanda Galvan
Library—Toni Esasky
Curriculum Advisor—Marlene Beamer
Cafeteria—Tara Cornetti
Cleaning —Michele Wardle & Jessica Hanna
Principal—Carol Novy
Administrative Assistant—Brittany Morse
Financial Administrator—Katie Anderson
Transitional Pastor of Summit Church—David Perry
Midwest Intermediate Unit 4 Support:
Title I Reading & Math—Marie Farkas
Speech & Language—Karen Nicholas
Guidance—Rhett Fertig

DECEMBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			Sunday Schedule:			
			Worship: 10:00 a.m.			
			Sunday School Classes: 11:00 a.m.			
						
3 1st Advent <i>Communion</i>  Deacons' mtg. after worship	4	5 9:00 FDFX	6	7 6:30 p.m. HKCS Elementary Christmas Program	8 9:30 the Sew-Sews 1:30 p.m. HKCS Preschool Christmas Program	9 6:30 pm Christmas Craft Night @ CCO
10 2nd Advent Angel Tree Due!	11 	12 9:00 FDFX	13 	14	15 9:30 the Sew-Sews	16
17 3rd Advent	18 Herald articles due!	19 9:00 FDFX	20	21	22 Office Closed	23 8:00 Food Bank 
24 4th Advent Christmas Eve 10:00 am & 7:00 pm New Year's Eve 31	25 Christmas Day  <i>Merry Christmas</i>	26 9:00 FDFX	27 	28	29 	30