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Family Story Time



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My hope is to serve you and partner with you to love and support children and families to the best of my ability.

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Once a month we celebrate the simple gift of reading and discussing stories together. Everyone is welcome, from babies to grandparents! Feel free to invite other families who don't attend NFC to join you.

MAY'S THEME: HOPE

This month Alan and I have the privilege of meeting Anderson, the child we sponsor through Compassion in Honduras. I know we'll come back filled with stories of hope. I'm looking forward to sharing some of these with you and your children. We'll also read a few books that describe hope. What do you hope for? Let's read and discover together! Kids are welcome to come in their pj's.



When: Friday, May 27

Time: 6:30pm

Where: NFC Sanctuary



Stamps For Camp

Enjoy reading and memorizing the Bible together while earning money for summer camp! Stamps For Camp is for children in kindergarten through 5th grade. The program runs through May 31. Packets are available on the info center by the nursery bulletin board.

Verses can be recited and scripture passages can be officially stamped on Sunday mornings through May, in Room 111 between 8:40 and 9am and after 1st service from 10:10-10:30am. Up to \$35 can be earned towards Girls or Boys Camp at Twin Rocks or Day Camp at Tilikum.

3M-*Monthly Marriage Maintenance*

When: Monday, May 23
Time: 6:30-8pm
Where: NFC Social Hall



3M is a time for you and your spouse to laugh, talk, and pray as a couple. We also enjoy a good family meal for only \$5 and share a bit with other couples. Knowing you're not alone in the joys and struggles of marriage is a helpful tool in making sure your marriage stays healthy and strong. Please contact Michelle Akins or Steve Fawver if you plan to attend.

The Parent You Want To Be

Would you be interested in a small group parenting Bible study? "Parenting, The Early Years" by Drs. Les and Leslie Parrott is a 6 week course that focuses on the idea: Who you are matters more than what you do. It is based on their book, *The Parent You Want To Be*. The study will include video presentations as well as a workbook and group discussion time. Let Michelle Akins know if you'd like to be included in further planning of dates/times for the study.



It will take at least 52 volunteers age 11 and older to make VBS a success. Come be a part of children's ministries this summer. June 20-24 will be a blast!

If you are interested in helping at VBS, please contact Michelle Akins. Or check out the bulletin board by the nursery to sign up!



A meeting to prep and pray for VBS will be held in the Newberg Friends social hall on May 9 at 7pm. It would be helpful if all VBS volunteers would attend.

This year we are partnering with another "NFC" - Newberg Foursquare Church. Let's continue to minister to the Newberg community TOGETHER and celebrate God's faithfulness!

Counselors Needed!

Volunteer counselors for Girls Camp, Boys Camp at Twin Rocks and Tilikum Day Camp are a vital and necessary part of these camping ministries. If you are age 16 or older, please contact Michelle Akins for information on how you can apply.

Twin Rocks Girls Camp: July 2-8

Twin Rocks Boys Camp: July 16-22

Tilikum Day Camp: July 25-29

Tilikum Retreats

Tilikum has several retreats that are available for your family this spring and summer. The mother/daughter retreat happening May 6-8 will feature Michelle Akins as the speaker. Roy McConaughy will be the speaker at Tilikum's father/son fishing retreat, June 17-19.

Go to camptilikum.org to register!

Summer Plans For Children's Ministry

After much thought and consideration we'll be changing our "normal" Sunday morning schedule for July and August. Please read the following plan for children's ministry this summer and let me know how you would like to volunteer!

LARGE GROUP SUNDAY SCHOOL

During July and August of 2011, Newberg Friends will be providing nursery care during both services and incorporating 2-year-olds into the nursery. A preschool age class for 3 through 5-year-olds will be held in the 3's classroom during 1st and 2nd service. Children entering kindergarten through 5th grade have the option of participating in a large group class during 1st service. During 2nd service, children entering kindergarten through 5th grade will join their parents in the worship gathering.

Volunteers Needed:

- 6 weekly nursery workers
- 6 weekly preschool volunteers
- 2-3 weekly Sunday school volunteers

Finding 14-15 people per week is a big task, but it is definitely doable if we can find consistent volunteers. Perhaps you would consider serving in summer Sunday school 2-3 times per month. Michelle will lead the K-5th grade group every Sunday that she is here. Providing a large group Sunday school format this summer allows for children to have Christian education year round that is age appropriate. By providing these Sunday morning options, our hope is that you'll be able to make a choice for Sunday morning worship that best fits your family. As always, you are welcome to have your children join you in the worship gathering.

