

# January 2010

Pitts Baptist Church  
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**HAPPY NEW YEAR HAPPY NEW YEAR HAPPY NEW YEAR**

Parents and Students,

Exciting changes are happening in the Children's Ministry at Pitts Baptist Church! The children's worship team has prayerfully been working on some new concepts for Sunday school and Children's Worship. It is with great joy and excitement that I share these plans with you!

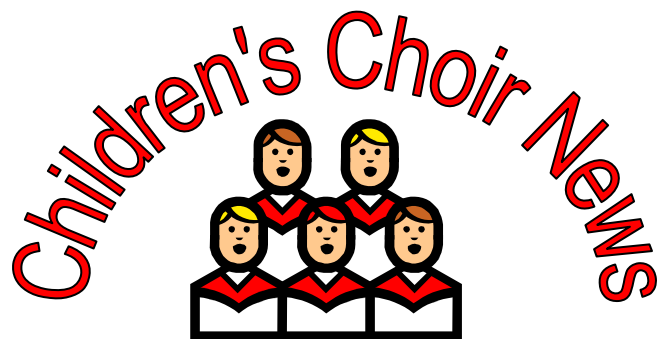
Beginning Sunday, January 10, 2010, all elementary age children will attend Sunday school followed by Children's Worship service. The schedule will be as follows:

9:00 AM Kindergarten – Fifth grade Sunday school  
10:15 AM Sunday school teachers will escort children to the Chapel  
10:30 AM Children's Worship for K-5th grades in the Chapel  
11:45 AM Children will be available for pick-up by parents

The ultimate goal of Children's Ministry is to train children to serve Christ by using the many gifts and talents with which they have been blessed. What better format than to offer them a personal worship experience with a specifically designed message to meet their needs and encourage their growth!

Thank you for your continued prayer and support of Children's Ministry. Please contact me if your child would be interested in participating in one of the special music or service opportunities. I anticipate the wonderful things the Lord has planned for our children in the coming year!

See the full copy of this letter by visiting the Children's Ministry website at [www.pbcweb.org](http://www.pbcweb.org)



*Sunday evening preschool and children's choirs will resume on January 10, 2010 at 6:00 p.m.*



Wednesdays  
6:30 pm until 8:00 pm  
Two years—Sixth grade

## IMPORTANT AWANA DATES

**January 6**  
AWANA resumes

**January 9**  
Bible Quiz Practice 9-11 AM

**January 16**  
Bible Quiz Practice 9-11 AM

**January 20**  
T&T Store Night

**January 23**  
Bible Quiz Practice 9-11 AM

**January 27**  
Bible Quiz Practice during AWANA

**TACKY NIGHT!!!**

**January 30**  
Bible Quiz Coaches Meeting  
Pennsylvania Avenue Baptist Church 10 AM



THE 2010 UPWARD SEASON WILL BEGIN ON SATURDAY, JANUARY 2 AND CONTINUE EACH SATURDAY UNTIL FEBRUARY 20.

THE ANNUAL AWARDS CELEBRATION WILL BE HELD AT CHARITY BAPTIST ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23.

If you are unable to fulfill your commitment, please trade with someone on the schedule and then notify Christina Brown.  
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# Thank you for serving!

<b>Week of January 3, 2010</b>	Sunday Nursery 10:15 AM		Preschool Worship 10:30 a.m.	
	Infants	Rowena Stype & Brooke Williams	Twos I	Tony & Sharon Cockerham
	Crawlers	Amy Borrás & Michelle England	Twos II	Bert & Joanna Loftis
	Ones I	Bill & Doris Price	Threes I	Dan & Denise Estes
	Ones II	Jason & Becky Shanks	Threes II	Teresa & Amanda Werme
	Sunday Nursery 5:45 PM		Fours I	Jeff & Karen Waters
	Rod & Cathy Teat and Chris & Kristi Teal		Fours II	Brian & Pam Kaler

