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- **Saturday, November 27, 9:00 a.m.** – Church Christmas Decorating
- **Sunday, November 28** – Poinsettia orders due to the office
- **Sunday, December 12** – Money for Angel Tree gifts due
- **Friday, December 24, 6:00 p.m. & 8:00 p.m.** – Christmas Eve Worship and Candlelight services
- **December 23, 24, 25** - Office closed





In a movie I watched some years ago, a teacher tells her student that if she ever finds herself in a tight spot just say, "I never did mind the little things." She goes on to explain that it is nearly impossible to say those words without smiling. Of course, later in the movie that quote saves the day for the student who finds herself in a horrible situation.

I find the "little things" tend to consume much of our lives and too often distract us from the "important things" of life. As we approach the celebration of the birth of our Lord, we tend to get caught up in all the little things of life. We feel we have to buy a tree, decorate, buy gifts for everyone, make cookies, invite people over or make plans to travel, and, of course figure out which Christmas Eve service (6 p.m. or 8 p.m) will fit our schedule the best.

What gets lost when we are too focused on the little things of life is the real meaning behind what we are doing. The real purpose of this season is to anticipate and enjoy the celebration of our Lord and Savior coming into the world. I know that when Joseph couldn't find a suitable housing arrangement for Mary, he had to have been feeling stressed, distracted, and upset by all the little things. However, when he held that newborn baby for the very first time, I think he had to feel a sense of peace, love, gratitude. I know I was in a similar situation when my first child was coming into the world on the very day that we were in the process of moving from northern Indiana to western Kentucky. Despite all the circumstances we were dealing with at the time, it was all well when Brittany was born. If I can say that about the birth of my daughter, how much more can I say that about the birth of the Son of God!

Try not to mind the little things of life and focus instead on what is truly important!

Love and Blessings, Pastor Tom



SESSION HIGHLIGHTS from the November 9 Session Meeting

Pastor's Report: Pastor Tom is scheduled to baptize the son of Allison Spreng (Beattie) on December 12.

Clerk's Report: **Motion** approved to accept the minutes from the October 12 session meeting.

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

Worship Committee: There will be two worship services on Christmas Eve. Services will be held at 6:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. with Communion held at the 8:00 p.m. service.

HIS Kids Christian School Report: HKCS is still in need of a fifth grade teacher. Last week was Open House for HKCS families. The weather was beautiful for the Veteran's Appreciation Day on November 9. Mrs. Smith, second grade aide, has collected over 200 cards and will be taking them over to Concordia. The elementary Christmas program will be held on Thursday, December 2 at 6:30 p.m. The preschool Christmas program will be Friday, December 3 at 1:30 p.m.



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

(Revised and expanded lesson)

Casual Christians

Study Verses: Exodus: 20, Revelations 2, 3, 22: 20 Romans 10: 16

Life has priorities. They evidently vary greatly in order and intensity...from person to person. Most certain, culturally. They change with time and conditions, but objective strongly impacts what gets the most attention. For the sake of understanding, may we identify "high priorities" as those that require a steady, near formal effort to reach the goal, the place, the position! "Low priorities": a respective decrease in the amount of whatever it takes to achieve higher aspirations. **Casual** is a good, descriptive word for low, perhaps even awkward effort. Care may exist, but is inadequate to garner sufficient interest for the cause.

The dictionary definition of **casual** "includes words that indicate little planning: superficial, dispassionate and occasional. Jesus was more than concerned about such a condition as it plagued early church worship. It continues to do so today. Our risen and enthroned Savior strongly addressed this matter, issuing stern messages to His followers through the Apostle John, in letters to the Seven Churches. In particular, the church at Laodicea is rebuked for their "lukewarm" attitude toward Jesus Christ. In clear terms they were told to repent and return to their dedicated and faithful witness. Jesus warns, "I will spue thee out of my mouth"! Holy and Righteous God, cannot and will not tolerate anything other than complete commitment by the church. This necessitates an effort requiring each member of the Body to remain spiritually vigilant and diligent.

Consider Jehovah's placement of the first four Commandments. The Mosaic Law emphasized the need for Jews to keep God **first** in all matters. Jesus as the Son of Man, was very much aware of the worldly distractions that may creep into our lives and impair worship. Distraction is yet another of Satan's insidious schemes to divert a believer's concentration from God's promise of an abundant life now as well as the coming Kingdom Age. Eugene Peterson in his extraordinary book **REVERSE THUNDER** reminds Christians of the need to grow in faith. He explains in his examination of Revelations, that when we first accept Jesus as Lord and Savior, our spiritual embers burn hot. If our fervor cools with neglect, we become open to sinful ways. Faith is a vibrant gift from God, nourished by the living Word. *LISTEN TO IT...READ IT...SING IT!* Your faith will become a powerful spiritual force.

Paul writes in his letters to the Romans, "So then, faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the Word of God". Jesus repeatedly states in Revelations 2 "He that hath an ear, hear what the Spirit says to the churches". Heed this command and overcome the world. Gain eternal life through the King of Glory. Your final destination is not something to take lightly!

