



THE DCHE DISPATCH
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WELCOME

DeKalb Christian Home Educators ("DCHE") is a group of like-minded families who have joined together to provide Christ-centered support to the entire homeschooling community. We believe "relationship" is the key to a quality education. We are a diverse and inclusive organization that is guided by the philosophy to "love your neighbor as yourself." This publication is our newsletter distributed monthly.

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY

We are now in our final month of the year. Time flies when you're having fun! Remember we are on Christmas Break from December 24 to January 4. There will be no DCHE activities during those weeks.

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THE HISTORY OF CHRISTMAS

On December 25 of each year Christians gather to celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Many traditions are also celebrated during this time...

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CURRENT EVENTS

Check out our listing of Current Events for details on clubs, teams, activities, support meetings, conferences, reading programs, and public events.

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CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY

“in everything give thanks;
for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus”
~1 Thessalonians 5:18

(continued from page 1) As we close out this calendar year we wanted to take a moment to express our appreciation for each and every DCHE family.

Prayer Requests

Also please be in prayer for the following upcoming events:

1. Bible Quizzing Tournament: 12/8
2. FIRST Lego League Tournament: 12/15
3. Beta Club CHOA Community Service: 12/24

Christmas Parties

1. [Teen Progressive Christmas Party](#) – 12/15 @ 6PM
2. [DCHE Christmas Party](#) – 12/19 @ 2PM

Church Events

- Berean Bible Church:
[Christmas Eve Service – 12/24 @ 5PM](#)
- Fellowship Bible Church:
[Women’s Christmas Celebration – 12/11 @ 7PM](#)
- First Baptist Church of Snellville:
[Women’s Christmas Dinner – 12/06 @ 6:30PM](#)

**If you know of another church events please email to
dchehomeschoolers@yahoo.com**

Nativity Walkthroughs

- Snellville UMC: [Journey to Bethlehem – 12/8 and 12/9](#)

Parades

- [Lilburn](#): 12/8 @ 10AM
- [Lawrenceville](#): 12/14 @ 7PM

Residential Lights

- [Google Map of Residential Lights](#)

Movie Festivals

- [NCG Cinema Free Family Film Festival](#)

Learning Activities

- Article: [What are the Origins of Christmas?](#)
- Article: [What is the true meaning of Christmas?](#)
- Article: [What is Advent?](#)
- Article: [Should Christians Celebrate Christmas?](#)
- Video: [St. Nicholas, A Story of Joyful Giving](#)
- Worksheet: [St. Nicholas Crossword Puzzle](#)

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THE HISTORY OF CHRISTMAS

Celebrating The Birth of Jesus Christ

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When do we celebrate Christmas?

Christmas is celebrated on December 25 of each calendar year. This date coincides with the beginning of Winter Solstice. Saint Augustine of Hippo, whom many regard as the forerunner of the Protestant Reformation, [taught](#) in his 192nd sermon that December 25 was the actual birth day of Jesus Christ. The Synoptic Gospels ([Matthew](#), [Mark](#), [Luke](#)) and the [Gospel of John](#) which details Jesus Christ birth do not provide a specific date. Additionally, the Bible at large does not provide a specific date of [Jesus Christ's birth](#).

So why do we celebrate Jesus' birth on December 25? This date was specifically [chosen by the early church](#) to counter and effectively Winter Solstice pagan holiday celebrations. As Christians, we should celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ everyday. However, designation of a yearly holiday to honor His birth is not non-biblical. It can provide us with unique opportunity to share the Gospel and God's Grace.

So What is Christmas?

Christmas, historically referred to as Christ's mass, is a multi-national holiday where Catholics and Protestant Christians celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ.

Where do we celebrate Christmas?

Christians primarily celebrate Christmas at Church and at Home. Church celebrations typically include a special service with a sermon, prayer, candlelight, fellowship, and/or food. Home celebrations typically include prayer, bible studies, decorations, food, fellowship, and/or gifts.

Who currently celebrates Christmas?

Christmas is primarily celebrated by Christians however non-Christians also celebrate in cultural festivities.

Why do we celebrate Christmas?

As Christians we celebrate the birth of Christ, God incarnate (also referred to as theophany). His birth was prophesied about in the Old Testament (Zechariah 9:9, Isaiah 7:14, Jeremiah 23:5, Micah 5:2, Hosea 11:1). His birth was required to allow for His death, burial, and resurrection which ultimately allowed for our redemption. Therefore we celebrate His birth to commemorate the fulfillment of that prophecy attests to the infallible testament of the Bible which allows for our redemption in Christ.

CURRENT EVENTS

Below is a list of DCHE and community wide events occurring this month.

