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In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight.

Proverbs 3:6

Celebrating the Birth of Our Lord

December is finally here, and with it the hustle and bustle of the Christmas season. This is a very special holiday for Christians, being the celebration of the birth of our Savior, but we should all be careful not to get caught-up in the commercialization with the rest of the secular world. We need to remember to celebrate with our hearts, minds and spirits and not so much with our checkbooks. It is my fervent prayer that you all keep Christ first and have a very blessed (and very merry) Christmas.

Jeffrey Vaca
Newsletter Editor

Luke 2

And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be taxed.

(And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria.)

And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city.

And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David:)

To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child.

And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered.

And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid.

And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us.

And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger.

And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child.

And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds.

But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart.

And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them. (KJV)

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San Diego Christian Homeschools

Park Day & P.E. Schedule

PARK DAYS

Park Days are generally scheduled for the second Friday of each school month at 2:00 pm. Unless noted otherwise, we meet at Nobel Athletic Field and Rec. Center for Park Day, which is located in the UTC area and is easily accessible from the I-805.

Some of the benefits this park has to offer are that it sits back from the street, parents have a nice over-view of the well maintained play area and it has plenty of parking and clean bathrooms. In addition, the playground is fenced off so the little ones can't easily escape. Another benefit is the nearby library which is just feet away.

December Park Day

Date: Friday, December 12, 2008

Time: 2:00 pm

Location: Nobel Athletic Field and Rec Center
8810 Judicial Drive

For December Park Day, wear your favorite Christmas attire (and your knitted hat if you attended Mrs. Vaca's knitting class) and join us for the last park day of 2008. Feel free to bring a plate of sugar cookies (or some such) if you desire.

If you are unable to attend Park Day and would like to sign up for an event, please do so by calling or e-mailing the contact person listed for the event you are interested in.

Please remember that payments for field trips and events are due when you sign up

Directions: Take the Nobel exit off of I-805 North and go left. If you are on I-5 North just take the Nobel exit and go right. The park is at the corner of Judicial and Nobel.

Coming from the north county you will take I-805 South and exit at La Jolla Village and Miramar Road and go east on Miramar road for one block. Turn right on Nobel and go a few more blocks to the park at the corner of Judicial and Nobel.

More information about this new rec. center, and a great map of the exact location, can be found at:

<http://www.sandiego.gov/park-and-recreation/centers/nobel.shtml>

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Homeschool P.E. Classes

San Diego Christian Homeschools offers a complete P.E. program that includes three very important facets of physical education:

1. Various sporting games and traditional playground activities
2. The President's Challenge physical fitness program
3. Adventure Trails, a movement coordination curriculum that aids in learning

Our P.E. classes will meet four times each month, usually on Tuesdays and/or Fridays. These classes are free to SDCH members. Feel free to come to as many (or as few) of the classes as you like, according to your family's schedule. We will give you a Physical Activity Log to aid you in keeping track of your child's daily P.E. time and to encourage him/her to stay active even on days when there is no group P.E. class. Call or e-mail Lisa Vaca with any questions you may have, or if you are able to help lead a class. Lisa can be reached at (858) 353-1439 or lisa.vaca@yahoo.com.

Tuesday P.E. classes will meet at

Mira Mesa Rec Center
8575 New Salem Street (Mira Mesa)

Friday P.E. classes will meet at

Nobel Athletic Fields
8810 Judicial Drive (UTC area)

This month we will meet for P.E. on the following dates:

There will be no Tuesday Park Days in December

Friday, December 12 at 12:30 at Nobel Athletic Fields featuring Baseball, T-Ball and a game called "Pirate Ship".

NOTE: there will be no P.E. classes on Tuesdays in December or on Friday, December 26

Please see the P.E. section of our website at www.sdChristianHomeschools.com for a complete 2008/2009 schedule of P.E. classes and the proposed lesson plan for the school year.

