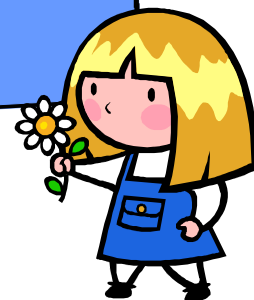




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Dear Parents,

I have become a huge fan of the school car line! No, I'm not delirious! This new and wonderful experience has become a time I look forward to each day. (For those of you who may not know, we have homeschooled our children for the last nine years, and this fall, our firstborn went off to high school.) The first day I sat in the car line, I was impatient—wondering how my son's day had went, if he had made friends, calculating how long it would take him to walk through those doors, etc. The second day, I took a book to read. What a luxury! 15 minutes of uninterrupted reading! On the third day, I decided to take note cards with me and write some long overdue "thank you" cards. I

felt so productive! Another day, I called my grandmother. What a treat! As I was praying and thanking God for this wonderful 15 minutes of "me" time, He responded with, "What about Me time? Be still and know that I am God." Wow—15 minutes of uninterrupted time with God! Why hadn't that been my first response?

As parents we tend to get so caught up in the scheduling and busyness of our days, that we often neglect to see those rare moments of quiet as opportunities for time alone with God. We think of 100 other things on our "To Do" list, and miss out on what should be our number one passion—time alone with God.

Your car line experience may not be the same—you may have younger siblings

vying for attention; however, the quiet moments are there if you will look for them. God always provides a way for us to spend time with him. Deuteronomy 4:29 says, "but if from there you seek the Lord your God, you will find Him if you look for Him with all your heart and with all your soul." As parents, the best thing we can do for our children is to look for God. Being aware of the opportunities He provides us to commune with Him, can only help us be better parents, better spouses, better people. I am not saying that these quiet moments are sufficient to replace our setting aside a time for personal devotions, just that our awareness of God's presence shouldn't end there. Let's seek Him and enjoy those quiet moments with Him today!

Faith Bank Sunday

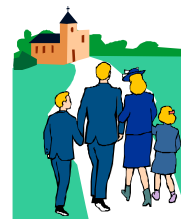
Our Faith Bank offering for this month will be received on

September 12.

This offering will be taken in the 10:30 am service during Children's Worship. (See p.2 for more details

about Children's Worship.) If your children have never received a miniature church bank in which they can save their pennies, nickels, dimes, and quarters, please let us know. We still

have several banks available.



Please prayerfully consider how your entire family can give to the Faith Building Fund.

Sunday School—Sunday mornings from 9:15 a.m.—10:15 a.m.

Come join us in Sunday School!		3 & 4 year olds	Room 304	4th Grade	Room 409
		Kindergarten	Room 408	5th & 6th Grade Girls	Room 403
0-12 months	Room 302	1st Grade	Room 413	5th & 6th Grade Boys	Room 404
1 year olds	Room 303	2nd Grade	Room 410		
2 year olds	Room 301	3rd Grade	Room 407		



Children's Worship—Sunday mornings at 10:30 a.m.

In September, we will continue our series, *Adventures in Science*.

[September 5](#)

Jesus took my sins away.

Romans 5:8

[September 12](#)

Through Jesus I can be a new creation.

2 Corinthians 5:17

[September 19](#)

Everybody is important.

Romans 12:4,5

I would like to extend my sincere thanks to Mike and Tammy Wiggins for serving in Children's Worship during our Adventures in Science Series. Please extend your personal thanks to them as well.

On September 26, we will begin our new series, **HEROES OF MEGA CITY**.

"Here in Mega City life is just like any other town, so long as that town has costumed heroes running about. Grab your mask and cape and step into our secret

lair as we fight injustice with the inspiration of the heroes from the Bible."

[September 26](#)

Heroes never give up doing good!

1 Thessalonians 3:13

We are currently recruiting for Children's Worship volunteers for 2011. If you would be willing to set aside eight Sundays to come participate in worship with us, please let me know! Feel free to talk to the Leafs, the Hawkins, the Montgomerys, and the Wiggins about their experiences this year!



J.A.M.S.—Choir on Sunday evenings from 5:00—5:50 p.m.; Drama on Wednesday evenings from 5:40—6:20 p.m. (Drama begins August 18th)

Our J.A.M.S. program is in full swing, but it is not too late to come and join us! Our elementary school choir and drama team is working hard on a Christmas musical entitled *The Mystery of the Manger*. As we are learning this musical, we are not just learning new songs to sing about Christ's birth. We are also learning about the facts surrounding Jesus' birth, and examining the evidence of His birth. Jesus' birth was the fulfillment of both promises and prophecies given to us in God's Word. The story of Jesus' birth is true!

