

HIZ KIDZ 2016-2017 WINTER NEWS



HOPE IS NEAR

What an exciting time of the year! Christmas is an amazing way to remind our children and one another that Jesus not only died for us, but He *lived* for us! He came to earth not just to become the necessary sacrifice for our sins, but to be the example that we are to live by. Jesus showed us how to please God with our lives and how to become a living sacrifice. Jesus' ministry officially began as an adult, but I'm sure that the fact that He

The King is on the Way

was no ordinary child was quite evident as well. Everyone who encountered Jesus was no longer the same. People traveled for miles just to catch a glimpse of Him and to be in His presence. The world was in desperate need of a long-awaited Savior; I'm sure they often felt like He would never arrive; I'm sure they were anxiously awaiting His arrival; I'm also quite certain it was easy to get discouraged and lose hope with each year that passed and the Messiah did not appear. It's easy for us all to forget that our King is coming. I know that I personally have heard ever since I was a small child that the Lord's return is near; but as we go through our everyday life, we have a tendency to shift our focus on the chaotic world that we live in and forget that our Hope is on the Way. With all the busyness that life can bring, we need to use this Christmas season to remind ourselves and one another, that just as Israel waited for their promised Messiah, we too should be anxiously awaiting the return of our King as well. Too often we are

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distracted by the cares of this world that we forget that this life is temporary. I hope and pray that you and your family will be reminded this year that the King is on the Way. Let His love and hope flood your heart this season as you are reminded of the true meaning of the Season. Merry Christmas!



KIDS FEST

Kid's Fest is a just like WinterFest that the teens go to, however, it's for 1st graders and up. It's a weekend full of kid-friendly services and music to encourage your child to grow closer to God. This year it will be in May and is scheduled to be held in Gatlinburg TN, however, it's possible due to the recent tragedy that has devastated that area that the venue may be moved. Registration will take place in March and based on the number of interested participants, fundraising options may be available as well to assist in covering expenses. Please see Children's Pastor Ashley for more information and additional details.

BACK TO THE MANGER

This year our children will be performing, "Back to the Manger."

December 17th @ 3:00 p.m.

December 18th @ 6:00 p.m.

IT'S TIME TO PARTY!

Our Hiz Kidz Christmas Party will be held in the Kid's Church room on Dec 21st @ 7:00 p.m. Make sure your child joins us for the fun!



LAUNCHINGPAD



Make Plans to join us at Salem's Launching Pad Trampoline Park On Feb 25.



We are grateful for all of our Hiz Kidz Volunteers! This ministry would not be the success that it is without your support!