We who are strong ought to bear with the failings of the weak and not to please ourselves. Each of us should please his neighbor for his good, to build him up.

— Romans 15:1-2

December 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5 5:00 December Nights (Balboa Park)	6 10:00 Mom's Brunch & Cookies 10:15 AG Club 11:00 North Park Toyland Parade
7	8	9	10	11	12 12:30 P.E. 2:00 Park Day	13 5:00 SDCH Christmas Party!!! 6:00 Swiftkick Presentation
14	15	16 9:15 Traditions of Christmas	17 7:30 Children's Choir	18 Hunter's movie premier	19 2:00 Girl's Book and Tea Club 5:15 Living Nativity	20
21	22	23	24	25 Christmas	26	27
28	29	30	31			

January 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				New Years Day ¹	2	3 10:15 American Girl Club
4	5	6 2:00 Art II	7	8 2:30 Art I	9 12:30 P.E. 2:00 Park Day	10
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SDCH ART CLASSES

I Can Do All Things Art Class A How Great Thou Art Video Series

Dates: No classes the month of December.
Classes resume Jan. 8, 2009

Time: 2:30 pm – 4:00 pm

Location: Serra Mesa

Contact: Sharon Meins at
sharonm@tempbreak.com
for more information.



The Philosophy: ART is a learned discipline. The purpose at **How Great Thou ART** is to teach students the fundamentals of drawing, painting, color theory, etc. They believe the most important quality in learning is having a good attitude; students need to believe that they can learn to draw, paint, letter and so forth. Art is not for just some, or those we call "talented." God has given all of us, to one degree or another, abilities in art that should be nurtured.

This art class is a comprehensive beginner's art course for students 6 and up. Sections covered in this class are: Beginning Drawing, How to use colored Pencils, Blending with Watercolor Markers & Beginning Painting. This class also includes some art appreciation and art journaling.

* *approximately 25-28 classes. No classes the month of December. No classes 4/7/09. Last day of class 5/28/09*

Feed My Sheep A How Great Thou Art Video Series

Dates: No classes the month of December.
Classes resume Jan. 6, 2009.

Time: 2:00 pm – 3:30 pm

Location: Rancho Penasquitos

Contact: Bea Host at
beahost@san.rr.com
for more information or to
sign up.



Feed My Sheep is the sequel to I Can Do All Things by Barry Stebbing with the same How Great Thou Art philosophy. Feed My Sheep is a four year program with this year's focus being on colored pencils and general drawing covering the first 71 of the 260 lessons; however, the students will set the pace for what is actually covered. The age for this class is 10 and up unless they have had prior art experience.

* *approximately 25-28 classes. No classes the month of December. No classes 3/31/09, 4/7/09. Last day of class 5/26/09*

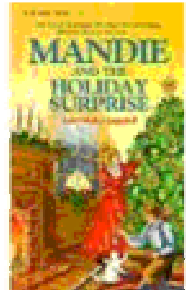
GIRL'S BOOK AND TEA CLUB

The Girls Book Club Tea is a small interactive group of 5th – 7th grade girls who come together on a monthly basis prepared to discuss a pre-selected book while drinking tea, hot cocoa, or lemonade in a cozy atmosphere. The goal is to give the girls the opportunity to think analytically and to draw from the strengths and learn from the weakness of the characters and circumstances in the books. The girls will take turns in facilitating and leading the meeting with the help of her mom as needed. It is up to the girl leading the meeting to decide if she wants to send out questions ahead of time for the other girls to think about as they read the book, but she should be prepared to ask questions and keep the conversations going during the meeting. This is probably going to be a stretch for some of the girls at first, but they are going to have fun being in charge of leading a meeting. The girls will also have the opportunity to briefly share their opinion on other books they have read as time allows.