DCHE EVENTS:

3. [Co-op Days](#) – December 6, 12, 19 @ 9:30AM – 4:30PM**
4. [Robotics Team Meetings](#) – December 3, 7, 14 @ Various
5. [Bible Quizzing Tournament](#) – December 8 @ 10AM
6. [Teen Progressive Christmas Party](#) – December 15 @ 6PM
7. [DCHE Christmas Party](#) – December 19 @ 2PM
8. FIRST Lego League Tournament – December 15 @ 8AM
9. [Support Meetings](#) – Check [EAS Website](#) for Updates
10. [College Panel](#) – December 20 @ 7PM

Check www.dcheeducators.com regularly for updates

There are no Co-op Days on 12/26/19 and 1/2/19

PUBLIC HOMESCHOOL COMMUNITY EVENTS:

1. [XTremeHopp: Homeschool Day](#) – Every Wed and Thurs
2. [GCPL Mountain Park: Hands-On Homeschool](#) – December 5 @ 2:30PM
3. [CCLS \(HQ\): Homeschool Spanish](#) – Every Wed @ 10AM
4. [Georgia Aquarium: Homeschool Day](#) – December 11 @ 9AM
5. [Atlanta Zoo: Homeschool Day](#) – December 12 @ 10AM

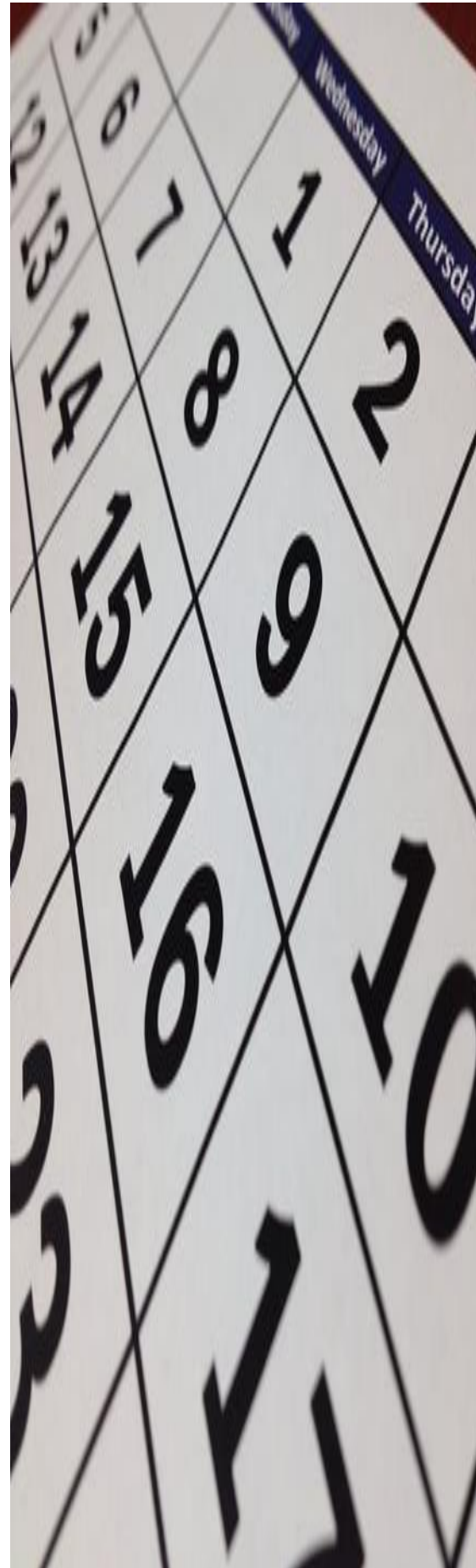
Check respective hyperlinked websites regularly for updates

PUBLIC COMMUNITY EVENTS (FREE):

1. [Lego Store: Monthly Mini Model Build](#) – December 4-5 @ Various Times
2. [NorthEast Georgia History Center: Family Day](#) – December 9 @ 1PM
3. [EAA: Young Eagles Rally](#) – December 15 @ 8:30AM
4. [Michael C. Carlos Museum: Free Admission Day](#) – December 30 @ 1PM

HOLIDAY COMMUNITY EVENTS (FREE):

1. [BassPro](#) – Free Carusel, Crafts, and Games – Various Dates
2. [NCG Free Family Holiday Film Festival](#) - Various Dates @ 9:30AM
3. [Christmas Lights](#) – Various Dates



LIBRARY EVENTS (FREE):

- [DeKalb County Public Library](#) – December @ Various
- [Clayton County Public Library](#) – December @ Various
- [Atlanta Fulton County Public Library](#) – December @ Various
- [Gwinnett County Public Library](#) – December @ Various

