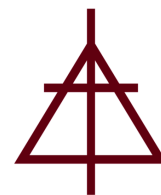




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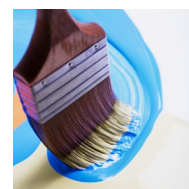
CHRISTMAS MORNING

A Joyful 'toon by Mike Waters



However, as it is written: "What no eye has seen, what no ear has heard, and what no human mind has conceived" — the things God has prepared for those who love him — these are the things God has revealed to us by his Spirit.
— 1 CORINTHIANS 2:9-10 NIV

Painters needed



Painting is well underway in the church. We are in need of some volunteers who would be willing to help out with this. If you would be willing to help, please call Dan Scholman at 905-892-6567.

School News

Save the date!

Invite siblings, aunts, uncles, grandparents, neighbours and friends!

On January 16 we will be throwing open the doors of the school and putting on a celebration of students' learning in every subject area: art, music, science, math, literature, history, Bible, French and more. Plus there will be delicious refreshments.

Attached to this message is the official invitation. Please plan to come to school that night to celebrate your favourite students' work, and please share this invitation with families who would be blessed by a Christian education.

We are excited by what our students are doing and we are pleased to showcase their work. Smithville Christian High School is a wonderful place for students to Belong, Believe and Succeed.



CRC Denomination

GROUNDWORK - Jesus Among the Doctors: The Bible gives us only one tiny little glimpse into the boyhood of Jesus. This week on Groundwork we will dig into Luke 2:41-52 to ponder the story of the boy Jesus in the temple. Join the Groundwork conversation – find a local radio station or listen online at www.GroundworkOnline.com.

KIDS CORNER - On One Condition: Spike may have found a new best friend but there's one condition: Spike has to sabotage Scooter's skateboard. Join Spike as he figures out what to do on this week's Kids Corner and then check out www.kidscorner.net for devotions, puzzles and more of Liz's adventures. You can also download a 2014 Kids Corner calendar!

FAITH ALIVE YEAR END SALE - As 2013 comes to a close and another year starts, Faith Alive Christian Resources wants to thank customers by offering 10-30% off some of the exciting new products released this year! Enjoy these special discounts for a limited time. Order online at

www.FaithAliveResources.org/Sale, by phone at 800-333-8300 (mention code YS13.) Sale ends Jan. 17, 2014.

STRATEGIC PLANNING AND ADAPTIVE CHANGE TEAM - Did you know that . . . The average weekly attendance for CRC congregations has declined from around 265 in 2002 to about 210 in 2011 (reflecting the drop in total membership). The percentage of persons who report attending Sunday morning worship has remained basically stable at around 86 percent, but attendance at Sunday evening services has declined from 51 percent in 1987 to 17 percent in 2012. Challenges: The future of the Sunday evening service appears to be in question in light of the pattern of declining participation. To learn more, visit www.crcna.org/spact

SEARCH PROCESS FOR A CANADIAN MINISTRIES DIRECTOR - The search process for a new Canadian Ministries Director has begun. A Search Committee has been appointed and it hopes to identify a candidate for appointment by the Board of Trustees in May of 2014, for ratification by synod in June of 2014. Please pray for

this process and nominate a potential applicant. For more information on the position profile, timeline and the search process go to the website www.crcna.org/CMDsearch. You can send your nomination to the search committee chairperson, Yvonne Schenk, at cmdsearch@crcna.org.

SERVICELINK: Join a team to Dominican Republic! - From March 1-10, 2014 you are invited to witness the work of the CRC in the Dominican Republic by participating on an open service & learning team that not only assists local people in the construction of a church, but also builds cross-cultural friendships and strengthens the overall ministry impact of the church. Sign up on your own or with a friend! Contact volunteer@crcna.org.

WORLD RENEW, Cambodia and you! - In May 2014, the Finance Manager on the World Renew team in Cambodia will be going on a 3 month maternity leave and so World Renew is inviting those with finance management experience to come serve with them at that time. If you have a desire to contribute as well as learn how their work impacts 95 rural communities, then we would love to hear from you at volunteer@crcna.org.

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