Please read and come ready to discuss:

Mandie and the Holiday Surprise by Lois Gladys Leppard

For Mandie the excitement of going home for the Christmas holiday was almost too good to be true. To be with her family, to see her friends, the wrapping of presents, the Christmas tree and all the delicious smells--time couldn't go fast enough. But this time something's very different at home. Something's not quite right--could her mother and stepfather be keeping an important secret? What could it be? A special Christmas present? Discover the surprise that even Mandie's not prepared for in this new adventure!



Pages: 160
Recommended age: 8-13
Available at: CBD, Amazon

In addition to discussing the book "Mandy and the Holiday Surprise", there will be a cookie exchange. Girls, bake your favorite Christmas treat and wrap them in 6 individual little packages, you may also bring some on a plate to share at the tea. Tips: Make cookies half the normal size to make the batch go further; Place cookies in center of napkin or cellophane paper, bring corner together and tie with curling ribbon; Craft stores sell little cellophane bags with ties that are easy to use. When you go home take 6 different packages of cookies home with you.

This event is for girls in 5th through 7th grade and their moms.

Next Meeting: Friday, December 19, 2008
Time: 2:00 pm – 3:30 pm
Location: Lisa Vaca's home
Mira Mesa

Facilitator: Abi Brady
Contact: Bea Host at beahost@san.rr.com for more information regarding the Girl's Book and Tea Club.

OTHER CLASSES and CLUBS

American Girl Club

Date: First Saturday of each month
Time: 10:15 am
Location: Berean Christian Store
8807 Clairemont Mesa Blvd
Kearny Mesa



Ages: Most appropriate for school-aged girls
Cost: Free
Contact: Berean Christian directly at (800)285-8121

On the first Saturday of each month come and make new friends and meet fellow fans of American Girl dolls and books at Berean's American Girl Club. Bring your American Girl doll and invite your friends for a time of sharing and crafts. This event is sponsored by Berean Christian Store. It is free and open to the general public. For details please telephone the store directly at the number above.

This month's meeting: Saturday, December 6, 2008

CENTER FOR TEACHING THE CONSTITUTION

Course on the U.S. Constitution

The Center for Teaching the Constitution will be offering courses on the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution. The courses will stress utilizing the classical learning techniques used by the founders and the text will be the actual documents. This course is also specifically designed to prepare U.S. government and history teachers to comply with the California Education Code in teaching the founding documents. Prospective students are encouraged to read Common Sense before starting class. Two courses will be offered, a morning youth class and an evening adult class. Each class will meet once each week for 10 weeks. The morning class will begin Thursday, January 8, from 9:00 am to 11:00 am at the San Marcos Community Center (register at www.san-marcos.net). The evening class will begin Wednesday, January 7, from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm at the San Marcos Joslyn Senior Center (register at www.teachconstitution.org). For more information, go to www.teachconstitution.org.



*"But as for you, **Bethlehem** Ephrathah, Too little to be among the clans of Judah, From you One will go forth for Me to be ruler in Israel His goings forth are from long ago, From the days of eternity."*

— Micah 5:2

FIELD TRIPS and EVENTS



Date: Friday, December 5, 2008
Time: The event lasts from 5:00 pm until 10:00 pm
Location: Balboa Park
Park Boulevard
San Diego

In the spirit of the holidays, participating Balboa Park museums open their doors free of charge from 5:00 to 9:00 p.m. on this weekend, which will be the 30th annual celebration of Christmas on the Prado. This beloved San Diego event features sparkling lights, theatrical and musical entertainment, exotic foods and drinks throughout the Park, unique gift shops featuring the works of local artisans, plus carnival rides and games for younger children.

Come and see some of our own SDCH students performing in various venues at this year's event. Sasha Host will perform as one of Santa's reindeer with the San Diego Civic Dance Association at the Casa Del Prado courtyard, next to the Botanical Gardens building at various times throughout the evening. Also Bre'ann Kenny, Abi Brady, and Hannah Vaca will perform with the San Diego Youth In Action group at the Palisades stage at 5:00 pm. All performances are free.

