

Children's Ministry

Summer 2024

Summer is halfway over for most of our kids and I know we are already feeling the pressure to get all the supplies and try to squeeze in the last bit of fun. For some of you, you may be ready to return to the scheduled and regular routine that school brings. For others, you are longing for more time with your kids before they get busy again. Wherever you are, I am praying for you to be able to capitalize on time with your family!

We are memorizing the books of the Bible for our July and August memory challenge and I cannot wait to start D Groups back in September and hear from your kids about how much they know! We have been trying to get back to some of the basics and helping to build a strong foundation for future years of your kids' lives as they continue to study the Bible. Another way you can contribute to this is by finding a catechism format that your family can connect with. Here are some I recommend:

- The Illustrated Westminster Shorter Catechism by Andrew Green, Sasko Nezamurdinov, Ben Preston
 - New City Catechism (kids & adult versions)
 - Faith Builder Catechism by Kevin Hippolyte, Jared Kennedy, Trey Kullman
 - Simply the Gospel's Children's Catechism
- I have copies of each of these in my office for anyone that wants to check them out before buying. These are all fun ways to work together as a family to add some Biblical foundations to your family worship time! Thank you for entrusting us with your children as we partner to help grow their faith! Be sure you ask them all they learned in VBS about how Christ is throughout the Old Testament!

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Memory Challenge

July & August:

Books of the Bible

September: John 1:1-5

Upcoming Events:

- D groups meet Sundays @9am starting September 8th
- Be on the lookout for a fun note from your VBS leader!
- New 1st graders will be presented their Bibles on 9/8
- Wed. nights start back on 9/11 at 5:30pm



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Here's a summary of what the kids are learning:

Nursery- Kindergarten:

July 14 - August 18: After three missionary journeys on which God used Paul to plant many churches and see many people trust in Christ, Paul returned to Jerusalem where he was arrested. Paul would eventually be sent to Rome as a prisoner, but this did not stop him from doing everything he could to preach the gospel and make much of Jesus.

August 25 - Sept 8: As the church continues the mission Jesus gave, it does so with the hope that one day Jesus will return to make all things new and put an end to sin and death once and for all. On that day, Jesus will fully usher in God's kingdom as all of His followers enjoy being with Him and one another as part of a new heaven and earth.

Sept 15 - We will begin again at the beginning in Genesis.

Elementary kids:

Sept 8: How can we be saved? We are only saved through faith in Jesus.

Overview: As Jesus began His ministry of miracles and teachings, not everyone responded in the same way. Some rejected Jesus outright. Others were amazed by Jesus but didn't understand Him. But some came to place their faith in Him and worship Him for who He is: the Son of God.

Sept 15 - Sept 29: During His earthly ministry, Jesus performed a number of amazing miracles. He calmed storms, healed sickness, fed multitudes, and more. Each miracle was done out of compassion for people, but also to prove that He is the Son of God.

WEDNESDAY

We start our time together again on Sept. 11th. Dinner at 5:30pm & discipleship at 6:20pm.

We cannot wait to gather for Sunday mornings and Wednesday nights in September. If you want to volunteer to serve in any of the children or nursery areas, please reach out to Ellen (ellenchandlee@gmail.com) Our volunteer calendar runs from September - August.