<b>Week of January 10, 2010</b>	Sunday Nursery 10:15 AM		Preschool Worship 10:30 a.m.	
	Infants	Rowena Stype & Brooke Williams	Twos I	Christine Anderson & Jennie Phillips
	Crawlers	Amy Borrás & Michelle England	Twos II	Sheri Freeman & Heather Walker
	Ones I	Bill & Doris Price	Threes I	Steven & Amanda Decker
	Ones II	Mike & Doris Stype	Threes II	Jeff & Traci Ashbaugh
	Sunday Nursery 5:45 PM		Fours I	Steve and Traci Sweetser
	Dathan and Amy Hall		Fours II	Gavin & Melody McKinnis

<b>Week of January 17, 2010</b>	Sunday Nursery 10:15 AM		Preschool Worship 10:30 a.m.	
	Infants	Rowena Stype & Brooke Williams	Twos I	Eric & Melissa Morrison
	Crawlers	Amy Borrás & Michelle England	Twos II	Lewis & Barbara Oot
	Ones I	Bill & Doris Price	Threes I	<b>NEED VOLUNTEER</b>
	Ones II	Rick & Tammy Calkins	Threes II	Travis & Jill Rogers
	Sunday Nursery 5:45 PM		Fours I	Joe & Angel Britt
	Hayden & Emily Carter and Brad Cloys		Fours II	Scott and Amy Hornbeak

<b>Week of January 24, 2010</b>	Sunday Nursery 10:15 AM		Preschool Worship 10:30 a.m.	
	Infants	Rowena Stype & Brooke Williams	Twos I	Christie Norton & <b>NEED VOLUNTEER</b>
	Crawlers	Amy Borrás & Michelle England	Twos II	Evan & Suzanne Arno
	Ones I	Bill & Doris Price	Threes I	Chris & Gina Stonestreet
	Ones II	Natalia Caggiano & Jori Watts	Threes II	Bill & Shannon Nalbhone
	Sunday Night 5:45 PM		Fours I	Rob & Ashley Goodman
	David & Amber Gourley		Fours II	Miriam Lafferty & Tonya Cook

<b>Week of January 31, 2010</b>	Sunday Nursery 10:15 AM		Preschool Worship 10:30 a.m.	
	Infants	Rowena Stype & Brooke Williams	Twos I	Glen and Liz Tucker
	Crawlers	Amy Borrás & Michelle England	Twos II	Phil and Debbie Reel
	Ones I	Bill & Doris Price	Threes I	Diane Medlin & Mary Beth Medlin
	Ones II	Kim Loflin & Rebekah Bryan	Threes II	Connie Davis & Malinda Davis
	Sunday Nursery 5:45 PM		Fours I	Shawn and Stormy Thomas
	Elaine Miller and Joyce Seger		Fours II	Bart and Janet Borchardt

# 2009-2010 Classes, Teachers, and Locations

9 AM Sunday Service		
CLASS	WORKER	ROOM #
Infants (Butterflies)	Crystal Taylor & Lisa Carter / Trina Morris & Lori Myers	D 113
Crawlers (Parrots)	Heidi Fromke & Amanda Hudgens / <b>NEED TEACHER &amp; NEED TEACHER</b>	D109
Ones 1 (Bunnies)	Brian & Mandie Nance / Kelley & Courtney Willis	D118
Ones 2 (Kangaroos)	<b>NEED TEACHER &amp;</b> Ellen Allen / Amber Setzer & Amy Setzer	D 117
Twos 1 (Sheep & Monkeys)	Phil & Amy Bush / Randy & Becky Sims	D 115
Threes 1 (Turtles)	Bill & Kathy Nolen / Bob & Sandra Babb / Phil & Gail Smith / Sergio & Edna Vazquez	D 122
Threes 2 (Alligators)	Johnny & Alisha Carroll / Danny Brown & Jason Adcock	D 120
Fours 1 (Pandas)	Brandy & Stephen Best / Patrick & Sheri Waddell	D 107
Fours 2 (Zebras)	Andrew Wolterman & Crysti Yawn / Erikka Hanright & Nicole Werme	D 105
Kindergarten	Beverly Hardister & Karen Cloys	Purple Room
First Grade	Dale & Jennifer Prillaman	Red Room
Second Grade	Garet Ensley & Patty Whitener	Yellow Room
Third Grade	Chris & Melinda Edgerton	Green Room
Fourth Grade	Dustin & Andrea Keith	Blue Room
Fifth Grade	Dave Seger & Kim Seger	Orange Room

