

What's New for Kids at Fellowship

Powerhouse Kids, a place where children are inspired to grow in Christ, and become followers of Jesus, will be making a few changes to our Sunday morning ministries. The goal of all our changes is to help facilitate a fun, learning environment for kids and a better place for teachers to serve our Lord Jesus.



In the preschool, first hour will continue to be Sunday School and using the curricula entitled, *Children Desiring God*. This is a great curricula that is Bible-based and teaches kids foundational truths that will lay a solid foundation for continued spiritual growth.

Our second hour ministry in the preschool will be called **Wee Worship**. Mrs. Laura Zacherl will be leading this music and worship time with our preschoolers, which fits into a 15-20 minute segment, that emphasizes worship, prayer and missions; using puppetry and creating an atmosphere with lots of fun! We will still be using DiscipleLand curricula and the children will have the same wonderful teachers.

In our grade school ministry, first hour will be **Kid's Worship** and the second hour ministry will be Sunday School. Both ministries will emphasize the study of God's Word, but will have different structures accomplishing it.

Kid's Worship will begin at 9:00 am. *A new change for parents and kids will be room locations.* Parents need to drop off their kids in room 118 in the Student Center (that's the old Sanctuary) and pick up your child in their Sunday School classroom (see classroom assignments in the next column) at the end of the hour or day. Your child will still report to their same teacher, but our morning will look different.



In Kid's Worship, the children will move from a small group time, to large group time and then back to small group time. All kids start off in *small groups*, reporting to their same teacher (as they always have) but in room 118. During this time they will be introduced to the topic for the day, pray together and continue to build relationships with other kids and their teacher. After small group time, all the kids will come together for large group. *Large group* will consist of worship, prayer, missions and the study of God's Word. Mrs. Sue Himmel will be leading the music, prayer, and missions part, with Pastor Lew sharing God's Word with the kids. After large group, the kids will be once again break up into their *small groups* to discuss and learn how to apply the message for that day to their lives and close with prayer. Each Sunday, children will receive devotional cards so they can develop regular quiet times.



Second hour for grade school kids will be Sunday School. As with the preschool, the grade school kids will be using the curricula, *Children Desiring God*. In Sunday School the kids will be engage in relationship building, praying together and studying God's Word with their teachers and class members.

In Kid's Worship, children will study God's Word by studying monthly topics or themes each month; twelve per year. In Sunday School the kids will systematically study God's Word. Having two programs approaching the study of God's Word in this way will provide variety during the morning and balance in our programming which should stimulate our children's spiritual growth. ■

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God's Valentine Gift

God's Valentine gift of love to us
Was not a bunch of flowers;
It wasn't candy, or a book
To while away the hours.

His gift was to become a man,
So He could freely give
His sacrificial love for us,
So you and I could live.

He gave us sweet salvation, and
Instruction, good and true--
To love our friends and enemies
And love our Savior, too.

So as we give our Valentines,
Let's thank our Lord and King;
The reason we have love to give
Is that He gave everything.

By Joanna Fuchs



Preschool Sunday School Teachers

Teacher for the Three-Year-Olds
needed first hour

Teacher for the Two-Year-Olds
needed second hour

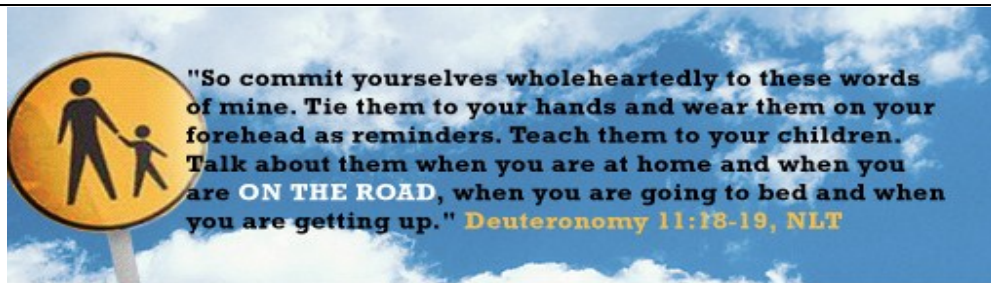
Resource Ministry Assistants

Two Assistants to serve
either first or second hour
on Sunday mornings in the Resource Center

