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W.A.B.C. Children's Ministry Newsletter

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Upcoming Events

- * February 5 New Christian Class begins!
- * Super Bowl Sunday, Special Children's Worship at 4:00 p.m.
- * February 22 Costume fitting for CPP
- * February 26 Lord's Supper Sunday
- * February 29 Crowd Scene Rehearsal for CPP

Connection Corner

Dear Parents,

As I was thinking about Valentine's Day this month, I had flashbacks to my childhood of white boxes of conversation hearts. I never found them particularly tasty, but I LOVED reading their messages: I LUV U, HUG ME, BE MINE. As a child I was sure they held some hidden message from the friend who had given them to me—whichever message was predominant in the box had to be that friend's personal message to me! Although I have now

long outgrown the foolishness of that presupposition, I am still fascinated with this little box of messages. Conversation hearts were texting before texting became cool!

As a parent, I now see a huge teaching moment in a box of conversation hearts. What if we viewed the messages from these tiny hearts as a reminder of God's love for us?

BE MINE

Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are **mine**. Isaiah 43:1

TRUE LOVE

For God **so loved** the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. John 3:16

For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹ nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the **love** of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Romans 8:38, 39

I LUV U

I have **loved** you with

Faith Building Offering

We will be taking up our Faith Bank offering on **February 12**.

Please bring your Faith Banks filled to the rim and be prepared to share in this special offering.

Construction is well under way on the new Faith Building, and exciting plans are in motion for new Children's Worship space, new Children's



ministry classrooms, and for a new Welcome Center. Please pray about how your family can give and take part in building this new facility debt-free.

Sunday School—Sunday Morning, 9:15 a.m.

Sunday School is such an important part of our growth as a church family. As we meet together and study God's Word, our hearts become knit in a unity of passion and purpose. This is also true for our children. As they begin to build relationships with one another in a small



setting and receive age-specific, Biblical training, their hearts become tender toward loving God, loving His Word, and loving each other. If you have never tried Sunday School, or your attendance has been hit and miss, I highly recommend that you

commit to attend every Sunday for one month and see how it can benefit your family.

"I'm a Christian Now!" Class
(for children who made a profession of faith this past year)

Room 403

Every Sunday in February!

Children's Worship—Sunday Mornings, 10:30 a.m.

This month in Children's Worship we will continue our **Zooplosion** adventure. *Lions and Donkeys and Ravens, oh my! The animals are the main characters of Zooplosion. Watch the Bible Stories through the eyes of the animals in the Bible and see how God always provides. Then we will see "what might have happened" and learn that things work out better when we follow God's plan.*

February 5, 10:30 a.m. service

Main Point: God Provided Jesus to Lead and Guide Us!

Bible Story: Jesus as the Good Shepherd (John 10:1-7)

Memory Verse: John 10:10

February 5, 4:00 p.m. Service

Main Point: Salvation Only Comes From God!

Bible Story: Stories of Jesus

Memory Verse: John 14:6

February 12

Main Point: God Provides Forgiveness When We Ask for It!

Bible Story: Prodigal Son (Luke 15)

Memory Verse: 1 John 1:9

February 19

Main Point: God Provides A Plan For Our Future!

Bible Story: Noah's Ark (Genesis 6)

Memory Verse: Jeremiah 29:11

February 26

NO CHILDREN'S WORSHIP so that our families can participate in the **LORD'S SUPPER** together.



Elevate Worship Team, Wednesday evenings, 5:40 p.m.

This month we will be working on the songs for **Zooplosion** as well as learning some music to potentially share in adult worship. Here is our schedule for the month:



We will meet on February 1, 8, 15, & 22. We will not meet on February 29 due to the Cookeville Passion Play Rehearsal.

Acts 17:28

*"For in Him
we live and move
and have our being."*

ROOTED — Children's Discipleship Class, Sunday evenings, 5:00—7:00 p.m.

Preschool TeamKids Schedule:

February 5

Classes cancelled. Please attend our special Super Bowl Sunday Service at 4:00 p.m.

