

# Powerhouse



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## Welcome to the POWERHOUSE KIDS Newsletter

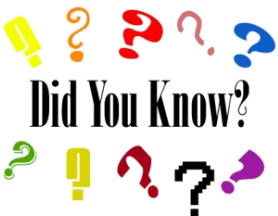
Welcome to the first edition of the Power House Kids newsletter for the children's ministry of Fellowship Bible Church. Our newsletter will be a monthly publication that serves as INFORMATION CENTRAL for everyone connected to kids.

Every month there will be biblical theme for the publication with articles written to inspire parents, encouraging and supporting Mom and/or Dad in fulfilling their mission to their kids. Our theme for January is on the subject of prayer — helping your child make prayer a vital part of their walk with God.

Other sections within the newsletter will cover upcoming events, important information for those serving in children's ministry, and a monthly calendar highlighting children's ministry events taking place during that month.

Our newsletter will be available online at [www.fellowshipbible.org](http://www.fellowshipbible.org) in the children's ministry section. The newsletter will be sent to you via email and we'll have a few copies available at the Welcome Center and in the church office for those needing a paper copy. For questions or comments, feel free to contact Pastor Lew at (281) 482-0239 or [Lew.potter@fellowshipbible.org](mailto:Lew.potter@fellowshipbible.org).

## New Name, New Face



### Did You Know?

You may have noticed that FBC's new name for our children's ministry is Powerhouse Kids. The name is description of what we want children to become for the Lord and it comes from Acts 1:8, "You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

Why does Powerhouse Kids exist? We exist to lead children in following Christ ...

- *by partnering with their parents,*
- *teaching them to follow His Word,*
- *and nurturing growth in their love for God and His people.*

Our purpose will be one of the tools we use to measure our effectiveness as a children's ministry. As such, we will be planning and programming with our purpose in mind, so our mandate is accomplished as we assist all those who serve to understand how best to work towards fulfilling our purpose.

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# OpenTheBook

**"Keep on asking, and you will receive what you ask for. Keep on seeking, and you will find. Keep on knocking, and the door will be opened to you."**

**Matthew 7:7**

God always hears and answers our prayers, though not always in the way we want or expect. Persistent prayer helps us build a deeper relationship with God, who longs to give us good gifts.

## Teachable Moments

1. **Mix It Up**—Prayer is never inappropriate, so encourage children to pray whenever and wherever they want to. Try praying together in a variety of ways, including kneeling, standing, lying down, lifting your hands, and so on.



2. **Echo Each Other**—With young children, pray aloud one brief phrase at a time and teach them to echo you. As kids gain confidence, you can switch roles and they can lead.
3. **Lighten Up**—Show children it's fun to talk to God. Allow prayer to be goofy at times. Try shouting or whispering a prayer. Use rhymes and motions to capture children's attention. Let kids thank God for whatever is important to them—even if it's a stuffed animal or video.



**"So commit yourselves wholeheartedly to these words of mine. Tie them to your hands and wear them on your forehead as reminders. Teach them to your children. Talk about them when you are at home and when you are **ON THE ROAD**, when you are going to bed and when you are getting up." Deuteronomy 11:18-19, NLT**

## Help Kids Talk and Listen to God

Helping kids grow in their relationship with God is a tremendous privilege for parents and those called to serve in children's ministry. One of the best things we can do to encourage kids to grow in their relationship with God is help them enjoy talking with Him.

Early in life, prayer can become a powerful way to help kids develop their vocabulary and grow in their vocabulary development. Between the ages of 2 and 5, a child's vocabulary explodes from about 50 words to thousands. And who better to talk to than God? Yet even Jesus' disciples needed help learning how to pray (Luke 11:1).



Here are a few simple reminders about prayer that are important to keep in mind as you teach children to connect with God:

**Prayer is an attitude.** God isn't as concerned with your words, as He is with the attitude of your heart when it comes to talking with Him. Praying continually means we're always aware that God is near, and He is able and willing to listen to you cry out to Him. We can sense God's presence with us no matter what our circumstances. We can pray about anything and everything, including the needs of others.

**Prayer is a routine.** Regular times with God help shape our prayer attitude. Help children establish "check in" times with God, not out of obligation but out of love. Pray with them, but try not to pray for them.

**Prayer is a first response.** When troubles and tough decisions loom, we can turn to God before trying anything else. Prayer should be our first resort, not our last.

**Prayer is listening to God.** Prayer is a dialogue that involves letting God speak to us through everyday life. Because prayer is two-way communication, we also should practice listening to God. Teach your child to practice silence when it comes to prayer.

