Holston Home Invites Public To Join Christmas Celebration

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Nearly 60 boys and girls will celebrate Christmas at Holston United Methodist Home for Children and the community is invited to take part in all the festivities.

The public is invited to the Holston Home campus, located at 404 Holston Drive, from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday. People who attend are invited to take part in the Christmas festivities, including music, lights pictures with Santa, cookie decorating and face painting.

Many children have never experienced the warmth and love of the holiday season. But this year, a family of staff, students and volunteers will surround some of those children and shower them with love and affection. They will also enjoy meals and participate in some of the timeless traditions that make the holidays special.

"Some of our kids have never decorated a tree or lived in a home that comes to life at Christmastime," said Bradley Williams, president of Holston Home. "We want this Christmas to be special for each and every one of them as we create a home that celebrates God's amazing gift of grace and hope in his Son, Jesus."

Those interested in attending are asked to enter the campus at the Holston Drive entrance. People are asked to drive slowly, enjoy the lights and to follow the signs that end at Beacon School, where parking will be available. Guests can go inside and visit Santa and enjoy light refreshments in the gymnasium.

Williams said the most important thing is to remember the reason for the season.

"It's not about lighting up our buildings," Williams said. "At Holston Home our greatest hope is to shine the light of Jesus on the lives of those we serve and the community that loves us so well."

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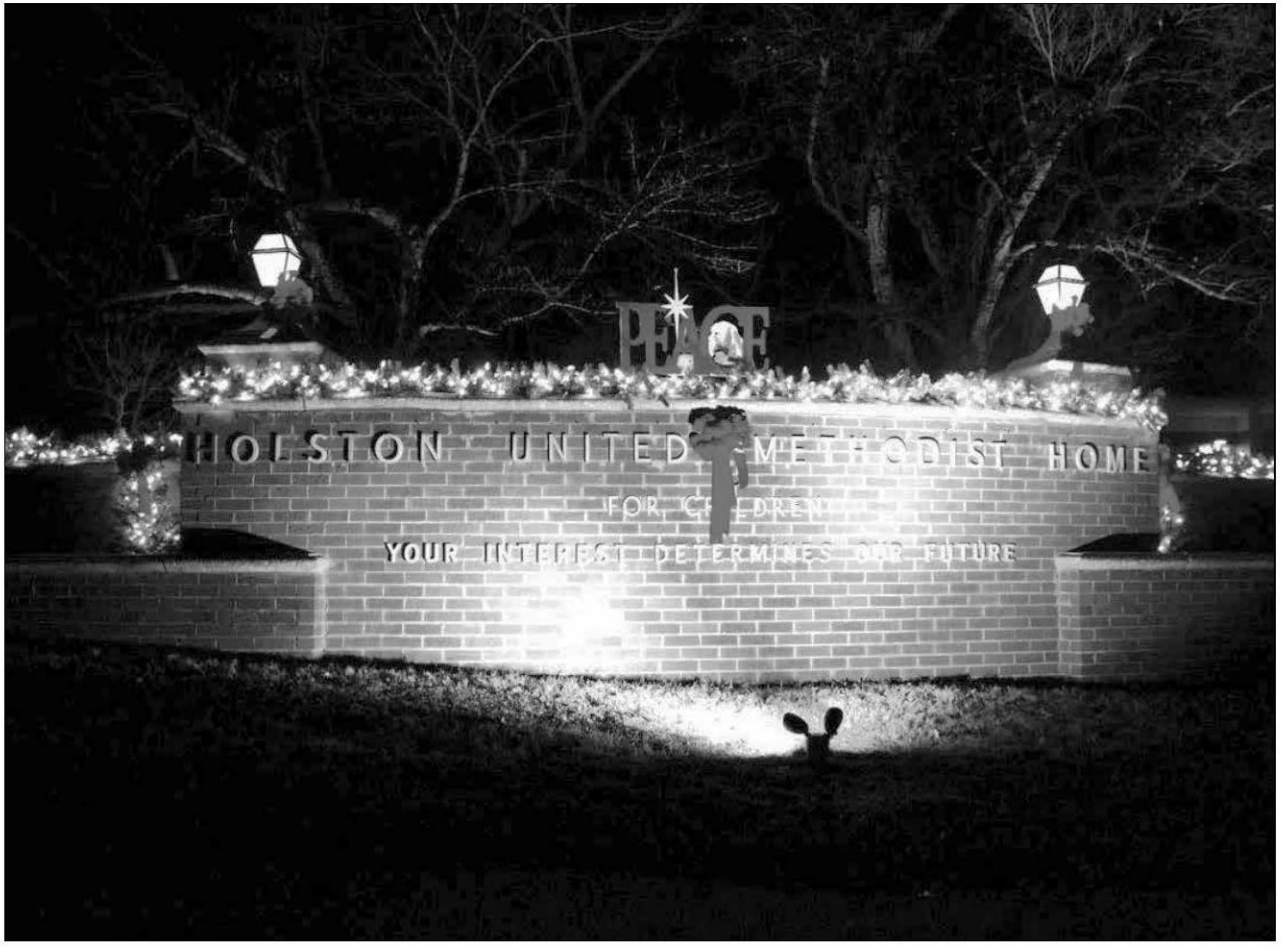


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Decorations brighten the entrance of Holston United Methodist Home for Children. The public is invited to come celebrate the season with the children from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday.