

Worship Education Class

The Christian Education Committee offered a Worship Education Class for our 1st & 2nd graders. During this 3-week class, Susan Patterson led the children through the Order of Worship, The Apostles' Creed, hymnbook markers, worship leaders, places in the Sanctuary, the Lord's Prayer, different types of prayer (praise & thanks, confession & forgiveness, petition and intercession), Sacraments (Baptism & Communion), belonging to God and being a child of God.

Each week Hannah Brown, Delaney Davenport, Kyle McClelland, Farren Mills, Emma Claire Norris, Harrison Riddle, Jackson Tickle and Cameron Tyn-dall discussed many different parts of worship. They learned how hymns help us give thanks and praise to God. We placed pictures of the tools of worship (the Bible, pulpit, the cross, candles, candle lighters, offering plates, baptismal font, rose window, par- aments, and the communion table) in our sanctuary (safe or holy place) on a bed sheet. We made a hymnbook marker for each child's family to mark their ymns at the beginning of worship. We learned that offerings are not just of money, but are of time, talents and service. We read Mark 6:9-13 where Jesus teaches the disciples how to pray and how the Lord's Prayer differs and is similar to how it is writ- ten in scripture. We concluded the sessions with communion and baptism and learned that we ALL belong to God and all are welcome. God has a hold on us long before we are able to proclaim we belong to Him.

I hope this class has been beneficial to everyone. Remember, as followers of Jesus, we are called to worship. We seek to know God and realize God wants us to live in community with others. When we gather together for worship, we find strength as a people of God, and feel the presence of God with us. It is our hope that what your child has experienced in our Worship Education Class will continue to guide your family as you worship God together. Parents are constant role models and teachers of their chil- dren. Your child will continue to watch how you worship in church and at home. The lessons they learn from watching you will be much more lasting than those we have enjoyed the last few weeks!

Middle School Youth

The Middle School Youth will be helping the Wit- ness Committee collect soup and/or donations on Sunday, Feb. 4th after both worship services. Thanks for your support!

The Middle School Youth will be going rock climb- ing at The Climbing Place in Fayetteville NC on Sun- day, Feb. 11th. We will meet in the Harper Center at 1pm. You must bring your permission slip with you in order to climb.

Summer Sunday School Teachers Needed

The Christian Education Committee is asking for volunteers to teach this summer in our children's and youth Sunday School classes. Our teachers are dedi- cated each Sunday and deserve time off for the sum- mer. Classes range from 2 year olds and go through the Senior High Class. If you have a Sunday or 2 that you would like to volunteer to lead a class, please see Susan Patterson in the church office.

Vacation Bible School

The Christian Education Committee is ex- cited to announce the dates for Vacation Bi- ble School! We will begin VBS on Sunday, June 24th and conclude on Thursday, June 28th. Dinner will be from 5:30pm - 6pm and rotations are from 6pm - 8pm. The theme this year is 'Lift Off! Soaring to New Heights with God.'

The adult class will meet from 6 - 7 in the chapel. The theme for the adult class is "Lift Up My Soul: Taking Flight on the Winds of Faith." The focus is all about lifting our hearts and minds to God to learn about and live God's way. Everyone will learn ways to follow, trust, listen, repent, and serve God. We look forward to another terrific year of sharing, fellowship and learning together!

This year our VBS Director is Lisa Kimble and our Co-Director is Valerie Davenport. We are working hard to organize meals, teachers, storytellers, recreation leaders, music helper, decorators, snack coordina- tors and many other positions that need to be filled. We will have a VBS meeting on Monday, April 30th at 6:30pm in the Hobson Classroom. Please contact Lisa Kimble, Valerie Davenport or Susan Patterson if you would like to volunteer to help with VBS. Thanks!

Supplies Needed (VBS, KICKS, Youth Club)

We need **adult shirts** (T-shirts or button-up) to use as smocks for the children attending Vacation Bible School and KICKS & Youth Club on Wednesday nights beginning February 7th. Art is a vital part of these programs and we would like to recycle donated shirts to protect the children's clothing. All sizes can be used.

Baskets are needed no later than **March 15th** for a project the children will be completing on April 1st. If you have any baskets you would like to donate, please bring them to the church office. Thanks!

Exploris Museum

The Christian Education Committee is sponsoring a day at the Exploris Museum in Raleigh. Exploris is an interactive museum about the world. There you can discover connections between the people of the world through hands-on exhibits, cultural performances, programs and a 3D IMAX Theatre. We will share the wonder of the world around us together!

We will meet on Saturday, May 19th at 9:45am in the Harper Center. Tickets are \$5 each for ages 4 - adult and children 3 and under are free. Don't forget to wear your FPC shirt. Call Susan in the church office no later than May 1st to sign up and give your shirt size if you did not go to the zoo.



Annual Easter Egg Hunt
Our annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Sunday, April 1st from 3:30pm - 5pm in the Harper Center. We will have games, activities and bake cookies for shut-ins. Our Middle School Youth will be assisting with the hunt and activities. Mark your calendars and bring your baskets and friends!

It's a Zoo Out There!

The Christian Education Committee would like to invite you to go to the zoo as a family on Saturday, March 17th. We will meet at the church at 9am. Families can carpool if they would like. We would like for everyone to wear an FPC t-shirt, so please call Susan in the church office to sign up and give your shirt size. Cost of admission is as follows:

Adults	\$10.00
Sr. Citizens (62 and older)	8.00
College Students (with valid ID)	8.00
Children ages 2 - 12	6.00
Children under 2	Free

Hope to see everyone there!