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The Story of Christ's Birth is a story of promise, hope and a revolutionary love. So what happened? What was once a time to celebrate the birth of a savior has somehow turned into a season of stress, traffic jams, and shopping lists. And when it is all over, many of us are left with presents to return and this empty feeling of missed purpose. Is this what we really want out of Christmas? What if Christmas became a world-changing event again?

Welcome to the Advent Conspiracy!

There are so many ways you can **give more, give presence and love all**, this holiday season!

Saturday, Dec. 5th you can help those who need food by helping to bag 40,000 lbs potato drop for for Western, TN food pantries at **CUMC 8:00 AM**

GIVE PRESENCE

CUMC YOUTH DEPARTMENT

December 1, 2009



Collierville UMC believes that Christmas can (still) change the world and has partnered with in the Advent of Conspiracy (www.AdventConspiracy.org) to celebrate Christmas by spending less, giving more, worshipping fully and loving all this season. Rather than giving gifts out of obligation, our church is committed to giving gifts that really will change the world—like quality time, providing clean water, feeding the hungry and looking for ways to be more loving. It's not just about saving money in this economy; it's about remembering that when we give presence instead of presents, the scandal of Christmas has been

restored. The Advent Conspiracy is a grassroots movement with more than 1000 churches in 17 countries participating as co-conspirators, with projects as varied as drilling a water well for those who lack access to clean water or simply encouraging congregations to think of meaningful acts of kindness as meaningful gift options to replace traditional gifts. We are asking each person to:

**Worship Fully
Spend Less
Give More
Love All**

How can you get involved?

First, **worship fully**, sit in the front rows, or with your

family! Song out loudly! **Spend less** all those little gifts add up, do something for others with your friends, **Give More** of yourself serving others, and **Love All** love those whom you normally to not show love to!



YOUTH CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS Next Two Sundays

Sunday, December 8 at 5:00 PM get in the Christmas Spirit by coming to the **Tale of Three Trees** in the Poplar Sanctuary! We will follow that with a taco dinner and then head to **Starry Nights Christmas Light Experience at Shelby Farms**. The cost is \$6.00 which includes dinner & Starry Nights. We will return at 9:00 PM, if you need to return earlier please let us know.

Wednesday, December 9 Jr High Girls meet at Booyas 6:30—7:30 PM Jr High Boys meet at CUMC heading to Buffalo Wild Wings. 7:00 PM the Sr High will gather for Bible Study and refreshments in the youth area!

Sunday, December 13 Youth Progressive Dinner Christmas Party! This year for Christmas each youth is ask to make a donation to World Vision in honor or all our Sunday School

Teachers, Bible Study Leaders and adult volunteers! **Spend less, Give More, Love All** by giving together a gift that will help others. Please bring A \$5.00 donation by Sunday morning Dec. 13. The Youth will get to shop from the World Vision Gift Catalog. Share the true Sprit of Christmas with gifts that change children's lives. Farm animals, water wells, bibles and



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other items are available. Visit the online gift guide for ideas: www.worldvisiongifts.org

Youth are asked to meet at 5:00 PM at the Sanctuary on the Square.

Appetizers 7th Grade Girls & all 9th Grades

Side Dishes for Dinner 7th grade boys and all 10th graders bring side dishes CUMC providing main dishes.

Desserts & a 2-liter drink—8th Graders and Eleventh & Twelfth Grades

The Jr High & Sr High will divide up to go to host homes for our Progressive Dinner! Parent drivers are needed to help transport the youth to each location!

GIVE PRESENCE...GIVE MORE...LOVE ALL...

You can provide some Christmas Spirit to the runners in the **St. Jude Marathon** meet at CUMC at 6:00 AM—12:00 PM. We need at least six people to help cheer runners on! Let Ms. Kris know asap if you can go! **Thursday, Dec.**

10 you can provide Dinner, crafts and **small \$5.00 gift to children at First Works. Meet at 3:00 PM or 4:00 PM at CUMC returning at 8:00 PM!** Also don't forget to help with **Sabbath School on Sat., Dec.12. 9:45 AM to 1:00**

PM! We lots of hands to help little ones with crafts. Please e-mail ddjackson@colliervilleumc.org to help. Also our monthly **Pancake Breakfast at Holy Community UMC is on Sun., Dec. 13 6:00 AM .**

BREAKTHRU December 28—31 at Springville Conference Center

We still have room for you at Breakthru December 28—31st! We also need a nurse or medic to go with us and we need dads! If you can go please e-mail me right away!
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Final Payment and Health Forms for Breakthru are due by Weds. Dec 5th! This is a huge job putting all this together so please be on time turning your forms in!

This year we have an awesome week planned with Dutton returning as the worship band, Speaker Stuart Hall

who is a Big Stuf Speaker as well! Comedian Rich Praytor will be with us the entire camp not just for Late Nights! Inflatable Games and Intramural Games, along with a new Paintball Game! Andrew Kirk will share about the Rainy Season a ministry his youth group has become involved with that reached out to orphans in Sierra Leone! They are opening an orphanage in Sierra Leone!

This year's Small Groups will meet for discussion in Seminars facilitated by the Youth Ministers by grades and genders.