Awana Ministries

Verse Listeners for 3rd-6th grade boys from
7:15-7:45 pm on Wednesday nights

To learn more about these opportunities,
contact Pastor Lew at (281) 482-0239 or
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Celebrate Spiritual Milestones

Marking children's physical "firsts," such as first steps and first words, is an exciting and memorable part of parenting. My wife Nancy loves to capture "firsts" with pictures, she's a real "shutter bug". Just as important, and just as worthy of celebration, are spiritual firsts, or faith milestones in our lives.

These milestones, or rites, help children know they're growing up, especially in their faith, as believers and continually reconnecting to God and their faith family, the church. Milestones also allow churches and parents to team or partner together to raise up lifelong followers of Jesus Christ.



Here are some spiritual occasions that warrant family celebrations, why not make them a part of your family, if you aren't already do them?

Salvation experiences— The day your child trusted Jesus Christ as their Savior can be equally celebrative as their physical birth. Remembering or retelling that day; the circumstances, what questions they asked, how they prayed ... all play an important part in their conversion experience. A hint, don't just talk about it on the anniversary of their decision. Talk about this important step often, recount your steps to faith in Christ too, as you talk about God's grace and the meaning of salvation it will become an anchor in their faith with God.

Dedication or Baptism— Because children are a gift from God, we "give" them back to God by committing ourselves and their lives to Him. By witnessing a baptism or dedication, fellow church members agree to partner with parents to help raise children in the Christian faith. This is an important day in the life of parents and also in the life a the child. Talk to your child about the day you dedicated yourselves as parents to God for the important task of raising them in Christ; so they too will become followers of Jesus. By doing this, it helps them to understand that you have an important role in their faith journey.

Receiving a First Bible— When children receive God's Word, it's like their very own special love letter from God. He wants us to read the Bible and apply it to our lives. Making a "big deal" out of getting a Bible shows kids how important the book is to their faith. When you have devotions with your child, use their Bible and train them how to underline important passages or verses they memorize.

Giving to the Lord, your time, talents and treasures— Celebrate the opportunity to give back to God. This can be done on a weekly basis. Connect it along with times of praise and worship and expressions of how grateful we are to God for saving us and giving us an opportunity to worship Him is vital. Talk about giving joyously to God.

Transitioning to the Preteen Years— Leaving behind grade school can symbolize that preteens are beginning to "own" their faith. Somewhere along their spiritual journey, they'll decide whether to draw closer to God or not. The great thing is that God is always there, waiting for young people to seek Him. And he's always there for parents, too, guiding us as we lead our children through faith milestones in life. Recognize their preteen journey and encourage them to talk about it with you and you with them. ■

Getting Children to Think About Their Own Faith Milestones

One of the best ways to help your child grow, understand and own their faith is to get them talking about it, especially "faith milestones", the important faith experiences they have as they grow up. Here are some suggestions on how to make this happen:

1. Ask your child, "What times or events in your walk with God stand out the most to you, and why?" Then do an art project together helping them make a collage that represents those important times and/or events and title is with a theme like "God at Work in Me!"
2. Ask your child, "As you grow up in your faith, what occasions would you like to celebrate, and how?" Then begin to journal with your child their prayer requests and dreams for the future.
3. Dialog with your child, about the ways their faith has changed them since they were younger? This question is more appropriate for older grade school children, but it is vital that you as a parent help them recognize these memory stones in their lives.
3. Ask your child, "What can I do to help your faith grow even stronger?" Remind them that faith grows stronger as we exercise our faith. You taking an active approach to helping your child grow and stretch their faith helps makes their relationship with God seem more real, personal, and vital! ■



Preparing Your Child for a Great Morning in the Nursery

We are so thankful for our youngest kids in the Fellowship family. Our nursery serves children from infants through toddlers. It is our goal to provide a ministry for our babies that is safe, secure, and full of God's love. To help us do this, we are asking our parents to:

- Mark all items in your child's diaper bag, making sure their name is on all items.
- Get to know your child's caregiver; building a friendship with them so we can team together.
- Make sure to give the nursery caregiver all the information they require to meet the needs of your child for that day. ■



VISION COMMUNITY Sunday, February 20th



All Preschool and Grade School Sunday School teachers, Wee Worship and Kid's Worship Teachers, as well as, Awana Directors are invited to participate in our monthly all church leadership meeting.

