

Metuchen Christian Academy: Weekly Updates – December 5, 2018

- ***Christmas Around the World:*** This event will be cancelled as unfortunately, two of our PTF members recently lost a loved one. Mrs. Jennifer Michael's father passed away last week and Mrs. Pelzer's lost her mother in law the week prior. Our thoughts and prayers go out to both families with our deepest sympathy. May they be surrounded by God's love and peace.
- ***FaceBook:*** Please go to Metuchen Christian Academy on FaceBook and **LIKE** your school!
- ***Christmas Programs:*** Please enter only through the DaySpring doors. (The gym entrance is not available.)
 - ***December 6th*** – Grades 4-8 will present "Glad Tidings We Bring".
 - ***December 7th*** – Grades K-3 will present "Joyful Sounds of Christmas"
 - ***Students need to arrive at 6:30PM*** and must be accompanied by their parent and signed in with their teacher. Immediately after drop off, parents proceed to the gymnasium and be seated for the program. The programs will begin at 7:00PM.
 - ***Dress code for students*** – Girls – festive blouse or Christmas sweater, black pants, black shoes. Boys – white dress shirt with a festive tie, black pants, black shoes.
- ***Offering For Toys:*** Our Community Service club members will be taking an offering after the conclusion of each Christmas Program. It is traditional at Metuchen Christian Academy that our students go shopping with Principal Howarth to purchase toys with the money donated. Many of the toys will be purchased for The Simple Way Ministry. The Simple Way is an organization involved in community development in partnership with their community in Philadelphia, PA. Their vision is to "love God, love others, and follow Jesus."

The Simple Way Ministry helps people make special memories with their loved ones, so each year they transform their food pantry into a toy store. They fill it with as many new toys and cool gifts and they invite parents to come and choose items they'd like to give to their children. They help wrap the gifts with them, and then the parents take them home and put them under the Christmas tree for their children to open on Christmas day. Often these toys are the only toys many of the children receive for Christmas.

Lastly, The Simple Way Ministry will be sharing at our chapel on Wednesday December, 12th. Afterwards, they will load up their van with the donated toys from MCA.

- ***Kids Christmas Gift Shop:*** Our Annual Kids Christmas Gift Shop will be held December 11th – 13th. All gifts and kids items are priced \$5.00 and under. Proceeds from the gift shop will be used for our Community Service Club outreaches.
- ***Christmas Class Parties:*** All class parties will be held on December 21st.
- ***No Aftercare:*** December 21st will be a 12:15PM dismissal. Aftercare will not be available on December 21st.