

THE CHRISTMAS STORY (Christmas Spectacular)

Hello everyone! It is hard to believe that it's time to begin rehearsals for the Christmas Spectacular. We are excited about this year's opportunity to share "Good News!"

I want to communicate some changes taking place this year.

- First, Barbara Fontana will not be joining us this year. She is developing a music and worship program for a church in the Clackamas County area. I will be assuming leadership with the community choir and vocalists.
- Second, we will be using orchestral background music this year. We have appreciated everyone involved in the orchestra these last few years. We will let you have a rest or join us in the choir if you desire.
- Third, we will be bringing a stronger evangelistic emphasis in telling the "Christmas Story". We are stepping up our efforts in drama, lighting, and special effects to tell this heart-warming story of God's amazing Gift! We welcome, Suzy Frey, who is gifted and experienced in drama, choreography, etc. She will be joining our team of leaders. If you or someone you know is interested in bringing leadership to any of these areas, (Drama, Lighting, Sound, Staging, Props, Costumes and Promotion), please contact me at chris@valleylife.love. If you know of individuals who would like to be a part of drama there will be an informational meeting/tryout on Tuesday, September 16 at 6:30 pm at VLC.
- Fourth, due to building usage we are moving our rehearsals to Tuesday evenings at 6:30 pm. Choir will begin in the Activity Center and Drama will meet in the auditorium of Valley Life Center. And finally, as we seek to better our presentation and communication with our guests...the community choir and soloists will be memorizing music (words will be projected on the back wall, but no written music will be on the platform). Additionally, choir will need to be mobile for this production. There will be an occasion or two where the choir will move to other locations...still singing. You will love the music...it is really good!

Well, did I tire you out? Lol. I am looking forward to you joining with us as we share the "Christmas Story," the Good News of Jesus Christ, with the greater Dallas area! Choir and Drama begin meeting Tuesday, September 16th at Valley Life Center. Please enter the main lobby on the east side of Valley Life Center.

Blessings on you all!

Chris Barker
Dallas Valley Life Center

Rehearsal/Performance schedule below.

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This heart-stirring dramatic presentation of "The Christmas Story," will engage your senses and imagination, through music, drama, dance, lighting and special effects. This powerful story presents the omnipotent Creator of the universe choosing to enter the world in the most humble and vulnerable of forms: as a baby! The Christmas story will remind you of the power of faith, the importance of family, and the possibility of lasting peace.

Choir/Drama Rehearsal Schedule

Tuesday, September 16 at 6:30 pm (*1st Choir Rehearsal & Drama mtg/tryout*)

Tuesday, September 23 at 6:30 pm

Tuesday, September 30 at 6:30 pm

Tuesday, October 7 at 6:30 pm

Tuesday, October 14 at 6:30 pm

Tuesday, October 21 at 6:30 pm

Tuesday, October 28 at 6:30 pm

Tuesday, November 4 at 6:30 pm

Tuesday, November 11 at 6:30 pm

Tuesday, November 18 at 6:30 pm

Tuesday, November 25 at 6:30 pm

Tuesday, December 2 at 6:30 pm

Tuesday, December 9 at 6:30 pm (Combined Rehearsal)

Tuesday, December 16 at 6:30 pm (Dress Rehearsal #1)

Wednesday, December 17 at 6:30 pm (Dress Rehearsal #2)

Performances:

Thursday, December 18 at 7:00 pm (Performance #1)

Friday, December 19 at 7:00 pm (Performance #2)

Saturday, December 20 at 2:00 pm (Performance #3)

Stage/Background/Set Up:

Friday, December 5 at 8:00 – 10:00 pm – Set Up Stage

Saturday, December 6 at 9:00 am – Set up Lights

Saturday, December 6 at 9:00 am – Sound Set Up

Lighting Rehearsals:

Saturday, December 13 at 9:00 am to Noon – Rehearsal

Tuesday, December 9 at 6:30 pm (Combined Rehearsal)

Tuesday, December 16 at 6:30 pm (Dress Rehearsal)

Sound Rehearsals:

Tuesday, December 9 at 6:30 pm (Combined Rehearsal)

Tuesday, December 16 at 6:30 pm (Dress Rehearsal)