Amen

If you would like to purchase beautiful poinsettias to place in the sanctuary during



Christmas, your order will be due to the office **by November 28th**! The price of a 6½” plant is \$8 and the colors available are red, white, and pink. An 8½” plant is \$20 and the colors are red or white only. To order, fill out the form or call Dianna in the office. Checks can be made out to Summit Church with a memo of “Poinsettias.”

POINSETTIA ORDER FORM

Name: _____

Phone: _____

6½” red _____ 6½” white _____ 6½” pink _____

8½” red _____ 8½” white _____

In honor of: _____

In memory of: _____

Given by: _____

Session,

Reminder that our next meeting will be on December 14 at 7:00 p.m. in the church sanctuary.



Articles for the January *Herald* are due to the church office by Monday, December 13. Thanks!

Saturday - December 18

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



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

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!

Herald Assembly Team for the January issue:

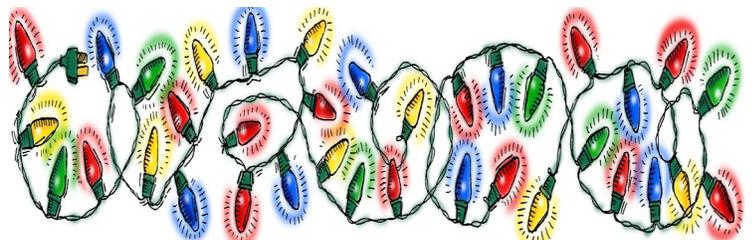
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| 14 Tammy Hassler | Lois McCommon |
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If you would like your birthday or anniversary listed in the Herald, please contact Dianna in the office. Thanks!

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

Do you want to make your Christmas shopping dollars go farther? Here's an opportunity to both shop and raise money for HIS Kids Christian School – SCRIP. When you purchase Scrip, which is substitute money used just like gift cards, a percentage of the purchase price goes directly to HIS Kids Christian School!! Participating companies include GetGo, Giant Eagle, Home Depot, Jo-Ann Fabrics, Kohl's, Lowes', Michael's, Panera Bread, Red Lobster, Sears, Starbucks, Texas Roadhouse, Applebees, Walgreens, Wal-Mart and MANY more. So, use cards yourself to get what you buy every day or buy some cards and use them for Christmas presents. Either way you are helping out HIS Kids Christian School and we thank you!!

Prepaid orders for church members are due no later than Sunday, Dec. 5th – orders will be available after Tues. Dec. 14th.

Don't see the gift card you wanted on our list? Go to www.shopwithscrip.com, and view all the different gift cards available. Cards can be added to your order form found in this Herald



Looking ahead to Angel Tree!

Our Angel Tree will look a little different this year, but we can all still help to provide our Food Bank kids with a special Christmas. 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 child. A suggested donation is \$20-\$25, but you may do whatever you are able. Beginning the end of November, there will be a special box in the sanctuary for your donations; or you may send in a check made out to "Summit Church" with Angel Tree on the memo line. All donations must be received by Sunday, December 12 for December Food Bank distribution. Any questions, please contact Carol Novy. Thanks in advance for your kindness!

CHRISTMAS DECORATING AT SUMMIT



Hanging of the Greens will begin on **Saturday, November 27th.** We will be starting at 9:00 a.m.

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 Monday, Dec. 6th.** * 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 12-14-21.**

NAME:	Check Number:
Phone Number:	Date:

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

Make Checks Payable To: *HIS Kids Christian School*

Total Due All Columns: \$

Questions? Contact Carol at 724-287-2378. Thanks for your order!!

***Summit Church members please turn in your order form by Sunday, Dec. 5th.**

NOTES FROM OUR HIS KIDS TEACHERS !

"Counting down the days since September, checking off the weeks til December..." is the opening line of our Christmas concert this year from the song, "Here Comes Christmas". Our pageant focuses on Mrs. Baker's 6th grade class, and their homework assignment over winter break entitled C.A.K.E. - Christmas Acts of Kindness Experiment. Each group of students is assigned a character from the Christmas Story which sparks acts of kindness in their community. Caroling, collecting clothing, and buying gifts for strangers opens their eyes to the true meaning of Christmas. The music mixes modern and traditional songs together and keeps the kids dancing in their seats as we practice. As the realization sets in that the concert is only a few weeks away, I struggle to remind myself this time of year that our concert is not about perfection or appearances. It is about spreading the story of Jesus' birth and his amazing love for us. When I am feeling overwhelmed and more than a little grinch-like, it's not a Christmas carol I sing... but, "to God be the glory, great things he hath done, so loved He the world that He gave us his Son!" When it's all said and done, the Christmas concert is for God's glory and all the praise goes to Him. May this season find you full of peace, joy and love and the reminder that God loved us so much that he gave his ONLY son, and what better Christmas gift is there?