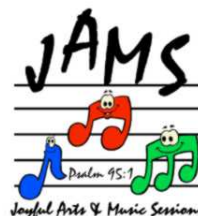
Our preschool choir, the Sonshine Choir, is also learning truth from

God's Word. They are enjoying expressing these truths through music. Playing instruments seems to be a favorite activity.

We invite you to come give our J.A.M.S program a try. Here's what our Minister of Music, Brian Tadlock, has to say about the J.A.M.S program:

The power of music is a tremendous force in the spiritual growth and development of our children. When children learn songs where music is combined with the truth of God's Word, music makes truth memorable, applicable, and expressible. Music

makes truth memorable—by teaching children Scripture and biblical concepts through quality music. Music makes truth applicable—by helping children understand and apply the texts of the songs they are learning. It can be done through games and other means that help reinforce truth. Music makes truth expressible—sometimes words and thoughts fail us...music lifts us to a higher plane. Music evokes a greater expression of praise and awe. We want to teach our children that music helps us praise God.



Discipleship Classes—Sunday evenings from 6:00—7:00 p.m.

Come join us as we dig deeper into God’s Word on Sunday nights.

Here’s a look at what our classes will be studying in the month of September:

The “Explore” class (ages 4—Kindergarten) will be learning this truth: *The Bible Teaches Me That God Keeps His Promises*. They will be studying the lives of Noah and

Abraham and memorizing *Isaiah 38:7* and *Psalm 145:21*.

The “Follow” class (1st—3rd grades) will discover that *Jesus Was a Child Just Like Me*. They will be taking an in-depth look at the birth of Jesus and his childhood, and memorizing *Luke 2:51, 52*.

The “Study” class (4th—6th grades)

will be studying the Books of Law. The *Books of Law Tell Us How God’s People Were Led*. There will be a special emphasis on learning the Ten Commandments during this unit.



Special Note: Discipleship Classes will not meet on Labor Day Weekend, September 5.

Missions—Wednesday Evenings from 6:30—7:30 p.m.

Mission Friends, R.A.s., and G.A.s invite you to join them each Wednesday night this month. Come learn how God is using missionaries all over the world and how He can use you! Missions meets in the following classrooms:



- 4 year olds—K5 Room 413
- 1st-3rd G.A.s Room 410
- 1st-3rd R.A.s Room 409
- 4th-6th G.A.s Room 406B
- 4th-6th G.A.s Room 406A

A special thanks to our older G.A.s class for their help preparing gift bags for incoming TTU students. TTU is a mission field right here in Cookeville, and these gift bags will help demonstrate God’s love to these students.



Mother/Son Baseball Game

Our trip on August 20, to Greer Stadium was so much fun! The Sounds winning 5—1 was just icing on the cake of this wonderful Mother/Son event! :





I cannot thank you enough for all your cooperation and flexibility last month as we began to utilize the new KidCheck system. The “kinks” have been minimal due in large to your patient and gracious response. Many visitors have already expressed an appreciation for this program, and we trust it will continue

to be a tool for both in-reach and out-reach purposes.

Part of working out the “kinks” includes making necessary adjustments to procedure. One change we plan to begin immediately involves Children’s Worship and Discipleship classes. Instead of moving the Kid-Check system into the gym, we have decided to keep it in the Welcome Center. Parents can check their

children in at the Welcome Center and then drop their children off in the gym on their way to adult classes and/or worship. We feel keeping the KidCheck system in the Welcome Center will be much more welcoming to our guests and much less chaotic for transition times. If you have any questions or concerns about this change, please let Jennifer Ledbetter know. Thank you!

Upcoming Events

Please mark your calendars now for these special events:

September 5—No evening children’s activities/Labor Day Weekend (Children’s Worship will still meet on Sunday morning.)

October 31—Harvest Carnival, 4:00—

6:30 p.m. Please invite your friends!

November 12—Father/Daughter Banquet 6:00 p.m.

November 24—No Wednesday evening activities/Thanksgiving Break

December 1—Special J.A.M.S. re-

hearsal for upcoming Christmas program. 6:00—7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary.

December 5—J.A.M.S. Christmas Musical presentation. Rehearsal at 4:00 p.m., Program at 6:00 p.m.

We hope to see you there!

Back to School Bash Scrapbook

