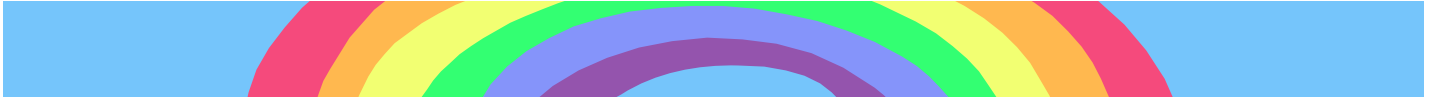


Sunday School Newsletter



This Month...

Welcome to the first monthly installment of the Sunday school newsletter. It is my hope that this newsletter will serve as a guide and communication tool to notify you of what is happening in the classroom, future events, and various mission work. Each month will have detailed information for each class including the theme, key verses and corresponding teacher. There will also be various articles from Christian authors and websites that will feature proven tips and hints on raising children who love and serve God.

As always, please let me know if there is anything that you would like to see added or changed as I am always open to new and exciting ideas.

We are also planning a strategic planning session for the Sunday school department on Saturday February 27th at the church. All teachers and parents/grandparents are encouraged to attend. Details will be forthcoming.

In Christ,

Tom Troyer

HIDE-EM-IN- YOUR-HEART Verses of the Month

February 7-

15 Watch out for false prophets. They come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ferocious wolves.

February 14-

16 By their fruit you will recognize them. Do people pick grapes from thornbushes, or figs or thistles?

Matthew 7: 15 - 16

February 21-

17 Likewise every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit. 18 A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, and a bad tree cannot bear good fruit.

February 28-

19 Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. 20 Thus, by their fruit you will recognize them.

Matthew 7: 17 -20

Just a Reminder...

When: Sunday school starts each Sunday at 10:00am sharp.

Where: We meet back in the main Sunday school area.

What: We begin each morning with prayer, followed by music and Hide-Em-In-Your-Heart. Youth are then dismissed to their Sunday school class.

Until: Each class will end at approximately 11:05am. A teacher will escort each youth to the main sanctuary for together time.

Pre-K Class—Winter Curriculum

JESUS Teaches Me to Be Kind

February 7:

Lesson 10: The Good Samaritan
Scripture: Luke 10:25-37
Teacher: Rhonda Troyer

February 21

Lesson 12: The Loving Father
Scripture: Luke 15:11-24
Teacher: Kaylee Jivan

February 14

Lesson 11: The Good Shepherd
Scripture: Luke 15:3-7
Teacher: Deborah Nold

February 28

Lesson 13: The Greatest of All
Scripture: Mark 9:33-37; Luke 9:46-48
Teacher: Darla Jivan



Happy Birthday!

January Birthdays:

Jan. 18th
Claudia Namenyi

Jan. 29th
Justin Csepe

Jan. 31st
Beth Schmidt

February Birthdays:

Feb. 4th
Alizabeth Troyer

Feb. 19th
Sara Nold

Feb. 25th
Justin Jivan

K-2nd Grade—Winter Curriculum

I Can be kind like JESUS

February 7

Lesson 10: The Paralyzed Man
Scripture: Mark 2:1-12
Teacher: Carol Kapusinski

February 21

Lesson 9: Jesus and Nicodemus
Scripture: John 3:1-21; 19:38-42
Teacher: Carol Kapusinski

February 14

Lesson 9: Jesus Is Kind
Scripture: Mark 1:21-34
Teacher: Carol Kapusinski

February 28

Lesson 2: From the Life of David
Scripture: 1 Samuel 16:1-23
Teacher: Carol Kapusinski

Learning, Living, Sharing

Proverbs - Chapter 22:6 Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it.

