



# December 2017

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## Missions

*(Teaching our children God's great commission)*  
In Matt. 28:19, Jesus commands us to "make Disciples of all nations".

**When:** Tuesday, December 19<sup>th</sup>, 1:45 PM

**Where:** Cornerstone Village

103 W. Martial Ave., Lafayette, LA

Bless the residents at Cornerstone Village by joining/assisting in making Christmas crafts and Singing Christmas carols.

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We, home-schooling parents, have chosen well by home educating our children. Think about this for a few seconds. Home-education is a choice! Just like salvation, a choice. You have to want to. Your faith is a choice. You believe what you choose to believe. You have chosen not to believe what the government school system has to sell.

To what standard do you hold your children? Are you not carefully building them up? Are you not working at instilling a solid construction? Are you not trying hard to have their lives accurately arranged? As we say in south Louisiana, *well yeah*. In Amos 7:7-8 God, standing on a wall made by a plumb line, holding a plumb line in His hand, told Amos that He was setting a plumb line in the midst of His people, Israel. God was going to measure His people by His tight and straight standards. If they, His chosen people, do not measure up to God's standards, the plumb line, then He will "never again pass by them". Wow! So God is going to let them go, into their sin, and not extend His mercy and grace to them anymore? This world is slipping quickly into its sin. The government school system is not, as you know, teaching children proper standards and proper faith. WE MUST STAY THE COURSE!! In Isaiah 49:22 God said that He would lift up His hand to the Gentiles, [us], and set up His standard to the people, [again us]. Let us look at a few key words from God's Word, 'set up His standard'. When you set something up, it takes a bit of effort and work, right? The setting up would probably include some planning and readjusting as you go. But, the more planning you do, the fewer adjustments will be needed. As our children grow we adjust their curriculum, food, bedtime, friends, clothing, and many others. Let us be sensitive to God's guidance and leadings. He knows the best way for our children to go. We are to do the training, Proverbs 22:6 and our children are to do the obeying, Ephesians 6:1. We need to be sure we follow the proper plumb line and standard. A tall order, but with God, all things are possible!!

*Don Gauthreaux*

Husband, Parent, Past President

Matt. 20:27

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## DECEMBER IN HISTORY

Submitted by: Donte' Gauthreaux, age 14, 9<sup>th</sup> grade

**Birthday** - Walt Disney (1901-1966) was born in Chicago, Illinois. As a little boy, he liked to draw farm animals and eventually got a job as an artist. He moved to Hollywood and in 1928 produced *Steamboat Willie*, starring Mickey Mouse, in the first cartoon with synchronized sound. In 1937, he released his full length animated film, *Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs*. He opened the Disneyland amusement park in Anaheim, California, in 1955. Five years after his death, Disney World opened in Florida. The company he founded has since grown into a global entertainment empire.

**December 6, 1865** - The 13th [Amendment](#) to the U.S. Constitution was ratified abolishing slavery, stating, "Neither slavery nor involuntary servitude, save as a punishment for crime whereof the party shall have been duly convicted, shall exist within the United States, or any place subject to their jurisdiction."

**December 7, 1941** - The U.S. Naval base at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, was [attacked](#) by nearly 200 Japanese aircraft in a raid that lasted just over one hour and left nearly 3,000 Americans dead. A day after the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, the United States and Britain declared war on Japan.

**December 16, 1773** - The [Boston Tea Party](#) occurred as colonial activists disguised as Mohawk Indians boarded British ships anchored in Boston Harbor and dumped 342 containers of expensive tea into the water.

**December 17, 1903** - After three years of experimentation, Orville and Wilbur Wright achieved the first powered, controlled airplane flights. They made four flights near Kitty Hawk, North Carolina, the longest lasting about a minute.

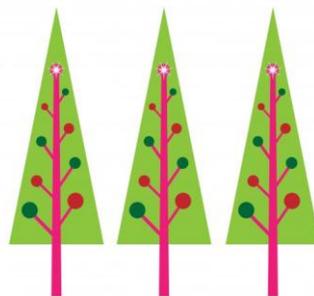
**December 25th** - Christmas Day, commemorating the birth of Jesus of Nazareth. Although the exact date of his birth is not known, it has been celebrated on December 25th by the Western (Roman Catholic) Church since 336 A.D.

