

**Gethsemane
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Christ**

The ZONE Children's Ministry News

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Summer Vacation!

School is out and many of you will be going on vacation. You might get to go to the rivah', to the beach or visit relatives. Some of you might get the chance to spend some special time with your family at home. Whatever you do on your summer break, I'm sure you will have some time to relax and re-charge. Do you think Jesus took vacations? Definitely not like the kind of vacations some of us take with busy theme parks, waterslides or big, nice hotels. We read in the Bible, that Jesus did have times of rest. He often spent time by himself talking with God, His father, or meeting with his disciples, in between his teachings, performing miracles and preaching sermons to the crowds of followers. He spent time in prayer, reflecting on God's plans for his life. As I take my summer vacation, I plan on doing fun things and spending time with my family. I also want to make time for God. Time to worship Him and reflect on my life and how I, as a believer can serve Him and be a better Christian. We, too, can be "refreshed" by spending time with God, by worshipping Him wherever we go and whatever we do. I challenge you this summer to take time for God in your life, meet around His table, worship with other Christians in His house. Pray for God to guide you to serve Him more and draw closer to Him.

Blessings to your family, *Ms. Lori*

Coming Soon:

- Wk. 6/27-7/2 Lori at Oak Hill Camp 3rd-5th grade week.
- 7/11, 6:30 VBS Volunteers and Team Leaders meeting in Fellowship Hall.
- 7/13, "Movie Tuesday" Toy Story II Bring a snack! Preschoolers welcome with an adult.
- 7/18 VBS Dedication at worship services. All volunteers need to be present. Prayer offered for outreach to the community.
- 7/25, 5:30 VBS Kick-off dinner in Pavilion
- 7/25-7/29 VBS, Egypt's Journey from Prison to Palace
- 7/30 VBS Clean-up—All invited to assist in clean-up.
- 8/10 (DATE CHANGE): 10:00am "Movie Tuesday" in Kid Zone. Bring a snack. Preschoolers welcome with an adult.
- 8/29 FAMILY WORSHIP, Elementary children worship with their families, Toddlers & Preschool go to class.
- 9/8 FALL PREVIEW program—Be there to find out more details about our GREAT Fall Programs!

Vacation Bible School !

July 25-29

6:30-8:30pm

KICK-OFF DINNER, Sun. 7/25, 5:30pm

Register on-line or pick-up forms at Fellowship Hall bulletin board. Drama based VBS with COOL crafts too! Invite your friends and neighbors!

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End-of-School Lock-In June 18th





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 For more information!



Children and families are important here at Gethsemane. Our children's programs are designed for the child to be involved in a complete worship experience. Our mission is to serve by loving God (through worship and learning), loving others (witnessing and discipleship) and serving in love (through service work in the church and community). Through the love and teaching of our volunteers and the knowledge that parents have as the main spiritual teachers, children are guided toward a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. We are growing! As we grow, we are reminded that God "is able to do immeasurably more than we can ask or imagine according to his power that is at work within us." Please join us.

Sunday Morning Worship: 8:30 Traditional & 11:00 Contemporary. Sunday School for all ages at 10:00. During worship services, Kid Zone is offered for Preschool-5th graders in the upper level of the Fellowship Hall and Family Worship with adults and children held each fifth Sunday of the year.

FALL PROGRAMMING DETAILS COMING SOON!

During all worship services and Sunday School, we offer Nursery services for infants -17 month old children; Toddler Zone offered for 18 months-3 year old children, located in lower level of the auditorium. If you have any questions about our ministries, please call the church office. -Children's Ministry Team

Oak Hill Christian Camp SCHOLARSHIPS being offered for up to \$70 discount off a WEEK of camp! Check out **Oak Hill Christian** camp's website for camp weeks.
 *Write in "Gethsemane Scholarship" on the bottom of your registration and mail soon!
www.oakhillcamp.org



PROMOTION SUNDAY FOR KIDS: Sept. 12
Sunday School program for Pre-K - 5th grade.
 Hands-on Bible learning! Kids learn about the Bible by doing fun things! Come and join us for Sunday School soon! Sundays at



Immeasurably More Offerings in Kid Zone
 Keep bringing in your cups full of change! We have **two months** to raise **\$300** to meet our goal of \$1,000 by September! WE CAN DO IT!! You boys and girls are awesome!

VBS SUPPLIES Needed:

- Potting Soil (free of debris) several lg. bags**
- Watercolor paints (20 packs)**
- Lg. Rugs (for use in Marketplace shops, need 12)**
- Gold paint markers**
- Bags of rags/ old towels**
- Clay pots (borrow)**
- Markers (10 packs)**
- White felt (4 - 8x10 pieces)**
- Fishing line (heavy wt.)**

Family Worship Day!
Sunday, August 29th
(Kg-5th)

On every 5th Sunday this year the elementary children get to worship with their families. NO KID ZONE August 29th. Families should sit together and enjoy this special time as families worship together. The following tips may help maximize the entire family's worship experience.

- 1) Choose seats near the front or on the aisle so that children can see.
- 2) Encourage children to participate with the congregation by standing, sitting, praying, singing & giving an offering.
- 3) Use the special *Children's worship bulletins* and review them together at home.
- 4) Ask open-ended questions about the service during the ride home. *Note: Toddlers and Preschoolers will have their regular classes.*