Mrs. Adams - Music Teacher

Kindergarten has been hard at work! We have enjoyed making Veterans Day special for our veterans by making cards and participating in the program held at the school. We also have been getting ready for Thanksgiving and being thankful for everything we have, including our God! In math, we have been focusing on our numbers through 10 and comparing. We are excited to be decoding words more often in reading to prepare to be fantastic readers as well! Our class is already excited for the changes in weather, because snow should be coming and believe it or not, Christmas will be right around the corner soon enough! Have a blessed week!

Ms. Vissari - Kindergarten Teacher

As I write this newsletter, we are approaching the holiday season. It's amazing how quickly the beginning of the school year flies by. We have been diving into our work, using a new software program and incorporating more and more technology into our daily routines. We have a Promethean board that is utilized in many ways, Google Chromebooks and lots of programs that help us learn and retain new information.

We have also kept ourselves busy with publishing the school paper, planning and hosting the 5th/6th grade dance, enjoying Astronomy Night and our fall party.

In October, we were able to take a Field Trip with Kindergarten to Sylvania and enjoy the autumn splendor. We also collected and sorted 503 pairs of shoes for our Shoe Drive in October. We also got new standing desks!!

During the holidays, we will read the novel, Best Christmas Pageant Ever. It's always a good laugh at the comical situations, but we can rejoice in the theme-"Hey-Unto you a Child is Born!" We will watch the 1980's movie too! The kids always giggle at the "old-fashioned" clothing and hairstyles.

We are so blessed to be a part of such an amazing school. It brings us all so much joy to be together with our school family. I am looking forward to the months ahead and the wonderful experiences that lie in store for HIS Kids students as we embark on more adventures together! Merry Christmas HIS Kids family!!!

Mrs. Baker - Sixth Grade Teacher



God So Loved...

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

John 3:16 (NIV)



⁸ And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. ⁹ An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰ But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. ¹¹ Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹² This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger."



God Bless Our Veterans



Tuesday, November 9 dawned a beautiful day for our students to salute a number of veterans in what has become a treasured tradition at HIS Kids. Students have the opportunity to invite a friend or family member, who is a veteran, to come to a short program; which this year was held outside! The veterans were presented with cards made by the students, who then performed "Proud to be an American." HIS Kids students also created more than 200 cards, which were shared with veterans at Concordia. Many thanks to HIS Kids aide, Sherry Smith, who coordinates the event each year!



Stuffing a Bus for Others

HIS Kids students are learning what it means to give to others this Christmas season. Every morning as students come in the door, they are bringing in new toys to share with others through the 96.1 KISS radio station "Stuff a Bus" program. On December 3, our 3rd and 4th grade classes will head down to Robinson Town Centre to help "stuff a bus" with the collected toys. The toys will be shared with children through the Marines Toys for Tots Program. Great job everyone and a big thank you to 3rd grade teacher, Mrs. Kim Maxwell, for coordinating our event!



SPREAD THE WORD! We are looking for a teacher who loves God and loves kids to fill our vacancy in the 5th Grade!
Please call the office 724-352-8177. Thank you!!



Love Came Down at Christmas

*Christmas Blessings
from the
Staff & Students
of
HIS Kids Christian
School!*

****To read the entire Summit Herald, please visit:**

<https://www.summitchurchpa.org/summit-herald-newsletters>

Abuse Hotline: 1-800-932-0313

Butler County Children & Youth Services: 724-284-5156



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 <http://www.hiskidscs.org>
School Facebook Page HIS Kids Christian School
Boosters E-mail boosters@hiskidscs.org
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1st Grade Aide—Maria Pugh
2nd Grade—Holly Collins
2nd Grade Aide—Sherry Smith
3rd Grade—Kim Maxwell
4th Grade—Josh McKruit
5th Grade—Jennifer Schwalm, Sub.
6th Grade—Christan Baker
Intermediate Aide—Jackie Roudebush
Music—Suzanne Adams
Art—Anthony Pollarine (Ajay)
Bible (3rd-6th Grade)—Carol Novy
Physical Education (K-6th Grade)—Amanda Galvan
Cafeteria—Chrissy Filges
Cleaning —Michele Wardle & Tara Cornetti
Principal—Carol Novy
Secretary—Brittany Morse
Financial Administrator—Katie Anderson
Pastor of Summit Church—Pastor Tom Jones

DECEMBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 	2	3 9:30 the Sew-Sews	4
5 2 nd Advent <i>Communion</i> 	6	7 7:00 HK Board Mtg.	8	9 	10 9:30 the Sew-Sews	11
12 3 rd Advent Angel Tree Due!	13 <i>Herald</i> articles due!	14 6:30 Deacons' mtg. 7:00 Session mtg.	15	16	17 9:30 the Sew-Sews	18 8:00 Food Bank 
19 4 th Advent	20 <i>Noel</i> 	21	22 	23 <i>Office Closed</i>	24 Christmas Eve <i>Office Closed</i> 6:00 & 8:00 Worship (2 services)	25 Christmas Day 
26 	27	28	29	30 	31 New Year's Eve	