

FIRST MONDAY

ATHENS CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

DECEMBER, 2010

'TIS THE SEASON

Christmas decorations are going up this week as we prepare for this festive season, which is always special at ACS.

Isn't it wonderful that we can teach and preach the real meaning of Christmas from the Bible. This is absolutely forbidden in the government schools. We know you thank the Lord for a school like Athens Christian School for your children.

One of the best things you can do for the school is to introduce other families to ACS. You folks are the best promoters and advertisers that ACS has. Keep up the good work. Thank you, and God bless you.

CHRISTMAS FOR THE FAMILY

Keep in mind that the annual Christmas program for the ACS Family will be held this Thursday (December 9) at 7:00 pm in the Drama Center and outside. The program will feature the 5th Grade, Middle School, and High School choruses under the direction of Mrs. Angie Stumbo and the ACS band under the direction of Mr. Brian Cook. These groups will present the traditional Christmas message and will include an outdoor nativity scene, so come prepared to go outdoors to the football field for part of the program.

Make a special effort to come and enjoy this Christmas Special. The football parking lot will be available, if needed.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

One of the great ways to “KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS” is to share with those in need. Jesus said, “*It is more blessed to give than to receive.*” It is wonderful to learn to give.

We appreciate you ACS parents and students who, with an “Eagle Effort,” prepared and sent in nearly 600 gift-wrapped, gift-laden shoe boxes that will be sent to needy children in war-torn and poverty-stricken countries. This is part of Dr. Franklin Graham’s Samaritan Purse Ministry.

All of the boxes go out with a gospel message inside the box in the language of the country to which it is sent. We are glad that ACS has been a part of the Operation Christmas Child program for the past several years.

FFA CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to the ACS FFA Jr. Wildlife Management Team for winning a **State Championship** in their very first state-wide competition! This group of ACS Middle School students made history as they became the first team from a private school to ever win a state FFA event. The team included Tim Miller, who placed 3rd in Whitetail Deer Management, Braxton Legg, who placed 4th in Wild Turkey Management, Cade Beard, who competed in General Plant and Wildlife ID, and Savannah Dove, who competed in Boating and Fishing Regulations. This team also had the highest score on the team test in the Junior Division. Thanks to Mrs. Sara Hughes for doing a great job with our newly formed FFA Chapter.”

BASKETBALL season...

...opened Saturday in the big gym vs. Providence Christian. The next home game is Dec. 14 against Walnut Grove. Check the website for the complete schedule.

WRESTLING...

...is going strong under the direction of Coaches Mason and Stradley. In their first meet they defeated Elbert Co (47-36). Next home match is tomorrow (Dec. 7) in the big gym vs. Eagles Landing and Monticello. Middle School will begin at 5:00 pm, with JV and Varsity to follow.

CONGRATULATIONS...

...to the following young men who were named to the Region 8-A “All Region” football team: Neil Homer, Payton Mapp, Colton Palmer, Anthony Cosby and Zack Gretch.

Congratulations also to ACS girls softball players who were named to the “All Region” team. First team – Nicole Bishop. Second team – Tara Dove, Kelsey Dickerson, Morgan Holloman, and Elizabeth Stoye.

CHRISTMAS TREES

Take the opportunity this Christmas season with the family and pick the perfect Christmas tree or homemade wreath at Camp Maranatha, located off Hwy. 98 in Danielsville. They also have homemade cake sales, boiled peanuts, hay rides, and more.

SPIRIT WEAR

Thank you for your support of the 2010 ACS Spirit Wear. We have some extra items available for sale in the office.

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

School will be dismissed at 11:30 on FRIDAY, December 17, to begin the Christmas Break. School resumes on Monday, January 3.

FINDING JESUS

Shepherds gathered their flowing robes to hurry to Him; the Magi braved cold, desert, and mountains to find Him; a doubting follower exclaimed, “My Lord and my God” when he found Him. And today, those on every continent who have come to Him, declare with the Apostle Paul, “The Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.”

All of us here at ACS extend Christmas blessings to you and your family.