

**May 2011: Children's & Mid-Kids Ministries Church Council Report**  
**May 23, 2011**

**Mother's Day:** As a "thank you" to all the wonderful ladies in the church from the children, special bookmarks were made and handed out during Mother's Day Sunday.

**Summer Sunday School:**

Summer Sunday will begin on June 5, 2011. Each summer, I try to coordinate the current VSB theme with our wonderful Summer Sunday School program. Our theme for Summer Sunday School 2011 will be "Good News Café – Celebrating the Festivals, Feasts, and Foods of the Bible". Each lesson will be a "stand alone" lesson to accommodate the traveling families who tend to miss several Sunday's or visiting families who only visit once during the summer. Along with VBS 2011, children will learn about the ingredients that can help them follow God throughout their lives. The children will learn about the Festival of Weeks, Festival of First Fruits, Feast of Trumpets, Feast of Tabernacles, Challah, unleavened bread and so much more.

Classes will be combined as follows based on the grade they just completed:

Group 1 - Pizzeria Kids: Preschool – Room 115

Group 2 – Snack Bar Kids: Kindergarten, 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade – Room 214/216

Group 3: Diner Kids: 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Grade – Room 210

**Summer Mid-Kids**

Beginning on June 5, 2011, those Mid-Kids who just completed the 6<sup>th</sup> Grade will move into the Junior High program as a way to get them acclimated to the Junior High level.

**Vacation Bible School:**

Plans are in full swing for VBS 2011. Volunteers are continuing to sign up and a meeting will be held on May 23, 2011 @ 6:00 pm to get everyone needed information so they can properly begin to prepare for the week full of excitement. We are still in need of volunteers for some of the classes, so please encourage individuals to volunteer. Whether for one day, or the whole week, everyone plays a vital role at VBS.

**Future Dates for Children:**

**May 29:** Combined Sunday School – End of the School Year Celebration – Room 214/216

**June 5:** Start of Summer Sunday School – "Good News Café"

**June 20-24:** 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM: Vacation Bible School – "Shake-It-Up-Café"

**June 25:** possible date for the Teen MOPS and VBS Picnic and Cook-off

**July 3:** NO CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL – NO WORSHIP EXPRESS

**August 21:** NO SUNDAY SCHOOL – WELCOME BACK SUNDAY

**August 28:** SUNDAY SCHOOL KICKOFF - All children will meet in Room 214/216 and celebrate the Fall Sunday School Season with a celebration.

**September 4:** Fall Sunday School begins. Since this is Memorial Weekend, depending on the number of teachers that are available, I may combine all the children in one classroom. I will keep everyone informed, but know that Sunday School for the children will take place.

**Mid-September:** Book Fair

Serving in Faith,

Shari Bittles

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