

The JOY (Sr.) Class (for charge conference)

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The senior high Joy class has just finished its annual wrapping paper sale, the profits of which will go to our Christmas projects to help those in need. Each year, we support the Share Your Christmas project which helps the poor buy Christmas presents, and we participate in Operation Santa Clause, which provides Christmas presents for the mentally ill at the Murdoch center.

Throughout the rest of the year, we try to help others through our mission projects. This year's mission is to work on Duke Memorial's Habitat house. Sid and Julie Allen, two of our many adult leaders, volunteer every Saturday at the house, and various Joy class members are there from week to week. Last summer, our mission project took many of our members to Alaska, where they worked on homes. Next summer, we hope to take another trip.

Although our mission projects create a wonderful sense of fellowship, our times spent at Kerr Lake over the summer, our trips to Ocean Isle Beach, and our ski trips are greatly enjoyed. Seen as a time not only to have fun together but to worship God, these events along with regular Sunday school average about 15 youth and 8 adults. Our devoted leaders, Sid and Julie Allen, Brooks and Brenda Bolton, Dotty Ritchie, Anne Wilson, and Joel and Cathy Glasson are regular members of the class as well as leaders, friends, and enjoyable chaperones.

The Joy class is looking forward to another year of delivering Christmas presents and wrapping paper to those in need, working with the adult members of the church on the Habitat project, planning a new mission project, and helping others here at home.