3rd – 5th Grade—Winter Curriculum

Follow Jesus' example to show God's love & compassion

February 7

Lesson 10: Jesus Restores Life
Scripture: Luke 7:11-17
Teacher: Valerie Csepe

February 21

Lesson 12: The Blind Man
Scripture: John 9
Teacher: Valerie Csepe

February 14

Lesson 11: Jairus's Daughter
Scripture: Mark 5:21-43
Teacher: Valerie Csepe

February 28

Lesson 13: Ten Sick Men
Scripture: Luke 17:11-19
Teacher: Valerie Csepe

6th – 8th Grade—Winter Curriculum

CRASH: Lessons from the Life of David

February 7

Lesson 1: The Musician-Poet
Scripture: 1 Samuel 16:21-23
Teacher: Roger Webel

February 21

Lesson 3: Leadership
Scripture: 1 Samuel 18:1-30
Teacher: Roland Schmidt

February 14

Lesson 2: Anointing
Scripture: 1 Samuel 16:1-23
Teacher: Tom Troyer

February 28

Lesson 4: David & Jonathan
Scripture: 1 Samuel 20:1-42
Teacher: Tim Webel

VBS-2010

I am currently seeking volunteers for this year's Vacation Bible School (VBS). I am looking for individuals to help in the following capacities:

- 1) Prayer
- 2) Decorations and Set-up
- 3) Community Outreach and Advertisement
- 4) Teachers
- 5) Snacks

- 6) Crafts
- 7) Games & Activities

The curriculum will be ordered sometime during the month of February and more details, along with a timeline, will be available at that time. If you have any questions, or would like more information please let me know. Please pray about this wonderful and worthwhile program as we seek to lead our young people to Christ.

6th – 8th Grade weekly chapter reading in the CRASH book

February 7— Have read Pages 39 (Dancing King) – 45 (End of Chapter 3)

February 14—Have read Pages 46 (Chapter 4) – 55 (Psalm 68)

February 21—Have read Pages 55 (Begins with "Ten Psalms...") – 63 (Psalm 109)

February 28—Have read Pages 64 – 71 (End of Chapter 4)



Youth from the 6th – 8th grade class enjoying pizza and snacks at the Troyer's during last week's overnighter.

Each one that completed their daily devotionals on time was eligible for the event.

We began the night by shooting hoops, playing dodgeball, floor hockey and scooters. We wound up the evening (and morning) with card games and playing the Wii.

Raising Christian Children...It's all about

- **Give them quality time** - More than anything else, your children need time from you. Viewing television together is a poor substitute for quality time with your children. Going to movies together is not quality time together. You need to be interacting. Quality time involves face time. There needs to be conversation and maybe even some laughter.
- **Lead by example** - You cannot expect your children to read the Bible if you don't read the Bible. You can't expect your children to pray if you don't pray. You can't expect your children to tithe if you don't tithe. You can't expect your children to love their neighbor if you don't love your neighbor. Are you following this? **If you expect them to live as Christian children then you need to live as Christian parents.**
- **Reassure them they are loved** - We have found that the simple yet powerful act of saying "I love you" often can make a huge difference. When a hug or kiss is included with the verbal reassurance of love a powerful statement is made. **Tell them and show them that they are loved as often as you can because the days slip by quickly!**
- **Consistently hold them accountable** - Children want to know that they have boundaries. They often test those boundaries. When your children cross the line that you have set you must consistently hold them accountable for their choices or they will become confused. **They need and want consistency.**
- **Teach them respect** - Teach your children to show respect to adults as early as possible. As they grow older you will need to have consequences for when they do not show respect to either their parents or another adult. If they do not learn respect at an early age it is difficult to teach as they grow older.
- **Share in meaningful conversation** - Your children need to know that when they are speaking, you are actually listening. They may not choose the best times to tell you about their day. Often you may be busy or watching a TV program. They need to know that they are more important. **Give them the time even when it's inconvenient.** It will strengthen your relationship and they will come back for more!
- **Love your spouse** - Your children need to see that their parents are in love. There's nothing so comforting and reassuring as knowing your parents are authentically in love. Boys will learn how to treat women properly, and girls will learn how to bless their future husbands. When Christian parents show their Christian children how to love their mate it goes a long way to authenticate their parental teaching.

Nothing shared on this page will guarantee that your children will mature from Christian children to Christian adults. You already know that Jesus desires a lifelong personal relationship with your children. It comes down to the work of the Holy Spirit in their lives and the choices that they make.

BUT, you do have a HUGE INFLUENCE on your children as they grow and mature!

The suggestions made above, basically all come down to having a great relationship with your children. Teach them how to love. Teach them how to show respect. Teach them how to communicate. Teach them how to take responsibility. **Teach them...**

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