

This week our children presented "Follow the Star." Check out the service, which is recorded on www.fpcd.org.

"Follow the star to Bethlehem; tell the world of his glory. Follow the star to Bethlehem, let the carols ring. Bring your heart to the king of kings."

There's a lot of joy in this message. It's kind of compelling. Is there anything in your life that compels you? Do you think of your faith in the Lord Jesus Christ as adding so much to life that you are compelled to follow, tell, sing, and bring your heart? Over the last year or two, did things happen that you could not have made it; you would not have known where to turn or what to do without Jesus?

Paul, the writer of much of the New Testament, tells us why the good news of Jesus Christ is good news:

"All of this is a gift from God, who brought us back to himself through Christ" (2 Cor 5:18a).

Who doesn't want a gift – especially at Christmas time!

Not only do we receive this wonderful gift, we also get to be the gift-giver. *"God has given us this task of reconciling people to him" (2 Cor 5:18b).*

Do you like to give gifts? Do you enjoy blessing others? I personally love it. God has actually allowed us to "be the ones who reunite people with Him."

Paul writes: *For God was in Christ, reconciling the world to himself, no longer counting people's sins against them. And he gave us this wonderful message of reconciliation. So we are Christ's ambassadors; God is making his appeal through us. We speak for Christ when we plead, "Come back to God!" (2 Cor 5:19-20)*

This morning these children bear the message to you because you first have taught it to them. You teach them in Sunday School, you model Christian behavior to them; you sing with them; you pick them up, feed them, and help them with this play.

THANK YOU, FPCD. You bless God. And may He bless you as you continue to teach, love, and minister to these children.