**December 25, 1776** - During the [American Revolution](#), George Washington took 2,400 of his men across the Delaware River. Washington then conducted a surprise raid on 1,500 British-Hessians (German mercenaries) at Trenton, New Jersey. The Hessians surrendered after an hour with nearly 1,000 taken prisoner by Washington who suffered only six wounded (including future president Lt. James Monroe). The victory provided a much needed boost to American morale.

**Birthday** - American nurse and philanthropist [Clara Barton](#) (1821-1912) was born in Oxford, Massachusetts. She served as a nurse during the [Civil War](#) and in 1881 founded the American Red Cross.

**December 31st** - New Year's Eve, the final evening of the Gregorian calendar year, traditionally a night for merry making to welcome in the new year.

**December 31, 1879** - Thomas Edison provided the first public demonstration of his electric incandescent lamp at his laboratory in Menlo Park, New Jersey.



## *Etcetera*

### December Birthdays

Joseph Leber – 3rd  
Malachi Blanshan – 11th  
Clara Conrad – 16th  
Michael Cuthkelvin – 22nd  
Owen Greig – 23rd  
Donte Gauthreaux 24th  
Jon Hamilton – 29th  
Anne Leber – 31<sup>st</sup>



### December Anniversaries

Ross & Julie Little – 1<sup>st</sup>  
Alvin & Shelley Guidry – 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Jon & Paige Hamilton – 31st



*Merry Christmas*



## A Circuit of Lights

*Submitted by Ethan Horn, Age 18, 12<sup>th</sup> grade*

How many of you have that one string of Christmas lights that will flicker with every movement, only have half lit, or it just won't turn on no matter what you do? Well... before you toss them, turn them into a neat and inexpensive project. This project will be on my second favorite branch of science, circuits, series and parallel circuits to be exact. A **series circuit** consists of a single pathway through which electricity can flow. All of the parts of a **series circuit**—power source, wires, and devices—are connected along the same pathway; the devices are connected one after another, with no branches. Whereas a **parallel circuit** is a closed circuit in which the current divides into two or more paths before recombining to complete the circuit. Each load connected in a separate path receives the full circuit voltage, and the total circuit current is equal to the sum of the individual branch currents.

### **Materials:**

1. Aluminum foil
2. Brass paper fasteners (there is another switch you can make out of a clothes pin)
3. Tape
4. Paper
5. 9 volt battery
6. Scissors

### **Steps:**

Take the lights and, with scissors, cut into individual bulbs. Then take the extending wires and score them so the aluminum will come into contact with the wires. Next, cut aluminum foil into strips. This will serve the purpose of "wires". Place the strips in a rectangle leaving enough space for the lights, switch, and battery. Be sure to tape them down as you go. Place the lights under the strip and tape them down. The switch can easily be made with brass fasteners. Two are placed in with the head pointing up while one sits upside down with the prongs extended out to touch the other fasteners. Next, place the battery on and close the circuit.

Do the same for the parallel, but instead of a rectangle, place the strips in a shape that resembles two "E's" touching one another. Then put the second light in the middle. With this set up, the lights are being given their own current from the battery. This results in the lights being brighter than the other series circuit. The parallel circuit is the type of circuit that is used in your house and in almost all electronic devices.



**Coming in January - Save the date**

**Knollwood Farm Equestrian Center Field Trip**

**When:** Saturday, Jan. 20<sup>th</sup>, back up bad weather day, Saturday, Jan. 27<sup>th</sup>  
10:00 AM - Noon

**Where:** 149 Knollwood Lane  
Sunset, LA 70584

Participants will have the opportunity to learn about caring and riding horses. A picnic lunch is included. Cost is \$10 per student, family maximum cost is \$30

Check out their Facebook page [here](#)



**CHEF of Lafayette needs volunteers to assist with the following;**

Park Day Coordinator – Coordinates and organizes physical activities/games/play for scheduled park days twice a month. Previously, Park Day has been the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of each month, 2:30 – 5:00 pm.

Facebook Administrator – responsible for updating and posting to CHEF of Lafayette’s Facebook page.

Newsletter Coordinator – responsible for monthly publication of CHEF of Lafayette Newsletter. Collects information on all upcoming events, news and stories submitted by students. Organizes, types and designs newsletter which is delivered via email and US mail. Monthly deadlines.

**Contact Cindy North @ 337-524-0732 if you are interested in becoming more active with our group of homeschoolers.**

**Important December Upcoming Dates**

Homeschool Mom’s Connection – Not meeting in December due to holiday. Will resume in January  
Missions – Tuesday, Dec. 19<sup>th</sup>, 1:45 PM



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