We suggest parking in the Zoo lot and walking in to Balboa Park, as obtaining parking is difficult on special event weekends. There is also free parking at various locations downtown with free shuttles available to take you directly to the event. Please go to www.BalboaPark.org for more details and a parking map.

North Park Toyland Parade

Date: Saturday, December 6, 2008
Time: 11:00 am to 1:00 pm
Location: University Avenue
(near Utah Street)
North Park

Contact: www.NorthParkMainStreet.com



Here's a great activity for dad and the kids to do while mom is at our SDCH Women's Brunch and Cookie Exchange: see one of San Diego's time-honored traditions, the North Park Toyland Parade. We would like to congratulate an SDCH student, Hannah Vaca, who will be performing in this year's parade with the Sophia Isadora Academy of Circus Arts.

Mom's Christmas Brunch and Cookie Exchange



Date: Saturday, December 6, 2007
Time: 10:00 am
Location: The home of Bea Host
Rancho Penasquitos

Contact: Bea Host at
beahost@san.rr.com

Take a break from the holiday rush and share the Christmas spirit with old and new friends. Back by popular demand we will be hosting our Mom's Christmas Brunch and Cookie Exchange again this year.

What to bring:

A breakfast/brunch dish
6 dozen homemade cookies to exchange
(12 packages of 6 cookies each)

Please RSVP by December 3rd

SDCH Christmas Party

Date: Saturday, December 13, 2008
Time: 5:00 pm
Location: Horizon North Clairemont
on Pocahontas Avenue

Cost: Free! (members only)
Contact: Bea Host at Beahost@san.rr.com

Please RSVP before December 7

Christmas is just around the corner and with it comes the very popular Annual Christmas Party. This year the party will be held at Horizon North Clairemont (the Pocahontas campus). You should have each received your invitations in the mail by now. Please contact Lisa Vaca if you did not. Anyone wishing to help with the event can contact Bea Host or Lisa Vaca.

SwiftKick Year End Performance

Date: Saturday December 13, 2008
Time: 6:00 pm
Location: Escondido Charter Highschool
1868 E. Valley Pkwy
Escondido

Cost: Free
Contact: Sandy Hutchinson at shutchinson@san.rr.com

We would like to congratulate all of our SDCH students who are participating in the exciting year-end show with SwiftKick Martial Arts: Theresa Egger, Christianne Egger, Annabelle Bunner, Christopher Bunner, Ethan Egger, Joshua Schelin, John Pieper and Josiah Krieghauser.

Come and watch all the SDCH karate-kids and other homeschoolers as they show off all that they have learned this year. This karate demo performance will be a thrilling experience for all ages to see, and it may even spark an interest in your own family members. Sensei Cowell teaches weekly homeschool martial arts classes as well as adult and family classes too. Check out www.SwiftKickMA.com for more details.

Traditions of Christmas

Join us for Christian Youth Theatre's Special School-Day presentation of the...



"It was one of the very best gifts we received..." "Rarely have I ever seen such a beautiful and enchanting collection of wonderful masterworks on one stage..." is what people are saying about Traditions of Christmas. Using a wide variety of music, dance, drama and color Christmas traditions come to life. CCT presents a variety of production numbers ranging from high-stepping, Rockette-style precision kick-line dancers to child-sized elves singing and dancing in Santa's workshop. An inspiring live Nativity pageant, complete with live donkey, sheep and majestic camel concludes the show.

Date: Tuesday, December 16, 2008
Time: PLEASE BE AT THE THEATRE AT 8:45 am
the show starts at 9:15

Location: East County Performing Arts Center
210 E. Main Street
El Cajon

Contact: Bea Host at Beahost@san.rr.com

This event is closed to new sign-ups

San Diego Children's Choir at the Symphony's Holiday Pops

Date: Wednesday, December 17, 2008
Time: 7:30 pm
Location: Copley Symphony Hall
1245 7th Avenue
Downtown San Diego

Contact: www.SanDiegoSymphony.com

We would like to congratulate Stephanie Lopez, a student in SDCH, who will be performing with the San Diego Children's Choir at this year's Holiday Pops concert. San Diego's favorite holiday music tradition returns! Rejoice in this seasonal celebration as the Symphony Pops performs more Holiday concerts than ever!