10:30 AM Sunday Service		
Infants (Butterflies)	Rowena Stype & Brooke Williams / Kim Ochsenreiter & Donna Wilson	D 113
Crawlers (Parrots)	Carol Rouzer & Anne Mosier / Amy Borrás & Michelle England	D109
Ones 1 (Bunnies)	Nursery Monthly Rotation	D118
Ones 2 (Kangaroos)	Nursery Monthly Rotation	D 117
Twos 1 (Sheep)	Preschool Worship Monthly Rotation	D 115
Twos 2 (Monkeys)	Preschool Worship Monthly Rotation	D 111
Threes 1 (Turtles)	Preschool Worship Monthly Rotation	D 122
Threes 2 (Alligators)	Preschool Worship Monthly Rotation	D 120
Fours 1 (Pandas)	Preschool Worship Monthly Rotation	D 107
Fours 2 (Zebras)	Preschool Worship Monthly Rotation	D 105
New Christian's Class	Melody McKinnis & Tracey Anderson	Blue Room
Kindergarten - Fifth Grades	TOTAL Children's Worship	The Chapel

**If you can meet a need, please contact Christina Brown.  
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# January

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<u>Sunday Mornings</u> 9 AM Sunday school 10: 30 AM Preschool & Children's Worship	<u>Sunday Evenings</u> 6-7:15 Children/ Preschool Choirs	<u>Wednesday Evenings</u> 6-8:00 AWANA Two years—Sixth Grades			1 <b>HAPPY NEW YEAR</b> Church Office Closed	2 9 AM Upward Begins
3 No Preschool or Children's Choirs	4	5	6 <b>Awana</b>	7	8	9 9 AM Upward 9 AM BQ Practice
10	11	12	13 <b>Awana</b>	14	15	16 9 AM Upward 9 AM BQ Practice
17	18 <b>No School</b>	19	20 <b>Awana</b> T&T Store Night	21 <b>No School</b>	22 <b>No School</b>	23 9 AM Upward 9 AM BQ Practice
24	25	26	27 <b>Awana</b> Tacky Night	28	29	30 9 AM Upward 10 AM BQ Coaches Mtg @ Penn. Ave.
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# Happy Birthday



## January 1

Andrew Cook

## January 4

Meg Rhoney  
Allyson Walker

## January 5

Ariel Loftis

## January 6

Michael Biggs  
Ella Loftis  
Kayla Loftis

## January 7

Emily Williams

## January 11

Morgan Cockerham  
Kristen Munn

## January 12

Brianna Arrowood

## January 15

Rachael Sweetser

## January 18

Britton Dover

## January 22

Samantha Carter

## January 23

Isabella Caggiano

## January 24

Christopher Anderson

## January 25

Elizabeth Coble

## January 27

Benjamin Lafferty

## January 31

Brandon Rojas



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## How to Handle Doubt & Questions

"Doubts are the ants in the pants of faith," wrote Frederick Buechner. "They keep it awake and moving." This runs contrary to most people's assumptions about doubt—that questioning your faith proves you're a weak Christian. But when we have doubts about something, we're forced to examine its truthfulness and consider how much of ourselves we wish to invest in it. If we (and our children) are going to truly own our beliefs, we must critically evaluate them first.

