

November
2012



CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2
9:15 IN THE SANCTUARY



REHEARSALS FOR PRESCHOOL - 3RD GRADE ARE TAKING PLACE DURING SUNDAY SCHOOL AT 9:15 THROUGHOUT THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER. ALL KIDS ARE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE!



Elly & Brendan Uggen, Randy Boone & Chase Howard work together to tell the story of Timothy in Kids Worship.

Together We Can Do More!

Word on the Street

- * **Live Life to the Fullest Conference**
Featuring keynote speaker, George Barna and 26 other spiritual growth workshops
Saturday, November 3, 8:30am - 4:15pm
Honeywell Center, Wabash
- * **4th, 5th, 6th Graders Rake Leaves**
Sunday, November 4, 11:45 - 4:00
Meet in Warehouse for Lunch
- * **113 Moms**
Tuesday, November 13, 9-11 am
WFC Family Center
- * **American Heritage Girls**
Tuesday, November 13 & 27, 6:00 pm
WFC Family Center
- * **Children's Christmas Program**
Sunday, December 2, 9:15 am
WFC Sanctuary

God can do ANYTHING. There is literally nothing God can't do. He knows everything and He sees everything, and He is powerful enough to make anything happen.

Even though God is completely self-sufficient, He chooses to work with us. From the beginning, God looked for ways to work with the people He had created to accomplish His plan. God worked with Noah to build the ark that saved both people and animals. God worked with Moses to bring the Israelites out of slavery. And when Jesus stepped on this planet, He worked with His friends and disciples to share the message of God's love with the world.

Just like God doesn't work alone, God doesn't want us to work alone. God wants us to work with others, seek help from others, and be ready to offer help to others. This month's memory verse helps kids understand, "Two people are better than one. They can help each other in everything they do." (Ecclesiastes 4:9, NIV) When we don't cooperate with others, we will always be limited in what we can accomplish.

We aren't made to only work with other people. We are also made to cooperate with God. And it's when we learn how to work with God and others that, in His strength, we can do incredible things.

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PARENT CUE

Use these questions and discussion starters during meal time, drive time or bed time with your K-6 kids this month.

Question for Kids: When have you been part of something that was bigger or better because everyone worked together?

Parents share: A time when you tried to do something alone, but realized it would turn out better if you had help.

Question for kids: How would you grade our family's ability to work together? What could make our grade higher?

Parents share: Examples of ways our family works together.

Question for kids: What is a big problem in the world that cooperation could help solve?

Parents share: How cooperating made a big impossible project seem smaller and more possible.

Question for kids: When was a time someone else helped you and made things seem a lot better?

Parents share: Something we could do together to brighten a neighbor's day.

Each week at the check-in desks parents can pick up **God Time** for K-6, **Small Talk** for Preschoolers, and **Parent Talk** for infants and toddlers. These take home devotional activities go along with the weekly lessons and are designed for kids and parents to do together.

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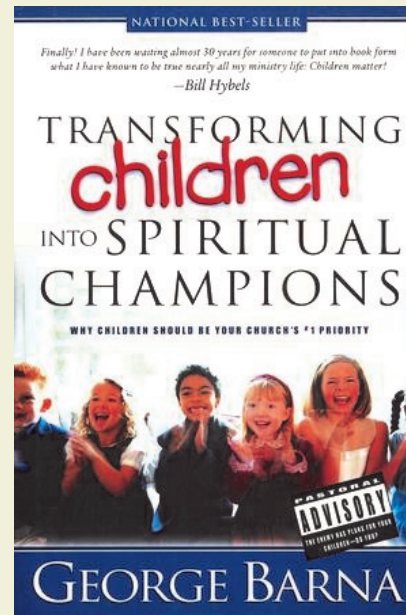
FAMILY MATTERS

Gather... Grow... Go...

I've been looking forward to the November 3rd "Live Life to the Fullest" Conference ever since I learned that George Barna would be the keynote speaker. He wrote a book about ten years ago called *Transforming Children into Spiritual Champions* that meant a lot to me as I was starting to work full time in Children's Ministry. From everything I had heard about Barna up to that point, I knew he was someone that leaders in growing churches listened to with great respect. So to hear someone of such influence in the Christian world say that "children need to be the church's number one priority", and to see the research that backs that up, Barna had my attention and confirmed my calling to serve kids and families.

Barna's thesis for the book is "that if you want your life to count for God's kingdom, there are many viable ways to use your gifts, talents and resources. However, if you want to have the greatest possible impact (i.e., to achieve a lasting legacy of spiritual dividends), then consider employing those resources in ministry to young people."

You can pick up a copy of the book in the church library, or better yet if you're reading this before Saturday, come on over to the "Live Life to the Fullest" Conference at the Honeywell Center to hear more of what Barna has discovered about strong families that grow deeper and stay together.



Nursery:
Infant - 2 Yrs

How exciting to welcome not one, but two brand new babies to the Greenhouse! Congratulations to these happy families.