**Prayer is modeled.** The best way to challenge your children to pray is by letting them see and hear you praying often. Regularly share with them how you see God at work through your prayers. Develop a family notebook of prayer that includes what you pray about, for whom and how God answered prayer. Review this often with your child.

Consider leading your child to be an earnest prayer warrior. Encourage and support your child by providing opportunities for them to make a difference in the lives of others through prayer; and as such they will draw near to God and seek to call upon His name daily. Remember, prayer changes things and if you don't watch out ... it might change you!

# Family Experience: Prayer Prompts

Use these prayer-related activities to help children become more comfortable with praying to God and hearing His answers.



- **On Target**—Using markers, have children draw a target with six circles. Then have them use pencils to fill in people and places to pray for. In the outer circle, they can write a country. In the next circle, they can write a family in their neighborhood. The rest of the circles can represent a friend, teacher, or family member. In the center, have children write something they'd like to pray for themselves. After a week, erase those requests and fill in new ones.
- **Rewind and Fast Forward**—Practice a prayer routine by having kids think back to the beginning of their day. Say: "Pantomime in fast motion all the things you did to get ready this morning. When I say 'freeze,' stand still and think about what was on your mind then." Repeat the game, asking kids to act out what they'll do to get ready for bed tonight. Say: "This time when I call 'freeze,' pray about something that happened today." Encourage family members to talk to God about their day every morning and night.
- **Still Waters**—Have family members spread out and silently read Psalm 23. (Assist younger children.) Say: "Choose one verse to talk to God about. Then ask God a question and wait silently for Him to speak. He may speak just one word or give you an image in your mind." After five minutes, share what you each heard. Remind everyone that listening to God isn't magical and takes practice.

*"It is better to take refuge in the Lord, than to trust in man."* Psalm 118:18

**Here are some discussion starters about the importance of talking and listening to God; why don't you ask these questions to your child?**

1. Why do you think God wants us to pray to Him? How often and how should we pray?
2. Does God hear and answer all your prayers? How do you know?
3. What does it mean to listen to God's voice? In what ways does God speak to us today?
4. What things should we pray about together as a family? How can we add more prayer time to our daily lives?

## Vision Community Meeting

Vision Community, a place where disciple making leaders come together for inspiration, communication, exhortation and education. Our first meeting of the new year will be **Sunday, January 16th from 5:00-7:00 pm**, please be prompt. All CMT leaders, teachers and Awana Directors are asked to attend. Pastor Lew will be speaking to all children's ministry leaders on the mission and future direction of Powerhouse Kids and our Awana Ministries. Attending Vision Community will improve your ministry serve!

## February's Movers and Shakers

During the month of February we are going to do a little moving and shaking of things up on Sunday mornings.

**The moving around** involves a few grade school classrooms. The change in classroom locations will begin on Sunday, February 6th.

- The Kindergarteners will move from 133 to room 106.
- The First graders will move from 106 to room 111.
- The Second graders will move from 111 to room 133.
- The Third & Fourth graders will move from 214 to room 132.

**The shaking up** involves both the preschool and grade school on Sunday mornings. On February 6th we will be kicking off two new ministries.

In the preschool, we will begin **Wee Worship**, an age appropriate worship experience for kids from three years through Kindergarten; which will meet second hour. Mrs. Laura Zacheral will be leading their worship time.

In the grade school we will be kicking off **Kids Worship**. We will be using a new curriculum, that will incorporate a new ministry scheme which will include: a small group time (relationship building activities, prayer and introduction to the lesson), large group time (music, missions, and message), and small group time (application centered activities).

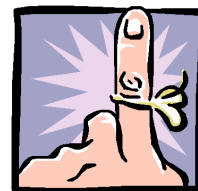
The children's ministry leaders and Pastor Lew are confident that we will see our kids continue to enjoy participating in our children's ministry and growing to be follower of Jesus Christ.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
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						Happy New Year!
<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
Worship & Sunday School			No AWANA	Cub Scouts 6:30 pm		
<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>
Worship & Sunday School			AWANA 6:30-8:30 pm			Childcare Training Seminar 8:00-10:00am
<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
Worship & Sunday School Vision Community 5:00-7:00 pm			AWANA 6:30-8:30 pm	Cub Scouts 6:30 pm		
<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>
Worship & Sunday School			AWANA 6:30-8:30 pm	Cub Scouts 6:30 pm CMT Meeting 7-9pm	Cub Scouts Pinewood Derby Friday night and Saturday morning	
<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>					
Worship & Sunday School						

## Future Events

- **Awana Grand Prix—February 18 & 19**
- **Ladies Retreat at Camp Tejas— March 4-6**
- **Pearland and Friendswood Spring Break—March 14-18**
- **Awana Camp Out—April 8-10**



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