Special \$30 Coca-Cola Family 4-Pack ticket package currently available. Call 619-235-0804 or visit the website listed above to purchase. Other dates and ticket packages are also available.

"For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this. "

— Isaiah 9:6-7

Oasis Camel Dairy

Date: Thursday, January 15, 2008

Time: 9:45 am

Location: Highway 78 in Ramona

Ages: All ages are welcome to attend

Cost: \$5 for children, \$8 for adults

Contact: Lisa Vaca at lisa.vaca@yahoo.com

SDCH families are invited to meet the camels of Oasis Camel Dairy. Yep folks, that's right, America's first and only camel dairy is located right here in San Diego's own backyard. School tours of the camel dairy are educational, interactive, and lots of fun. We'll get to meet some camels and learn all about their "miracle milk" used in making soap, and as supplemental nourishment for other animals, and even used in helping kids with milk allergies.

We will need at least 24 children and 10 adults to make this field trip to the Camel dairy possible so we are going to go ahead and open up this particular event to non-members as well. Please feel free to invite all your homeschool friends to participate with us in this unique field trip. And, as usual, please remember that the grandparents in your family are always welcome to come on our field trips, too.

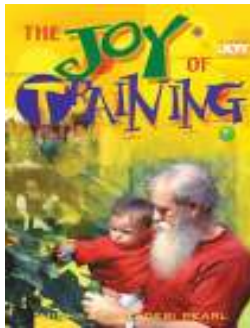
For more details about Oasis Camel Dairy please visit the website, www.cameldairy.com

**This field trip requires a minimum of
24 children and 10 adults**

"To Train Up A Child" Seminar

featuring
Michael and Debi Pearl of No Greater Joy Ministries

Don't miss this FREE seminar and rare opportunity to meet the founders of No Greater Joy Ministries and learn some wonderful and encouraging parenting truths from Scripture. Please see the flier on page 9 of this newsletter for all the details. If you are interested in carpooling to this seminar contact Lisa Vaca at lisa.vaca@yahoo.com.



Dates: Friday, January 16, and
Saturday, January 17, 2009

Times: 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm on Friday
and 9:00 am to 3:00 pm on

Saturday

Location: Knott Avenue Christian Church,
315 S. Knott Avenue
Anaheim, CA 92804

Cost: Free! (a love offering will be taken during
the seminar for the Pearl family)

Ages: All ages are welcome to attend or childcare is available
for a small fee.

Contact: Exploring Homeschooling at (714) 686-3353 or
info@exploringhomeschooling.com

RSVP: Please contact Mong-Tham Khuzadi at number
or e-mail above to RSVP.

14th Annual Living Nativity

Join your fellow homeschool families as we once again enjoy this special event together as a family. There is no cost to attend the Living Nativity but there will be an optional dinner sold at the end of the tour. It features authentic and delicious Middle Eastern foods served buffet style. The cost for the dinner is about \$8 per person (we suggest having your little ones share a plate between them as it is a lot of food).

Date: Friday, December 19, 2008

Time: arrive at 5:15 to meet our group, event begins at 6:00

Location: Horizon Christian Fellowship, North County
6365 El Apajo Road, Rancho Santa Fe, CA 92067

Cost: Free.

Contact: Jeff or Lisa Vaca at lisa.vaca@yahoo.com

The Living Nativity is a gift for your whole family – complete with breathtaking scenes and dramatic re-creations of the life of the Savior, Christ the Lord. You will walk thru the Middle Eastern Marketplace, see live actors and animals portray the history and culture of the time, and enjoy authentic Mediterranean cuisine. Return to the first century with us and witness Jesus' life, death and resurrection. The Living Nativity is a pageant "for" the Master – and a gift for your entire family. Go to www.horizon.org for more details.