Teaching your children that it's okay to express doubts and ask questions is crucial for their faith development. "When the doubts get ignored, it could eventually result in serious skepticism of one's worldview and personal faith," says professor Dean Hardy. Use these tips to help kids wonder and open up:

**Don't feel threatened when children want to ask questions.** These queries help kids verbalize their doubts. View tough questions not as a sign of rebellion but as opportunities to teach and learn.



**Listen intently, and don't shame kids for asking questions.** Reflect on what children say and affirm their feelings with phrases such as "You seem afraid" or "You look like you have a question."

**Make your family a "safe zone."** Foster attitudes that say it's okay to question and doubt. That will encourage children to feel free to think critically and explore honestly.

### When Doubts Arise

In *Already Gone: Why Your Kids Will Quit Church and What You Can Do About It* (Master Books), Ken Ham and Britt Beemer explore the epidemic of young people leaving the traditional church in droves. They cite a George Barna study showing that 61% of young adults had been churched at one point during their teen years but are now spiritually disengaged. They also discovered that of young adults who no longer believe that all the Bible accounts are true:

- 40% first had doubts in middle school.
- 44% first had doubts in high school.
- 11% first had doubts in college.

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### Ask God:

1. To help your children know it's okay to have questions.
2. To help you be a good listener when kids share their doubts.
3. To reassure your whole family of God's presence and love.

### Parenting Insights

These age-level insights from *Children's Ministry Magazine* track how young Christians' thoughts and questions change over time.

#### Ages 3 to 5

Older preschoolers begin to ask "why?" and "how?" Miracles, symbolism, and God's nonphysical nature are often confusing for kids this age. Answer their questions simply with words that mean exactly what they say.

#### Ages 6 to 8

Children this age begin to distinguish between fantasy and reality and begin to use logical thinking. Give them answers that allow them to use these skills; otherwise, they'll get frustrated.

#### Ages 9 to 12

Older children tend to question some basic beliefs they previously accepted. They want to explore an issue from many perspectives. Share your own doubts and help kids find a niche to put their faith into action.

## OpenTheBook

**"You believe because you have seen me. Blessed are those who believe without seeing me."  
John 20:29**

Jesus said these words to "Doubting Thomas," the disciple who wouldn't believe that Jesus rose unless he saw and touched him. When our faith is unsteady, we can find answers in God's Word.

### Teachable Moments

1. **Establish the Bible as the authority for truth.** Affirm that whatever God's Word says has either happened or will happen. Tell Bible accounts with enthusiasm so your children will believe them, too.



2. **Let your children know that you also doubt sometimes.** Share the ways that your faith is a work in progress. Tell how God has worked in your life today. Be an example of how to grow through positive doubting.
3. **Celebrate your children's faith journeys.** Recognize that kids' images of God expand as they struggle with life's complexities. Accept their immature perceptions and challenge them as their ability to think abstractly develops. Mark important milestones such as baptism, first Bible, Sunday school promotion, confirmation, etc.



**"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**

**Support children's faith development by talking to them about their doubts and questions. Start by asking:**

1. How much proof or evidence do you need before you believe something or someone?
2. What things about God and the Bible are hardest for you to believe, and why?
3. Why do you think God asks us to believe without visual "proof"?
4. How might doubts and questions actually make our faith stronger?

## Family Experience: Faith Adventures

**Many people in the Bible struggled with doubt. Use these experiences from Group's *Hands-On Bible* to explore faith.**

- **What You Know**—Read aloud John 20:24-31 to meet a doubting disciple. Then say: "When you have doubts, it's helpful to separate what you *know* from what you *feel*. For example, you may doubt that God loves you because you didn't make the soccer team. You feel alone and unloved. But the Bible says that God loves you and that he'll take care of you. Because the Bible says it, you know it's true, even if it doesn't feel that way right now."

Together, divide a sheet of poster board into two columns. Label one "What I Feel" and the other "What I Know." List some feelings, and across from each feeling, write a Bible verse in response. For example, across from "loneliness" you can write "God is with me. Matthew 28:20." Use a Bible index to help you find relevant passages.



