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FROM THE PASTOR . . .

JANUARY 2012

**ARE YOU READY TO START OVER?** That's what we try to do as we replace our calendars. Somehow we imagine that the simple act of changing a number from 11 to 12 will give us another chance to "do things better" or "make things right." Isn't that the reason so many of us begin the New Year with resolutions? Of course very few take these good intentions seriously. We know from past experience that what the Apostle Paul said in Romans 7 is so true for all of us: ***For what I do is not the good I want to do; no, the evil I do not want to do--this I keep on doing*** (V. 19). If we are indeed honest believers in Jesus Christ, we admit that we have a yearly, indeed daily struggle against ***"the sin living in me."*** (V. 20) All we can do is cry out with Paul, ***"Who will rescue me from this body of death?"*** (V. 24) And then hurry along to the next two verses of God's wonderful Good News! ***"Thanks be to God—through Jesus Christ our Lord"*** (V. 25), ***"There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus!"*** (8:1)

This is the assurance that we need on a daily basis, and one of the events that we celebrate during the Epiphany season helps us to do just that. The themes of the season show off Jesus as none other than God in the flesh, Who came to save the world. On the First Sunday after the Epiphany, we celebrate God's special reminder to us of His personal love for each of us and for all of His people. This has been designated as ***"The Baptism of Jesus"*** day. As we witness Jesus coming up from the Jordan River, we share in His whole work of salvation. For when we were Baptized, we became one with Him. Now each day as we seek God's forgiveness, we know in the water of Baptism that God has washed us clean. When you step in the shower in the morning, or splash water on your face, let it remind you that you are a Baptized child of God!

To add to our celebration on January 8, we will have the opportunity to celebrate with a day of multiple Baptisms. Four children will receive God's special washing of Baptism on that day. I hope that ALL of you can come and celebrate your own personal relationship with God as we welcome these new members of the Body of Christ. God's wonderful message of full and free forgiveness was won for us by Jesus. It is brought to each of us as our name is called at our Baptism. May this blessed assurance be yours throughout the New Year, and until Jesus returns.

Rejoicing in God's special gifts!

*Terry Naumann*

## *Dates and Events in January*

- *January 1 New Year's Day*
- *January 3 the Epiphany of our Lord*
- *January 8 the Baptism of our Lord*
- *January 16 MLK, Jr. Day*

**From:** JP Cima [<mailto:cimafam@keptprivate.com>]

**Sent:** Thursday, December 15, 2011 12:07 AM

**To:** [plc@peacelutherankgva.org](mailto:plc@peacelutherankgva.org); Rev. Naumann

**Subject:** Thank you!

Dear friends at Peace in King George,

We pray your Advent season is full of joys and blessings as you await the celebration of the Christ Child. May Jesus come to you in a special way this year.

We have received updates about your most recent gift towards our personal support. As always, we thank God for your continued gracious support towards our family as we live and work in Vietnam. We continue to be surprised, grateful, joyful, challenged, and energized by all that God is doing here. But none of it would be possible without your prayers and support to keep us here. In this time of contemplating the gift of Jesus (not to mention Thanksgiving last month), we are reminded again of the special gift that God has given us in you.

Thank you so much!

Please do continue to pray for us. Of course we send our monthly newsletters, but also visit our [ministry website](#) and [personal website](#) for other (and more regular) updates.

Peace,

J.P., Aimee, Celeste, and Bella

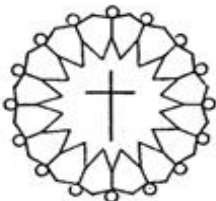
### **PEACE CHRISTIAN PRESCHOOL**

January 2012

The preschoolers were busy last month! We concentrated on the true meaning of Christmas throughout the month. We, along with the Sunday School, had a wonderful Christmas program. Thanks to everyone who came out and supported that effort! The children enjoyed all the activities that night. Thank you to the Sunday School and to all who helped make it a great night and a wonderful way to help prepare our hearts for Christmas.

The children made gifts for their parents, decorations for their homes, donated socks and underwear to children who needed them, and ended the month with a birthday party for Jesus. In January, we will talk about Epiphany and have fun with winter topics such as hibernation, migration, snowmen, and soup. We'll even wear our pajamas to school for a pajama party! Therapy dogs will be special visitors at preschool this month and we will collect old towels and blankets for the animals at the King George Animal Shelter.

Registration for September 2012 begins January 1<sup>st</sup> for families who attend Peace, and families of currently enrolled students. Registration opens to the general public on January 15<sup>th</sup>. For further information, please call our registrar, Connie Tanner, at 775-2000 or the school at 775-PLAY (7529). Additionally, enrollment materials can be found online at [www.peacelutherankgva.org](http://www.peacelutherankgva.org). We ask that you spread the word among family, friends and co-workers with preschool age children, and that you pray for this mission of Peace.



