



## GHBC YOUTH MINISTRY

### *Visiting with our Wesley Pines Friends*

*On Wednesday, November 16<sup>th</sup>, 20 youth and adults loaded up on the church bus for our monthly visitation at one of our local nursing homes. What fun we had as we visited with Ms. Polly Pittman, Ms. Isabell Woodell, Ms. Thelma Sechreist, Ms. Natha Britt and several other residents. Our students gave out hugs, prayed, laughed and sang with our special friends. I think our students love visiting with the residents almost as much as the residents love hosting them. Next month, we plan to go Christmas Caroling at Woodhaven.*

### PASSPORT MISSIONS SUMMER CAMP

*This summer we will be traveling to Danville, Va. For our summer mission trip. We have reservations for 20 people. Deposits are due Sunday, Jan. 15<sup>th</sup>.*

*Additional details to be announced*



### Music Notes

***“Do not be afraid; for see-I am bringing you good news of great joy for all people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord.” Luke 2:11 (NRSV)***

The songs of the Christmas season are some of the finest music known to man, and “Silent Night” is one of my personal favorites. The words were written in 1818 by Joseph Mohr, the assistant priest at the Church of St. Nicholas. The church was located in the region of Tyrol, high in the Austrian Alps. Mohr showed the lyrics to the church organist Franz Gruber and Gruber sat down and composed a tune to go along with the lyrics. The church organ was broken and would not be repaired before Christmas Eve, so Mohr and Gruber sang their new hymn at the Christmas Eve service to the accompaniment of Gruber’s guitar. The hymn made a deep impact on those who first heard it and today it continues to be sung in many languages throughout the world.

Jeff, Allison and I would like to wish each of you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. May you truly experience the love, joy and peace of Christ this season.

I look forward to seeing you in worship on Sunday.

God Bless,

Brenda



*“Silent  
Night!  
Holy  
Night!  
Son of  
God,  
love’s  
pure  
light”*