

**Lakeland
Presbyterian
Church**

**Children's
Ministry Newsletter**

Summer 2014

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Stuff

- We raised over \$1,100.00 during our Read-A-Thon. This money went toward shipping books for the library at the CCM Trust School in Zambia.
- We read 64 books during our Read-a-Thon.
- Thanks to Fran, Colquitt and Jessica for conquering the art supply closet.
- Thanks to all who helped with the workday, getting the larger storage room, equipment room, and shed out back cleaned up and out.

Survey Says

Last newsletter I shared some findings from a survey I did with your children, mostly 1st-6th graders. I will share a little more from the survey.

All but one child indicated they believe that all the Bible is true. They all said the Bible is mostly about Jesus or God. Shockingly about 1/4 of them do not think Satan is real. Most of them believe they will one day go to heaven, and all of them believe that Jesus really did die on the cross.

I asked them "How do we get to heaven?" Responses were "by letting Christ in our heart." "Die." "Die with a clean heart." "We do right." "Believe in God and believe that he died on the cross." "Accepting Jesus as our Savior."

I also asked them "Why did Jesus die on the cross?" Some of the responses were "He died on the cross to save us from our sins." "Because he loves us."

"To save us from our sins so we would not have to sacrifice for our own sins."

All but one of them indicated that they learn more about God at church than they do at home. (Remember, if they come to church all the time, they may be here 5-6 hours a week; There are another 162 hours in a week full of teachable moments.) They also indicated that most of their parents **do not** practice catechism with them. However, some of them said you practice with them **A LOT!**

Again, they are learning **NOW** the foundation of their belief system. I cannot stress the importance of teaching them about God, reading the Bible, and talking about what the Bible teaches them in relation to what is going on around them (building that Biblical Worldview) everyday. Start early and stay faithful.

Vacation Bible School

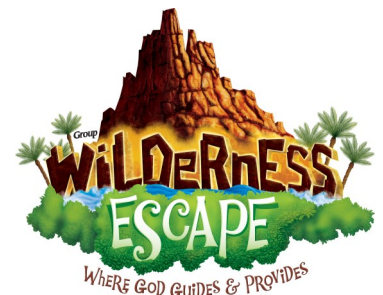
June 9-13 9:00-11:30am

Children four years (by 6/1/14) - those exiting 5th graders are invited to join us for VBS 2014. We will be exiting Egypt and traveling through the wilderness to the Promised Land with the Israelites. We will visit with Moses everyday, learn a little Hebrew

history, visit the Marketplace and of course sing

praises to God as we learn how God took care of the Israelites. Invite someone to join our Wilderness Escape!

Register at www.lakelandpres.com





Movie Night
Parents Night Out
Friday, August 22

6:00-9:00pm

We will just kick back and watch a movie in honor of the new school year. We will eat a little pizza & popcorn, and hang out in the gym. Bring your own drinks—labeled.

The cost is school supplies appropriate for an OCC shoebox gift.

Nursery will be provided. Sign up by August 20.

Summer Fun Parent's Night Out



Saturday, May 17

5:30-8:30pm

We will be outside blowing bubbles, playing with chalk and having fun on the playground. Then it will be inside to wash up and get ready for a picnic supper and movie, *It's a Bug's Life*.



Cost is something you can play with outside that fits in a OCC shoebox (ball, jump rope, chalk, etc.)



Kids need to bring a picnic supper, drink and a beach towel. Label it all please.

A nursery is provided. Sign up by May 14.



Art Camp
July 29-31
9:00-12:00

Join us for some creative fun each day.

Show off your creations at the Art Show and Reception at 11:30 on Thursday.

Cost is \$30.00. Sign up by July 25.

Space is limited. Ages 6-12.

Bring a healthy snack and drink each day.

Cooking Camp

July 16-18 9:00-12:00

Join Mrs. Victoria for our summer cooking camp.

Cost is \$30.00 per person.



Rising 3rd-6th graders only. Space is limited to 12. Sign up by July 13.



Church-Wide Skate Night

Thursday, June 26 6:00-9:00

Funtime Skateland in Pearl

Everybody skates for free. Just tell them you are with Lakeland Presbyterian. Invite your neighbors.