Part of the Union tribune's review of the event from last year said, "Many churches in the region put on living Nativity productions to tell the Christmas story each year. At the Rancho Santa Fe fellowship, the four-night program has evolved since its modest beginnings 13 years ago into an \$80,000 production involving 1,000 church members. [In addition to the walk-thru dramatic scenes] a Mediterranean-inspired marketplace provided a distraction for people still waiting in line: children's camel rides, a petting zoo, hot chocolate and jewelry making."

Driving directions:

From the 5 freeway: Exit Via de la Valle (east). At El Camino Real go right (south). At next light, which is San Dieguito Road, turn left (east). Follow San Dieguito Road up the hill into Fairbanks Ranch. Turn left at El Apajo Road (a 3-way traffic light). The church is ¼ mile down on the left at 6365 El Apajo Rd

From the 15 freeway: take 56 west, exit Camino Del Sur and go right (north). At San Dieguito Road turn left (west). Stay on San Dieguito Road all the way into Fairbanks Ranch. Turn right on El Apajo Road (a 3-way traffic light). The church is ¼ mile down on the left at 6365 El Apajo Road.



Reuben H. Fleet Science Center

Date: Monday March 9, 2009
Time: 9:30 am
Location: 1875 El Prado
(in Balboa Park on Park Blvd.)

Cost: \$6 per person, student or adult
Ages: 3rd grade and up only, please.
Contact: Lisa Vaca at lisa.vaca@yahoo.com

Join your SDCH friends for a special IMAX presentation of "Wild California" in the dome-shaped theater and then tour the Science Center for hands-on educational activities and fun.

About the film: Celebrate California's natural wonders and unique culture. From the Gold Rush to snow board fever, from the interior of massive Sequoias to the hidden workers on the Golden Gate Bridge, heart-pounding imagery recreates experiences few will ever have imagined. [40 min]

Please sign up and pay before January Park Day

Now in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the descendants of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. And coming in, he said to her, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you."

But she was very perplexed at this statement, and kept pondering what kind of salutation this was. The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary; for you have found favor with God. And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name Him Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David; and He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and His kingdom will have no end."

Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?"

The angel answered and said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; and for that reason the holy Child shall be called the Son of God. And behold, even your relative Elizabeth has also conceived a son in her old age; and she who was called barren is now in her sixth month. For nothing will be impossible with God."

And Mary said, "Behold, the bondservant of the Lord; may it be done to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her.

— Luke 1:26-38

NOTICES and NONSENSE

H.S.L.D.A. Discount

Home School Legal Defense Association is a national organization that exists to protect the rights of parents to homeschool their children, and they also serve the homeschooling community in many other ways.

Please visit their website at www.HSLDA.org to take advantage of all that they offer homeschool families.

Members of San Diego Christian Homeschools are now able to join HSLDA at a discounted rate. For more information please contact our SDCH chairman, Bea Host at beahost@san.rr.com

SDCH Lending Library

Your San Diego Christian Homeschools group has recently launched a free Homeschool Lending Library to benefit our group members. Please take a look at the list of available materials, which will be placed on the website soon and be sure to stop by the "Library Table" at Park Day to see what we have to offer. All of the items have been donated by several of our wonderful SDCH families.

How can you help? We need a volunteer "Librarian" to handle the materials in our lending library and to "loosely" keep track of what has been borrowed and returned. This would be a great opportunity for a family with a high school aged child who would like to encourage their high schooler to be a part of blessing the homeschool community by organizing and tracking our library items.

For more information, please contact Jeff and Lisa Vaca at lisa.vaca@yahoo.com.

MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

If you are interested in organizing a homeschool event or activity then please let us know. Just plan the event and e-mail all the information about it to our Activities Director, Lisa Vaca at lisa.vaca@yahoo.com
Thanks!

