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"I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." John 8:12, NIV

TRADITIONS

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Happy Birthday to YOU!

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| January | August |
| 4 Orio | 13 Piper |
| 14 Kitty | 18 Scooter |
| | 22 Condor |
| February | September |
| 7 Falcon | 20 Stormy |
| 23 Tink | 21 Bobbi |
| 28 Jae & Vireo | 22 Curlew |
| March | October |
| 3 Sparrow | 2 Chickadee |
| 19 Hawkeye | 11 Nightingale |
| | 20 Bebop |
| April | 25 Rusty |
| 8 Raven | |
| 24 Willow | November |
| | 9 Buck |
| May | 20 Dove |
| 1 Zazu | 24 Zuli |
| 25 Buzz | |
| June | December |
| 2 Sapphire | 5 B. J. |
| | 12 Peli |
| July | 13 Goose |
| 6 Wren | 29 Piasa |
| 7 Stork | |
| 13 Snipe | |
| 16 Phoebe | |
| 25 Crane | |
| 30 Lightning | |

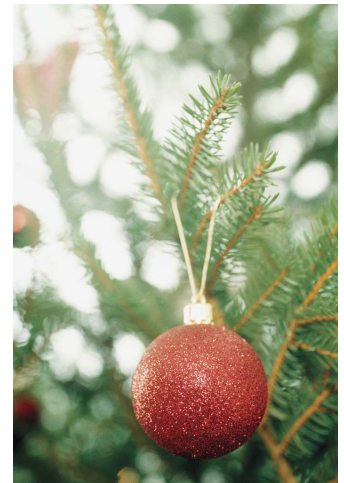
The holidays bring memory-making moments for all of us. One of the traditions my family had when I was young was to gather at Grandma's house on Christmas Eve for a big turkey dinner with all the trimmings. We grandkids could barely contain our excitement at what we knew was coming—opening gifts under the Douglas Fir decorated with big bulbs and shiny icicle tinsel.

But before the big moment arrived, there was

one more important tradition that was kept each year. One of the grandchildren was honored to read the Christmas story from Luke, chapter 2, while sitting in Grandma's big rocking chair, followed by one of the adults offering a prayer of thanks for the gift of Jesus. I can still remember how thrilling it was when my turn to read finally came!

We here at Camp Cedarbrook hope your Christmas celebration was a

wonderful time for you to remember the best gift of all, Jesus! -Buck



What's Your Resolution?

What is your key to success in 2012? We asked some of our camp staff what their new year's resolutions are. Here's what they had to say:

- *to simplify
- *I read through the Bible every year
- *to stay with my weight-loss plan
- *I use these from Chip Ingram:
 - set the alarm clock
 - first things first
 - do your own dishes
 - do it now
 - write it down
 - be intentionally thankful for everything

Rusty says this: "Besides trying to eat 'smarter' and exercise daily, I resolve to appreciate and marvel at God's creation and its beauty on a daily basis. It is so easy to do during our week at camp when we are engulfed by it and focus on it through our activities and curriculum; but that seems to wane soon after camp ends."

So how about YOU? Have you made resolutions? Wanting to improve is good, but resolving to do it is not always enough. If you are a Christian, you have a Source of strength always available to you. Ask God to help you. He will!

"Do not be afraid, for I am with you. Do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you. I will help you. I will uphold you with my victorious right hand." -Isaiah 41:10

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Have you visited our camp website? Go there and take a look. You might see yourself! Send us your suggestions of what you'd like to see!

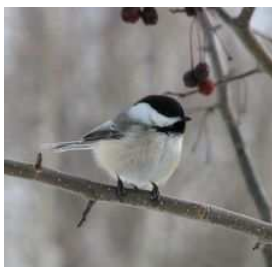
God Thoughts

One of the hardest things for most Christians is learning patience. In this age of immediate gratification, waiting for God's timing in our lives is almost never easy, but always worth it.

"And we pray this in order that you might live a life worthy of the Lord and may please him in every way... That you may have great endurance and patience."

Colossians 1:10, 11

What's in a name?



The black-capped chickadee is a small song bird that can be found all over the United States. It is a cheerful-looking bird that enjoys eating berries

and seeds. One of the unusual qualities of the chickadee is that it doesn't just eat the berries and seeds provided by homeowners in birdfeeders. The tiny bird often flies off and stores the food in various nooks and crannies found near their nesting places. This kind of behavior is usually associated with squirrels and chipmunks, not birds.

The familiar "chick-a-dee-dee-dee" call of this little visitor can be heard all winter. Once they're attracted to your feeder, you can count on them to brighten your day for the entire season.

Camp Cedarbook has its own "Chick-a-dee-dee-dee" in Lynnette Goebel. We attracted her to camp in 1983 and she's been brightening our camp days ever since! Like the songbird, Chickadee brings us the gift of a sweet voice, as well as a witty humor and deep devotion to the ministry of camp, and most of all, to her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

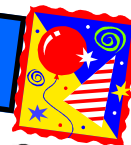
Lynnette says that she chose the name because chickadees are cute little birds that hang upside down ("Sometimes, my

life feels like that...") and they both like peanut butter and wintertime!

Chickadee has two daughters who also love camp and grace us with their gifts. Kate "Lightning" works in downtown Chicago in "real" life, and her sister, Karrie "Thunder" got a new last name this year when she married Rob Zanetti on July 4th. Congratulations, Thunder!



HAPPY NEW YEAR!



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CALENDAR
 EVE
 MIDNIGHT
 YEAR

CELEBRATION
 FIREWORKS
 PARTY

COUNTDOWN
 JANUARY
 RESOLUTION

A BIT OF CHRISTMAS TRIVIA

Where in the Bible can you read the Christmas story?

How many wise men were there?



The Bible doesn't give a number. In early Christianity the number varied from two to six. Three is the traditional number, probably related to the three gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

Matthew 1:18—2:12 and Luke 2:1-20