Vision Community a two-hour meeting beginning at 5:00 pm. It is a time where all disciple making leaders throughout our Fellowship ministries come together for edification, team-building and equipping; so each leader can develop the necessary skills to help fulfill the great commission, from Matthew 28:18-20.

Please contact the Fellowship Bible Church office (281) 482-0239 if you are needing childcare. ■

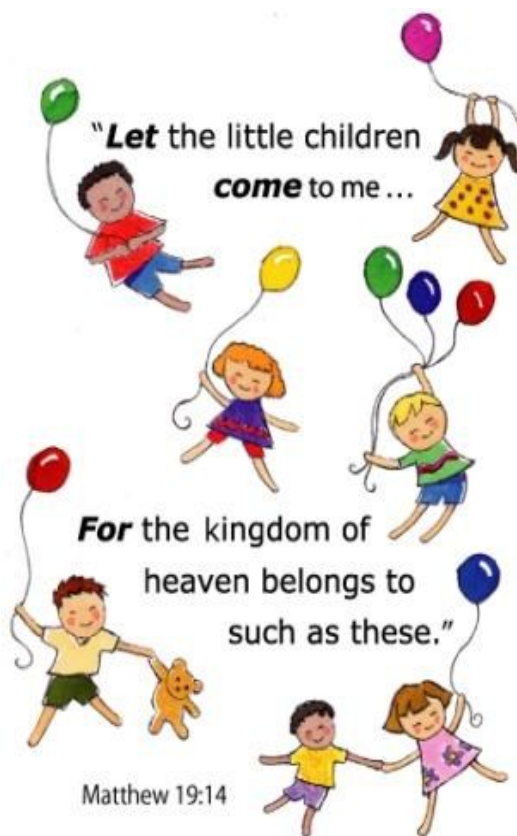
Sunday Morning Classroom Assignments

First Hour

Nursery I — room 100
Nursery II—room 105
Two Year Olds— room 103
Three Year Olds— room 104
Four Year Olds— room 101
Kindergarten— rooms 118/106
First Grade—rooms 118/111
Second Grade—rooms 118/133
Third & Fourth Grade—rooms 118/132
Fifth & Sixth Grade—rooms 118/125

Second Hour

Nursery I — room 100
Nursery II—room 105
Two Year Olds— room 103
Three Year Olds— room 104
Four Year Olds— room 101
Kindergarten—room 106
First Grade—room 111
Second Grade—room 133
Third & Fourth Grade—room 132
Fifth & Sixth Grade—room 125



February 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
			Awana 6:30 pm	Cub Scouts 6:30 pm		
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Worship Sunday School			Awana 6:30 pm			Awana Grand Prix Clinic 9:00 am
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Worship Sunday School	Valentine's Day		Awana 6:30 pm	Cub Scouts 6:30 pm	Awana Grand Prix Check-In 5:00 pm	Awana Grand Prix 10:00 am
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Worship Sunday School VISION COMMUNITY 5:00-7:00 pm	President's Day		Awana 6:30 pm	Cub Scouts 6:30 pm CMT Meeting 6:30 pm		
27	28					
Worship Sunday School Children Sing in Adult Worship						

Upcoming Events ...

- March 4-6 Ladies Retreat, Camp Tejas
- March 14-18 Pearland and Friendswood Spring Break
- March 31 Children's Ministry Team Meeting
- April 8-10 Awana Camp Out
- April 17 Psalm Sunday
- April 24 Easter Sunday
- May 25 Awana Leaders Appreciation Dinner
- June 20-24 Vacation Bible School



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