CONTACT US FOR MORE INFORMATION

For more information about our group, feel free to contact our Chairman, Bea Host at beahost@san.rr.com

or visit our website at
<http://www.sdchristianhomeschools.com>



**Michael and Debi Pearl Present:
"To Train Up A Child"**

Child Training Secrets From The Child Training Experts

FREE SEMINAR

Friday, January 16, 2009, 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Saturday, January 17, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Knott Avenue Christian Church, 315 S. Knott Ave., Anaheim, CA

As goes the child so goes the future adult - and the future parent. At every moment, parents holding little children are holding the future. Parenting, the most important and demanding job in the world, comes on us by default. Ready or not, prepared or ill equipped, all parents produce fruit that lasts for eternity. The melody or the dissonance in a child's life echoes on and on from one generation to the next unless someone takes the time to break the cycle and learn the skill of...parenting.

Through their books and CDs, Michael and Debi Pearl train parents to break the bad habits passed down from former generations and to recognize and emulate the wisdom of those who have gone before. Showing that the Bible and common sense are the foundations for parenting, the Pearls will teach on:

- *Early Childhood Training*
- *Boundaries and Consequences*
- *Training Your Children to Enjoy Working*
- *Character Building - Training Children of Great Character*
- *Teens - Relating to and Directing Your Teens*
- *Homeschooling - The Outstanding Results of a Home Education*
- *Husbands and Wives - Making Marriage a Successful Joy*

Everyone who is interested in learning how to train up their children is welcome!

By a SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT, this entire event is offered AT NO COST!

There will be a love offering collected for the Pearls' ministry.

Childcare: Children are welcome to sit with their parents through the seminar. There is also childcare available. Exploring Homeschooling will provide childcare for those who are in need of it. The cost for childcare will be \$10 per child on Friday evening (7:00 to 9:00 p.m.) and \$30 per child on Saturday (9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., except during the lunch break). Biblically based activities and programs will be provided for the children. You must pay in advance for the childcare by contacting Exploring Homeschooling directly. There is also an unattended nursery room available with audio feed from the main sanctuary for those parents who wish to sit there.

R.S.V.P.: Please RSVP by e-mail to info@exploringhomeschooling.com or by telephone at 714-686-3353 and let us know exactly how many children and adults from your family will attend. It is vital that you state whether you need childcare or not and to include the age of the children.

For information about this seminar please visit the website www.ExploringHomeschooling.com

For information about the Pearl family please visit their website www.NoGreaterJoy.org



San Diego Christian Homeschools

"In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths." - Proverbs 3:6

Event Registration Form for all Field Trips, Classes, and Special Events

Parent's Name: _____ Date: _____

REGISTRATION FORM DIRECTIONS:

1. Using the SDCH Newsletter, Website, and E-mail Updates, determine the items you wish to participate in.
2. At Park Days or other occasions place your name(s) on the sign up list of each item you are interested in.
3. Fill out this form indicating each item you have signed up for, number of family members, and total costs.
4. Add all items together, enter the sum at the bottom, and make your check payable to SDCH for that amount.
5. Place your form and check in an envelope and deposit in the box at Park Day or mail to the Activities Director.

✓	Name or Description of Class, Trip, Event:	Date/Time:	Adults	Kids	Total
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I have enclosed cash ___ or check ___ (ck # _____) in the **TOTAL AMOUNT** of: _____

Deposit this form and your payment, made payable to SDCH, in the red box at Park Day (envelopes are available) or you may send it by mail it to Sherri McFadden, SDCH Treasurer (address available upon request). You will receive an itemized receipt via e-mail. Please watch for e-mail announcements regarding items you have signed up for. If you have any questions regarding events please e-mail us at SDCHgroup@yahoo.com or call the contact person listed in the write-up. Thank you.

Please see the Newsletter or the sign up sheets for details regarding the item(s) you are interested in. Note: Membership in SDCH is only \$25 per school-year for the entire family (grandparents too). You may contact the SDCH Secretary, Roxanne Kenny roxannekenny@san.rr.com to register your family or receive further details.