If you have not been before each night following worship we have church sharing times and praise time with music led by our youth praise bands! Youth are invited to the prayer chapel anytime during the week!

Parents we need donations of 2-liter drinks and baked goods for the adult volunteers snack room.

Jr High youth can bring G or PG DVDs for the bus ride and Sr High can bring G, PG or PG-13 for the bus rides! Bring money for lunch to and from camp and snacks at the canteen!

YOUTH MISSION TRIP SIGNUPS

Sunday, January 3 at 6:30 PM we will meet for a **Dessert Potluck and Breakthru Sharing and Pictures!** Please load your pictures on a cd or jump drive for us to show! Drinks will be provided and we ask you to bring your favorite dessert to share!

Following the sharing at **7:30 PM** we will have a meeting for parents and youth regarding upcoming **Youth**

Mission Opportunities and Sign-ups! Mountain TOP June 13-19 current 9th—12th graders may attend
Youth in Missions at Lake Junaluska July 3—8 Youth 7th-12th

LOVE ALL BY SERVING ON A MISSION TRIP THIS COMING YEAR

Hogar Montana Mexico Trip Spring Break 2011 youth must be 16 years old prior to trip departure. Adults are welcomed on this trip as well. **Fundraisers: Chili Dinner & Talent Show Sunday, January 24 Hogar Breakfast & Lunch Bar at Annual Conference at CUMC June 6—8 Rummage Sale March 20-26 Sale Day March 27th!**

Shane Claiborne Speaking and Adam Wheatley in Concert

Sunday, January 10 come with us to Germantown UMC to hear Evangelist **Shane Claiborne**. Shane is the author of "Irresistible Revolution" a faith changing book. He will challenge you in your faith walk! **Adam Wheatley** will also be in concert that night with Shane. Adam is getting ready to release a new CD! So support Adam's new release by joining us at German-town UMC!

Wednesday Night Bible Studies begin back on **Wednesday January 6!** Continue the Advent Conspiracy into the new year! Following Breakthru you will have a deeper understanding of who God is in your life. Begin 2010 with a commitment to **Worshipping Fully** through Bible Study on Wednesday nights and Worship on Sunday Mornings.

Catch up on weekly youth updates through our cumc youth google group and Ms. Kris's facebook page!

Have your parents e-mail their e-mail address and your e-mail address to ddjackson@colliervilleumc.org!

Send a friend request to Ms. Kris on facebook to receive weekly invitations and updates for youth activities!

BIG STUF CAMP in Daytona Beach JULY 18—24, 2010

A WORD FROM Big Stuf—We starting thinking about the theme we thought you should think about this summer. We thought it wouldn't make you think enough about what we thought was important, so we decided to rethink the idea of the theme and we came up with a whole new theme. **THINK**

It's impossible not to do that when you see the word, you think about thinking. Which is weird and, it appears as though human are the only ones who can do that. Animals can't

think about thinking, computers can't think, they just process! We are excited to introduce to you our new theme for summer 2010 **THINK**. What are you thinking about when you read the word Think? So hold on tight, and get ready to think!

Big Stuf Daytona Beach Conference will have Andy Stanley and Francis Chan as the speakers this summer! The Worship Band will be Fee, along with the other worship leaders from Big Stuf!

For more information checkout the Big Stuf Camp Website www.bigstuf.com

Don't miss out on an incredible experience! Just talk to last year's participants from Big Stuf they had an incredible experience! Big Stuf Participants will work the Rummage Sale to raise funds for their trip!

JANUARY UPDATE: CHRYSALIS WEEKENDS & CONCERT

If you are in tenth grade through twelfth grade you can signup for Chrysalis! This weekend is an in depth spiritual life retreat with youth from various churches and schools.

Chrysalis only happens twice a year Martin Luther King Weekend and Labor Day Weekend! The January weekend is almost filled, but turn in your forms today to attend.

Sunday, January 31 CUMC will host a new contemporary worship experience in the youth center. Bring your friends for a powerful experience of music and worship. The experience will be led by students and instructors from the Visible School in Memphis. The Youth Center will be converted into a worship center for the evening! More info to follow soon...

Open yourself up to worshipping fully and continue to live out the Advent Conspiracy into the new year! Celebrate the birth of Christ throughout the year!

Worship fully through Chrysalis and life changing worship!

2010 UPCOMING EVENTS AT CUMC...

This year we will be able to host the **Super Bowl Party on Sunday, February 7th** in the Youth Center on the Big Screens and on several other TV's. Bring your favorite super bowl food! Join in other games and activities throughout the evening as well!

30 Hour Famine... we will host a 30 Hour Famine Event at CUMC Friday, February 20 & 21! We will spend the night in a box city with other groups!

Holy Week Breakfast Devotionals at CUMC March 29—April 1 join us each morning before school!

Senior Dinner & College 101 for our graduating seniors and their parents on Sunday, April 18th!

Hosting Collierville High School Baccalaureate on Sunday, May 9 at 4:00 PM!

August Back To School Celebrations & Back To School Retreat & Canoe Trip

Lakeshore CUMC Church Wide Retreat September 17—19 th!

Worship Fully and Give More this year by joining us at weekly Bible Studies and Youth Activities!