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Christmas Perspective!

Printed the last two years but still a great reminder for myself!
In chapel on Thursday, I shared the four reasons I had hated Christmas. Please note; that is in the past tense. Allow me to share the condensed version:

After an analysis of why I hated Christmas, it came down to a heart issue. My perspective and appreciation for Christ and, therefore, Christmas, was skewed. After I realized it was a heart issue, I was able to delve deeper.

I. I was selfish and ungrateful for what I had.

II. I tried to compete and often overspent.

III. I tended to get so caught up in the holiday spirit, that I forgot that there were still hurting people.

IV. I would blame others for ruining Christmas by forgetting the real reason of the season. I was hypocritical as I had forgotten the reason also.

In conclusion, I urge you to check your perspective of Christmas. Is it healthy? Does it include those less fortunate? Most importantly, does it remember Christ?

I am so glad I changed my perspective. As we go into the Christmas season, I would encourage you to re-evaluate your perspective of what Christmas is about.



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, Counselor, The
mighty God, The
everlasting Father, The
Prince of Peace. Isaiah 9:6



News and Dates.

- Yearbooks are now available for purchase! Reserve your copy today at www.yearbookforever.com.
- **Cookie Dough Orders will be here on Thursday, Dec. 10. Please make plans to pick up your order that afternoon at the lower campus between 12 pm – 5 pm.**
- **There are several attachments this week. Please take the time to read them carefully.**
- **As the second quarter comes to an end, please review your students grades and work habits. Please remember that one semester is not the end all. We can grow from our mistakes, become stronger, and succeed.**
- **Uniform Store: Michele is out of town for a few days, therefore the uniform store will be closed Tuesday and Wednesday this week.**
- **Virtual Learners: Please be reminded that the teachers/class see more than just the student at home. Please be cognizant of what is taking place in the background.**

Morningside Church has a youth group that meets on Wednesday nights from 6:45 pm - 8:15 pm in the Family Center. Students from 6th-12th grade are welcome for music, worship, small groups, snacks, and activities.



December 11th- Academy Christmas Concert @ 7 pm. In the Family Center.

December 12th – 10th grade Toys-for-Tots event sponsored by the Sophomore class. This event will be held at the Upper School Campus from 10 am- 2 pm.

December 15-18th – Mid Term Exams, Early Release, Junior Class Christmas Dress Down.

December 19th – Jingle Jam

January 4th – Return to school.



JOIN US!

Please remember that we will not have guests in chapel this semester. However, you can livestream the service via the link found on our website. This week, the Freshman class will be in charge of chapel.

If you do not have a church home, we invite you and your student to visit one of our three services at Morningside Church. Check out our website at www.morningsidechurch.com.