
September & October 2011



Children's Ministry

Welcome Back to Sunday School!

Wasn't summer great?! What was the most fun thing you did this past summer? Have a family discussion about your favorite parts about summer. And what you are most looking forward to this fall and winter. God's creation is amazing, not only in nature around us, but also in each and every single person. He has made us all well. We each have unique things we enjoy and special things God has made us good at doing. Let's bless each other by doing those things that God has made us good at.

We are all so excited to welcome you back. Last week was a fun time cooking and eating hot fresh donuts and "holes." Remember, God created us with a special spot in our soul that only he can fill ☺

Parents: watch for a table in the main hallway in the next few weeks to find where you can serve in Children's Ministry. Some spots to consider are snack preparation, teacher or helper in Children's Church, greeter (to get new families to the correct classrooms and then make contact through the week,) helpers within the classrooms, teacher-in-training, '30-minute-helper' - checking children into Sunday School each Sunday (or on a rotation.) Although God has blessed us abundantly with an amazing amount of people to work with our children, we welcome more of you. There is complete training for you in any area you would like to serve.

Please know that if you have a child that has special learning needs, we want to meet that. Let us know what we can do to help you and your child enjoy church and worship, and therefore, more fully experience Joy in God. Our desire is that you come to a place of rest and worship here.

See, call or email Kristi Patrick if you can offer some time to help in nursery or pre-school. Her email is k_langland@yahoo.com or phone 616.886.2632

Sara and John Sibble want you to watch for the VBS dvd... it is coming soon.

Check the back of this newsletter for important dates and upcoming topics.

As always, if you desire to know more or have questions answered, feel free to call or email.

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We want to be sure you have opportunities to serve Christ. We never want to forget to offer this opportunity to you. Here are some ways you can help.

Snacks to keep the kids content until dinner is served at home after church. Bring to the kitchen and label for Children's Ministry and put on top of the upright freezer.

Here is a little tid-bit. Begin thinking about the *Christmas Program*. Yup, I know it's only September. But believe it or not, the kids will begin learning the songs on October 30th! If you would like your child to be in the program (and know the songs,) they will need to attend Children's Church beginning October 30th through December 11th. The Saturday practice will be December 10th from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m.

Upcoming calendar events:

Wednesday, September 28 - Crazy Hair night in AWANA

Wednesday, October 5 - Western Night in AWANA

Wednesday, October 12 - Bring a Friend to AWANA

Wednesday, October 19 - Quarterly AWANA leaders Meeting during council time

Wednesday, October 26 - Watch for a special AWANA announcement SOON

Sunday, October 30 - Begin Christmas Program Practice during Children's Church

Each month pre-school teachers emphasize a specific Godly Character quality.

For September the emphasis is on Kindness and Forgiveness – Ephesians 4:32

The verse to memorize is “I can do all things through Christ...” Philippians 4:13

October's character quality is Self-Control – 1 Corinthians 9:27

The verse to memorize is “I am wonderfully made...” Psalm 139:14

**Children's Church will be teaching the same series as Pastor Paul,
“rethinking relationships.”**



Keep the leaders and teachers in prayer as they bring these messages to your children each week. We are blessed with children's teachers who are able to involve your kids in the messages. They use all five senses to experience what is being taught.

Coming in October, some of the teens will begin ministering through puppets, live music, skits, and teaching. This is an exciting addition to the Children's Church Ministry!