HOME EDUCATOR PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT (FREE):

- [HECOA: Special Needs Homeschool Conference](#) – December 3 – 7th @ Various
- [NASA: Educator Professional Development](#) – December @ Various
- [IEW \(Various Webinars\)](#) – December 8 @ Various

SCHOOL YEAR READING PROGRAMS:

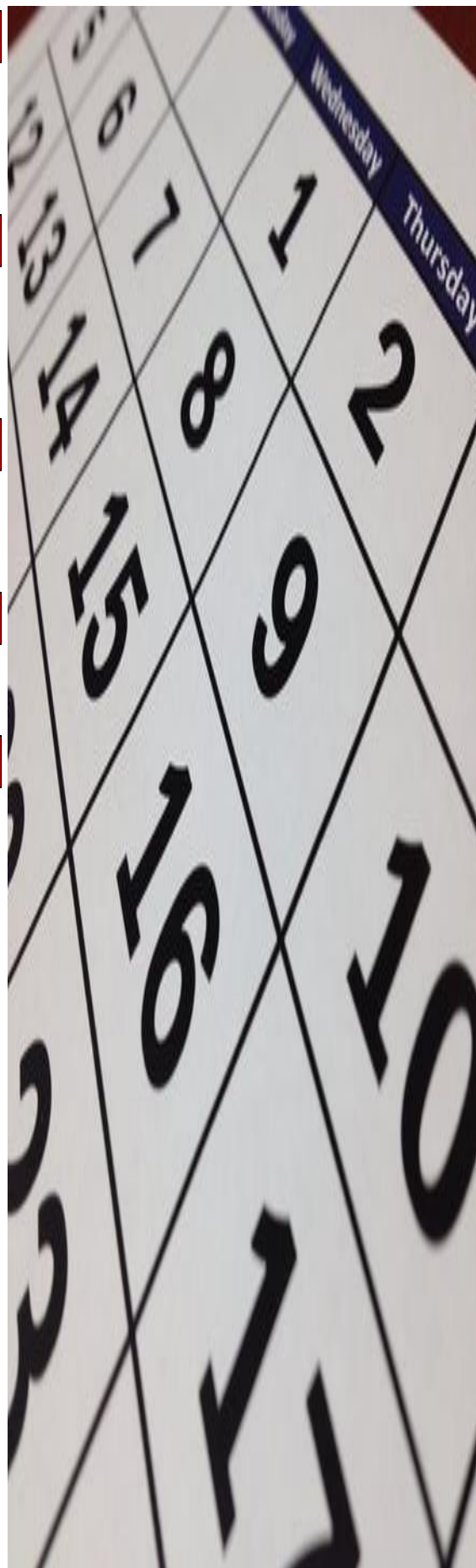
- [Atlanta Braves Student Achievers](#)
- [Pizza Hut BookIt](#)
- [Six Flags Read to Succeed](#)

FUTURE EVENTS TO BOOKMARK:

1. [DCHE Spelling Bee](#): January 11, 2019 @ 12:30PM
2. [DCHE Fieldtrip: Burton 4-H Homeschool](#) – TBD

YEAR-ROUND FIELDTRIPS (FREE):

- [CDC Museum](#)
- [Zoo Atlanta: Library Pass Program](#)
- [Southeastern Railway Museum: Library Pass Program](#)
- [National Parks: Every Kid in a Park](#)
- [Bear Hollow Zoo](#)
- [State Botanical Gardens of Georgia](#)
- [Noah's Ark](#)
- [Georgia Tech Museum of Papermaking](#)
- [The King Center](#)
- [Heritage Park Veterans Museum](#)
- [Georgia Museum of Natural History](#)
- [Georgia State Capital](#)
- [Governor's Mansion](#)
- [Jimmy Carter Presidential Library & Museum](#)
- [McDaniel Farm Park](#)
- [Kennesaw Mountain Battlefield](#)
- [Museum of History and Holocaust Education](#)
- [Marietta Fire Museum](#)
- [National Archives of Atlanta](#)
- [Anne Frank Exhibit](#)
- [Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta](#)
- [Atlanta Contemporary](#)
- [Georgia Museum of Art](#)
- [Hudgens Center for the Art](#)



FOOD FOR THE SOUL

Thank you for reading this month's Newsletter. May your Christmas be filled with lots of joy, good fellowship, and praise to God.

VERSES OF THE MONTH:
(From the [Bible Quiz Bowl Team Study Schedule](#))

[CLICK HERE](#)

RECIPE OF THE MONTH:

[FOOD NETWORK CHRISTMAS RECIPES](#)

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if you would like to add a prayer request**