Mugshots and a Movie How to Train Your Dragon 2



Tuesday, June 24

Drop off: 11:30 at Mugshots

Pick up: by 5:00 at LPC Gym

Cost around \$15.00

1st-6th graders

Need headcount by 6/22

(time is subject to change)

Summer Sunday School

Beginning June 1, the 1st-6th grade classes will meet together for our summer video series. This year we will be viewing the What's in the Bible? Series. We will look specifically at the time of the kings of Israel, the time of the exile and the return to Israel .

Splash Park Friday, June 6

Preschoolers meet at the Splash Park in Brandon at 10:00 am.

Cost is \$5.00/person

Bring a lunch if you want, picnic tables are available outside the park.

Make a reservation with Tammy by June 4. Invite your friends.

June 17



July 1

July 22

Bring your children and let them play from 10:00 to 2:00. We will play inside and outside. Send a picnic type lunch with them and a drink — all labeled. Hopefully, they will come home tired and dirty from having fun. All ages are invited, but registration online is a must.

To register go to www.lakelandpres.com

June 17 **Water Play Day** — Swimsuits are a must today. Bring a towel and wear sunscreen.

July 1 **Red, White and Blue**—Bring your bike or trike and we'll decorate it for a parade at LPC's July 4th event on July 2.

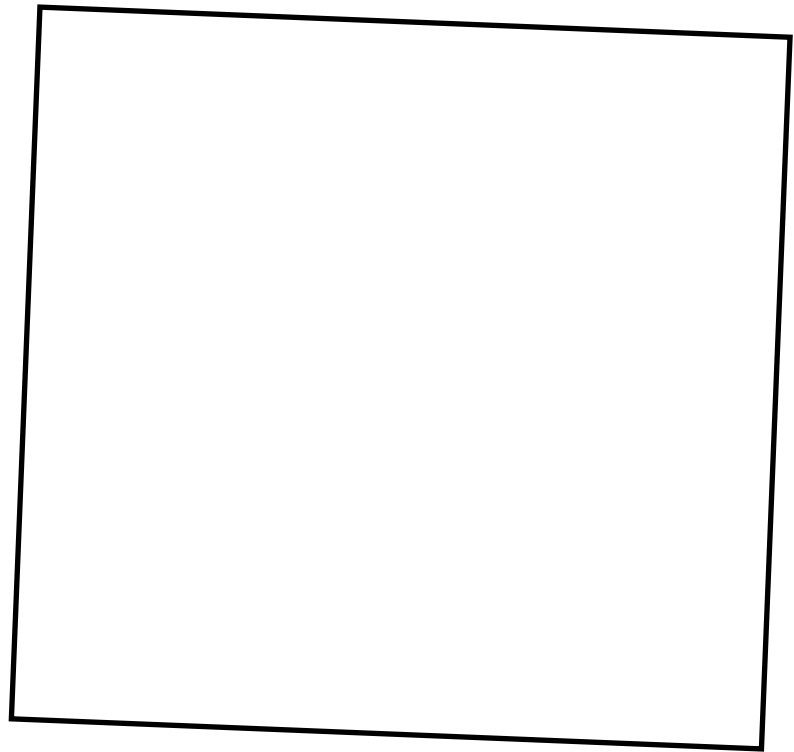
July 22 **Mission Minded** — today we will make Blessing Bags along with an OCC shoe-box project mixed in with plenty of play.

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Nursery News



Welcome

Cali Young born January 14

Allison Lane Rushing born April 7

Ruby McGuire born May 3

Camden Witcher born February 24

Oliver Santos born March 26

Nolan Duke born March 27

Liam Nowell born April 22



Our goal in the LPC nursery is to provide your child with a safe, clean, loving environment where they can sleep, play and have fun while they are away from you.

You should find all our ladies Lori, Jazmine, April, Pat, Kennethia and Monique very capable of caring for your children. When your precious ones are with us, they are in good hands.

If you appreciate them, let them know. If there

is a problem, let me know.

Monique and Jazmine are both graduating from high school in May and headed to college this fall. Monique will be going to Ole Miss, so I am sad to say we will be losing her in August. Jazmine is going to stay local and go to Jackson State. We hope she will be able to continue to work with us. Let them know how excited you are for this transition to the next stage of their lives.

Volunteers, don't forget to check in on Sunday mornings. If you have a "bad date," please trade with someone.

Please be mindful of our sick policy. If you do not have a Nursery Guideline Booklet, there should be some in the nursery rooms. **Illness is one thing we do not want to share.**

Nursery age children are welcome to join us for Parent's Night Out events. They may also join us for our Play days this summer. We always have a couple of our nursery ladies join us.