The staff of Peace Christian Preschool:  
Sarah Tiedge and Sonya Andrejckik,  
Stephanie Martin and Beth Pelto,  
Kathy Zimmerman and Dawn Whitman,  
Connie Tanner, Heather Kiser

Isaiah 9:6-7  
New International Version (NIV)

*For to us a child is born,  
to us a son is given,  
and the government will be on  
his shoulders.  
And he will be called  
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty  
God, Everlasting Father, Prince  
of Peace.  
Of the greatness of his  
government and peace  
there will be no end.  
He will reign on David's throne  
and over his kingdom,  
establishing and upholding it  
with justice and righteousness  
from that time on and forever.  
The zeal of the LORD Almighty  
will accomplish this.*

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## Our Advent Mission Journey

December 18, 2012



### PEACE

Peace, the fourth candle of Advent reminds us that Jesus is the Prince of Peace. Peace is something we desire and seek for ourselves, our loved ones, and our world. Jesus is the answer for what we seek for he comes to bring about peace for all people.



Missionary Falak Robson works to bring God's peace to all people as he shares Jesus with individuals from many different hometowns. In his most recent mission report, he tells of faith-sharing conversations with people from Nepal, Pakistan, Palestine, and here - Baltimore MD. He is introducing Jesus Christ, the Mighty God and Prince of Peace to people who are Muslim, Hindu, Jew, and non-practicing Christians. Weekly worship services and Bible study takes place in Urdu/Punjabi, and Hindi languages as Missionary Robson faithfully proclaims the message of salvation that is for all. In a very special way God is using this missionary leader to bring about God's peace in the lives of His children.



Let us join together and pray for this work that is taking place in the Baltimore Metro area and for all who are learning about the Prince of Peace.

#### Prayer:

Stir our hearts, O Lord, to yearn for the true peace that comes from knowing you. Continue to bless the work of your servant Falak Robson as he shares the message of Your Peace in Christ Jesus with people of all nations. In your mighty name, Amen.

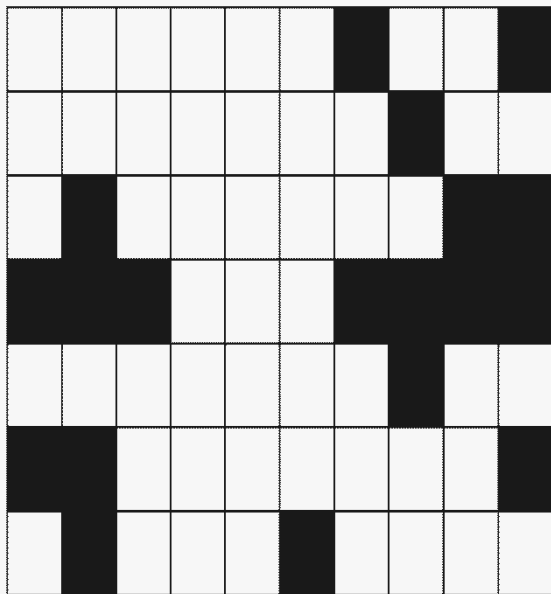


# CHARACTER THAT PLEASES

The New Year is a time for renewed commitments and changes in our behavior. Complete the puzzle below to see whose example is worthy of imitating or copying.

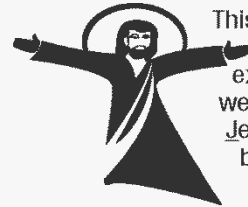
Match the blocks of spaces and letters to finish the NIV Bible verse.

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Answer: Follow my example, as I follow the example of Christ. 1 Cor. 11:1

# WWJD key chain



This craft is a reminder of Jesus' perfect example for us. When we ask "What Would Jesus Do?" we can build our character to be more like his.

### What you need:

- 16 inches of bead and jewelry cord (about 1 mm thick)
- 32 mm split ring (key ring)
- 4 wooden beads (about 1 cm or 3/8")
- 5 jewelry beads (plastic or wooden, about 1/2 cm or 1/2")
- black permanent marker

### What you do:

1. Fold your jewelry cord in half.
2. Put the loop of the jewelry cord through the split ring.
3. Put the ends of the cord through the loop to make a knot.
4. Thread the two ends through one of your small beads.
5. Then thread the rest of the beads (alternating between small and large, ending with a small bead).
6. Tie two or three knots at the end to hold the beads in place.
7. With a permanent marker, write a letter (W, W, J and D) on each of the four wooden beads. On the opposite side of each bead, write the same letter.