Michelle would like to have a summer volunteer schedule in place by mid-June. So please let her know quickly your summer availability to help in either the nursery, preschool, or K-5 Sunday school classes.

HOPE LIVES

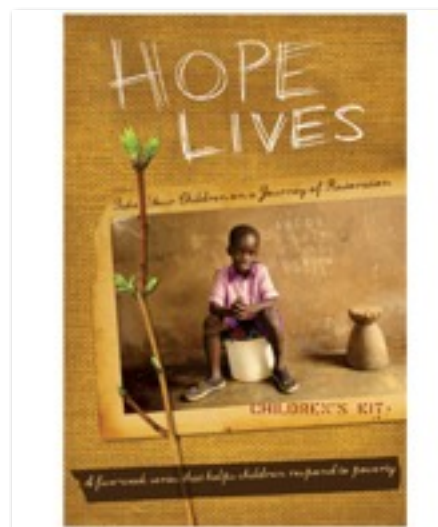
I'm excited to present the Hope Lives curriculum series to the kindergarten through 5th grade Sunday school class this summer. The following is a brief summary:

Hope lives, and that hope is personified in Jesus Christ. We can offer that hope to our world but we are also to help relieve the pain and suffering so prevalent in our world. So let's go on a journey together and take our children with us. A journey into the heart of Jesus. A journey that transforms hearts. A journey in which the words of God are proclaimed and the works of God are done. A journey of restoration.

Hope Lives is more than a group Bible study and devotional experience because it provides opportunities for kids to take this heart-changing information and apply it. Children apply what they learn through prayer, service, commitments, and relationships.

Lessons Topics:

- The Rich Young Man
- The Good Samaritan
- Esther
- Believers Pray for Peter
- Spiritual Gifts and the Body of Christ



Sunday Morning Schedule

Sunday School is during
1st service at 9am.

Nursery Care for babies
and children through age
2 during 1st service,
9-10:15am. Nursery care
also provided during 2nd
service from 10:30-noon.

Godly Play is for
children in Kindergarten
through 5th grade during
the 10:45am worship
service.

Children's Care is for
children ages 3 through 5
during the 10:45am
worship service.

Community Time is
open for you to gather
with your church family
in the NFC Social Hall
from 10 to 10:45am.

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For Your Calendar

- May 9 VBS Prayer and Prep Meeting, NFC Social Hall, 7pm
- May 15 Adoptive Families Gathering, Friends Center Gym, 5:30pm
- May 23 3M, NFC Social Hall, 6:30pm
- May 27 Family Story Time, NFC Sanctuary, 6:30pm
- May 31 Last day to turn in Stamps For Camp
- May 29 Church Potluck after 2nd Service, NFC lawn
- June 10 Family Story Time, NFC Sanctuary, 6:30pm
- June 12 Pre-Registration deadline for VBS
- June 19 Orientation and set-up for VBS, NFC Social Hall, 5:30pm
- June 20-24 Vacation Bible School, 9-11:30am
- June 26 Last Day of Sunday School/Godly Play
- June 27 Registration deadline for Tilikum Day Camp
- July 3-8 Girls Camp at Twin Rocks Friends Camp
- July 17-22 Boys Camp at Twin Rocks Friends Camp



3:4-5 Fun Night Memories from April

Thank you to the Swan and Koskela families
for making it such a great night and for
sharing your GAGA experience with us!

With a Grateful Heart

The other day at Women's Bible Fellowship I spent just a few minutes announcing our trip to Honduras with Compassion. I shared about the garage sale we'd be having to benefit the children sponsored there. Within five minutes, two women each pressed a \$20 bill into my hand and said they wanted me to use it to help support the children. The generosity and love that is within this congregation never ceases to amaze and delight me. Thank you!

Adoptive Families Gathering

Anyone who has adopted, is adopted, or wants to adopt is invited. We welcome families who have adopted both domestically and internationally. Our next meeting is May 15 at 5:30pm in the Friends Center Gym. We'll enjoy a potluck meal together and end of year celebration. If you have any questions, please email Melanie Springer Mock at mmock@georgefox.edu