February 12

Bible Story: David Looked After Mephibosheth, 2 Samuel 4:4, 9:1-13

Bible Phrase: Help God's people in need. Romans 12:13

February 19

Bible Story: Moses Taught the People What God Wanted Them to Do, Exo-

dus 19:1-20; 20

Bible Phrase: God will show you what to do. Proverbs 3:6

February 26

Bible Story: Jesus Learned at Church, Luke 2:40-52

Bible Phrase: God cares for you. I Peter 5:7

Bible Skills, Drills, and Thrills Schedule

February 5

Classes cancelled. Please attend our special Super Bowl Sunday Service at

4:00 p.m.

February 12

Key Passage: The Comfort Chapter, John 14

Bible Verse: Psalm 54:2

February 19

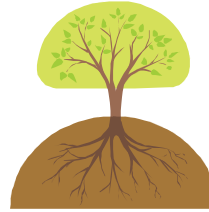
Key Passage: The Model Prayer, Matthew 6:5-15

Bible Verse: Psalm 54:2

February 26

Key Passage: The Birth of Jesus, Luke 2:1-7

Bible Verse: Philippians 4:13



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an **everlasting love**; therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you. Jeremiah 31:3

AWESOME

O LORD God of heaven, the great and **awesome** God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments.

Nehemiah 1:5

Come and see what God has done: he is **awesome** in his deeds toward the children of man. Psalm 66:5

I HOPE

For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a **hope**. Jeremiah 29:11
Now faith is the assurance of things

hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Hebrews 11:1

Therefore, preparing your minds for action, and being sober-minded, set your **hope** fully on the grace that will be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ. I Peter 1:13

ASK ME

Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. Matthew 7:7

If any of you lacks wisdom, let him **ask God**, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him. James 1:5

FOREVER

For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures **forever**, and his faithfulness to all generations.

Psalm 100:5

For great is his steadfast love toward us, and the faithfulness of the LORD endures **forever**. Praise the LORD! Psalm 117:2

Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures **forever!** Psalm 118:1

There are many more messages on these little hearts that can remind us of God's unfailing love for us, and many more verses you could share, but hopefully these will help you get started in having a faith-affirming conversation with your children over a simple box of conversation hearts!

Please pray for me as I pray for you!



Missions, Wednesday evenings, 6:30 p.m.

All of our missions classes this month are encouraged to participate in Children's Ministry Day 2012. Children all over the nation are coming together for a special missions project called, *Operation Education*. The objectives of Children's Ministry Day include:

- Helping children identify the needs of educational facilities,



educators, students, and programs in their communities and taking action to help to them.

- Encouraging children to share God's love with others by ministering through a hands-on project that will make a direct impact on their community.
- Promoting and supporting education while positively impacting the lives of educators and students for Christ.

We have decided to help the educators and children at Jere Whitson Elementary School. During the month of February, please bring one or more of the following items to your missions classes and donate them to Jere Whitson School:

Paper towels
Tissues
3-ring binders—1 inch
Clorox wipes

Cookeville Passion Play Schedule

It is not too late to sign up and participate in the crowd scene of the Cookeville Passion Play. Parents and children alike are encouraged to help paint the picture of parents bringing their children to Christ. You can sign up for one or both weekends, **March 23 & 24** and **March 30, 31, & April 1**. Here is a schedule

for costuming and rehearsals:

2/22 or 2/29 Costume fitting from 5:00—6:15 p.m.

February 29 Crowd Scene Rehearsal from 6:00—6:30 p.m.

March 19 Dress Rehearsal,



6:30 p.m. (You can leave after the crowd scene is over.)

March 21 Final Rehearsal, 6:30 p.m. (You can leave after the crowd scene is over.)

Please contact the church office immediately if you plan to participate!

It's a Girl Thing! Journey Weekend, May 11-12, 2012

What is *It's a Girl Thing! Journey Weekend*?

A relationship building weekend where memories will be made for mothers and daughters that will last a lifetime!

The weekend will be fun filled



with lots of surprises...
There will be numerous activities to choose from:

Zumba, cake decorating, scrapbooking, reflective walk, spa time, Christian hospitality, archery, stitchery, candle and soap making, fun and games, and basket making.

There will even be a special Garden Party!

SPECIAL MUSIC and WORSHIP:

Jeff Slaughter - singer and songwriter
(You might know him best for writing all of LifeWay's VBS music.)

The cost is \$75 due at registration. If you would like to attend, please