

December Newsletter



Christmas Crush

I had barely swallowed my Thanksgiving turkey when the awful realization dawned on me. The Christmas Crush was upon me. It was time to join the hustle and bustle and push and shove to the tune of all my favorite Christmas carols.

I have a love/hate relationship with Christmas. I love the lights and other decorations. I enjoy the special holiday foods and the festivities that demand careful menu selections to be sure the celebration will include everyone's favorites. I look forward to the music that will lift me from the frustrating pursuit of gifts I cannot find for loved ones I want to please. I dread the "shop 'til you drop" necessity that forces me into every mall and store I can think of to see what wares will entice me into believing they are just the right thing for the loved ones on my list. I do not enjoy the hours of wrapping it takes to make pretty packages of my unsightly mountain of bags.

What is it all for? Why do we put ourselves through stressful rigors every year?

Because Christmas deserves to be regal in splendor.

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Christmas, rivaled only by Easter (Resurrection Day), is a day of love and hope and joy and peace. It is a time to remember when God drew near, taking on human flesh, to live among us. It is love reaching the unlovely to make beauty out of ugliness. It is salvation, abundant and free, for all who will receive it. It is The Ultimate Gift.

Think of it. Marvel over this simple truth. God loves you. The God who created the universe loves you. He loved you (and me) so much that He left heaven, became a helpless baby, and grew up as a poor Jewish boy. His lowly life as a humble man ended when He took our punishment on Himself and died on the cross for our sins. He rose victoriously and lives as our Sovereign Lord. He will reign in majesty as King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

O holy night . . . O night that Christ was born . . .

As I mapped out my strategy to conquer this monumental season, I began to realize that I had made more of this holiday than was meant to be. If I drown in details and lose the big picture, I have failed my family and more importantly, my God. I have decided to be more intentional about fellowship this Christmas and be less interested in “stuff”.

This year as you prepare to celebrate with your loved ones, don't lose sight of the reason for the season. Buy your gifts. Wrap your presents. Bake your goodies. But keep Jesus in the foreground; don't let your celebration preparations crowd Him out. Don't push Him into the background.

Experience His love. Shower His love on others.

“By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.” John 13:35

May God richly bless you and yours this Christmas season. May His light illumine you. May His love flow through you back into service for Him. May your celebration be spectacular as you focus on Jesus at the heart of your festivities.

Merry Christmas!

Serving My Savior,

Leeann Long

Principal



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CHRISTMAS
from FCS!**

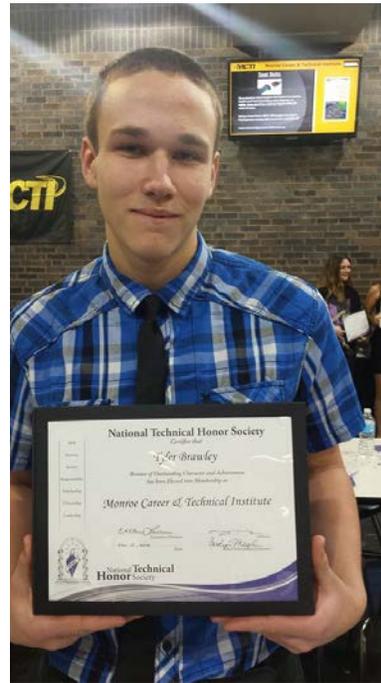
Thank you!

Thank you to Merchants Bank for making a generous donation through the Pennsylvania EITC program to Faith Christian School.



Congratulations!

Congratulations to Tyler Brawley, a Junior at FCS, who was inducted into the National Technical Honor Society for Monroe Career & Technical Institute on November 15th, 2016.



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Our students participated in our annual Operation Christmas Child shoebox packing one elementary student was picking items and kept saying “this is for my friend”, it’s missions like these allow our students to experience sharing Christ’s love first hand. A total of 125 boxes were packed at FCS.



Celebrating Thanksgiving

Our elementary students and their families had a great time before Thanksgiving break enjoying fun activities including making butter, popcorn and crafts.



FAITH WALK 2016



THANK YOU!!



*Thank you for
helping us to pass
our goal. Faith
Walk/ Faith
Serves \$13,000...*

and still counting!!

FAITH SERVES 2016



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Ornament Painting & Hot Cocoa



11th/12th grade History Field Trip

11th/12th grade in Easton and at Naturalization Ceremony - photos courtesy of Mrs. Barnard.



LEGO CLUB

Our first Lego Club events started up this month, our students have put their creativity on display building fun and amazing creations!



Christmas Concert

Middle School and High School Chorus Concert will be Friday, December 16, 7:00pm at Slate Belt Nazareth Baptist Church, 1620 Church Road, Pen Argyl, PA



“Cross of Faith” Pins

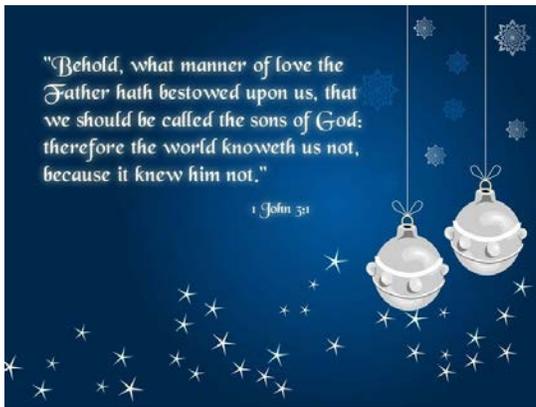


The Booster Club is selling as a fundraiser these one of a kind Liz Tech 'Cross of Faith' pins for \$42 each and available NOW for pickup in the office or sent home with your student, just in time for Christmas! Each cross measures 1' x 1 1/2' and features a beautiful faceted blue vintage glass stone and packaged with a story card about Faith Christian School. There are only a few left so send your order in ASAP! Who on your Christmas list would be thrilled to receive this gorgeous pin?

The Booster Club provides funding for the Faith Christian sports program. Please contact Ginny Jensen at jensenv@fcsliions.org with any questions.

Volleyball Coach Needed

Before you know it, volleyball season will be here!! Faith Christian is in need of 2 volleyball coaches: Girls Varsity and Middle School co-ed. Volleyball season begins either late February or the beginning of March (depending on the coach) and finishes in May. If you are interested or know of someone who may be interested, please contact Mary Ellen Borrell at 610-509-5504 or email at: borrellm@fclsions.org.



CHRISTMAS BREAK

We will have an early dismissal at 11am on December 22nd and then will be closed from December 23rd through January 2nd, 2017.

We pray that you have a wonderful, joyous, Christmas Season. God Bless you and thank you for being devoted Christian parents. "Go tell it on the Mountains!"

- Faith Christian Board of Directors, Staff, and Faculty

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