Annabel Joy DuBois was born on October 26 to Mark and Abby. Her proud big sisters are Hannah, Ava, Mya and Cana.

Rowan Jesse Burnham was born on October 30 to very excited first time parents, Dan and Cara.



Preschool:
3 Yrs - Pre K



Preschool children are beginning to practice music for the Christmas program on December 2. If your child would like to participate bring them to Sunday School at 9:15 to learn the songs. See enclosure for lyrics and tunes to practice at home.

My First Look: November

BASIC TRUTH: God Made Me

BOTTOM LINE:
God gives me good friends.

MEMORY VERSE:
"Two people are better than one. They can help each other in everything they do."
Ecclesiastes 4:9

NOVEMBER 4:
David & Jonathan, *1 Samuel 18:1-4; 20*

NOVEMBER 11:
David & Jonathan Say Goodbye
1 Samuel 20:3-42

NOVEMBER 18:
David Helps Mephibosheth
1 Samuel 20:14-17 2 Samuel 9:1-13

NOVEMBER 25:
David Praises God
2 Samuel 6:5,14 Psalm 149:1-5

252 Basics: November

VIRTUE: COOPERATION

...working together to do more than you can do alone.

MEMORY VERSE:

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Ecclesiastes 4:9

NOVEMBER 4:

Building the Temple
Exodus 28:1,3; 31:1-11; 35:21,25,34; 39:42-43
With God, we can work together to get His work done.

NOVEMBER 11:

Joshua Wins the Battle Over the Amalekites
Exodus 17:8-13
With God, we can work together to help someone else succeed.

NOVEMBER 18:

Nehemiah and the Wall
Nehemiah 1:1-6; 2-4; 6:16
With God, we can work together to do what seems impossible.

NOVEMBER 25:

Jesus Heals a Paralyzed Man
Luke 5:17-26
With God, we can work together to change someone's life.



K - 3rd Grade

You're probably just putting away the Halloween costumes and overindulging in bite-size candy bars, but hey... it's time to get ready for Christmas! C'mon! The Children's Christmas Program will be Sunday, December 2nd at 9:15 in the Sanctuary. K-3rd graders are already starting to learn their music.

If your child would like to participate in the program they will need to come to rehearsals during Sunday School at 9:15 throughout the month of November. There are plenty of speaking parts for anyone who would like to have one. Children who would like to do a special instrumental or vocal piece as a solo or with a group should contact Ronda Dubuque (563-0635) or LuAnn Sparks (981-4080).

Part of the thrill of Christmas is in the preparation and anticipation. These next four weeks of practice are an opportunity for children to focus on the true meaning of Christmas! Pray that this time will draw them close to Jesus!



4th - 6th Grade



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4

4th, 5th & 6th Graders meet in the Warehouse at 11:45 (after 3rd service).

Lunch provided.

Taking the bus out to rake for people in our church.

BRING YOUR OWN RAKE.

Parents pick up at 4:00 at church.

FAITH STREET CREW

Volunteer Ministry Leaders

A few weeks ago Youth Pastors, Brandon Eaton and Brettan Cox, Daycare Director, Jodi Getz and I attended the Orange Tour in Indianapolis. Our day was full of speakers and workshops that challenged us to think about how we are intentionally investing in the spiritual formation of children and youth. We are excited to share some of what we heard, so we're planning something big for you in January. Watch for more details to come. In the meantime here are some quotes from the day that you can chew on with us...

"What we teach has to move from kids heads to their hands or it won't get into their hearts."

"Nothing can substitute for the physical presence of a consistent Godly adult in the life of a child."

"Start acting like this is something we're called to do not something we signed up to do."

"We have to think in a different way to build a bridge to the people outside the walls of our church."

"If you don't adjust the sails as a church you will become irrelevant, disconnected and ineffective."

"There's no way to make disciples without getting messy."

"What you do for a few has more potential than what you do for many."

CELEBRATING NEW FOLLOWERS OF JESUS!

Sometimes we might forget that the reason we do what we do is to introduce people to Jesus! There is no greater joy than seeing a young child make a choice to be a Christ-follower! We have recently had two young boys who asked their parents how to do just that. **Eli Boone and Coleson Kugler** are little boys with big hearts, full of love for Jesus. They are being nurtured by godly families who are making the spiritual formation of their children a priority. Please come alongside Eli and Coleson as a church family to celebrate with them, and to be part of their spiritual growth.



Chris and Kendylan Lochner share some treats at the LFDC Halloween Parade

LITTLE FRIENDS

Daycare & Preschool

Children at Little Friends will be learning about giving and sharing with their community this month. They will be participating in The Lighthouse Mission project to put together holiday food baskets for Wabash area families. Families are asked to donate boxes of stuffing during the month of November. If you would like to join LFDC in this project please bring your donations to the Little Friends office before November 19. That same day the children will be celebrating at preschool with their own special Thanksgiving feast!