- **Childlike Faith**—Say: "When you were littler, you trusted your parents about everything. Jesus says everyone should have faith like little kids—even grown-ups! We *all* need Jesus, *all* the time." Read aloud Luke 18:15-17. Then make something to remind you that Jesus wants you to trust him the same way little kids trust their parents. Have each family member draw a heart on a piece of construction paper. Write "Jesus" inside it. To the left, tape a picture of when you were little. To the right, tape a recent picture of yourself. Decorate and hang the paper as a reminder of your faith.



## What's Playing at the Movies

**Movie:** *The Tooth Fairy* (Jan. 22)

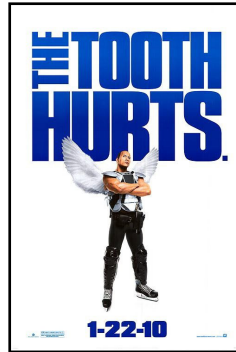
**Genre:** Family comedy

**Rating:** PG

**Cast:** Dwayne Johnson, Ashley Judd, Julie Andrews

**Synopsis:** A tough minor-league hockey player with a reputation for doing facial damage to opponents gets busted for some insensitive comments to a child. His lousy attitude earns him a sentence working for a week as a real-life tooth fairy. After getting used to his new role, he starts to rediscover some of his own long-lost dreams.

**Discussion Questions:** What type of attitude do you usually have? Think of a time you've hurt someone with your words: Were you able to undo the damage? If so, how? Read aloud Matthew 18:4. What does it mean to have a childlike faith?



## What Music Is Releasing

**Artist:** Katharine McPhee

**Album:** *Unbroken*

**Artist Info:** This 25-year-old pop singer was the runner-up on *American Idol* season five. Her self-titled debut album reached number two on the Billboard top 200 chart. McPhee has been upfront about her struggle with bulimia.

**Summary:** McPhee's sophomore album highlights her versatile, elegant vocal style. Several songs deal with broken relationships. In the first single, "Had It All," McPhee sings, "Why did I believe that little voice that led me down the path to this bad choice? Why don't I listen to the angels when they sing?"

**Discussion Questions:** How aware are you each day of your conscience? How much do you rely on it to help you choose between right and wrong? Read aloud 1 Kings 19:11-13. How and when does God speak to you? When are you most likely to listen to him?



## What Games Are Out

Title	Content	Rating & Platform
<i>Ultimate I Spy</i>	Players navigate 3D screens to solve riddles and complete puzzles.	E; Wii
<i>Professor Layton and the Diabolical Box</i>	In this adventure game, players can work on more than 150 logic puzzles. Clues help players solve a mystery.	E10+; Nintendo DS
<i>James Cameron's Avatar: The Game</i>	This shoot-'em-up fantasy game offers a prequel version of the hit movie, introducing the alien moon Pandora. Contains non-bloody combat violence.	T; PSP

**RATINGS:** EC=Early Childhood, E=Everyone (ages 6+), E10+ (ages 10+), T=Teen (ages 13+)



## Culture & Trends

**What's happening right now that may affect your children and family:**

- "Helicopter parents" who are overinvolved with their children's lives face a growing backlash. Kids grow best when parents let go, experts say.
- The recession is slowing such "hyperparenting." One-third of parents say they've had to cut their children's extracurricular activities—and most families admit they like the results.

(CBS News Poll)

## Quick Stats

- An estimated 13% of U.S. children walk or bike to school these days, compared to more than 50% of children 40 years ago.
- A study shows that children burn about three times more calories playing some exercise-oriented video games than they do just sitting on the couch watching television.

(USA Today)



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### Preschool and Children's Worker Assignments



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## Children's Weekly Service Schedule

### Sunday Morning

**9:00 a.m.—10:15 a.m.**

- Sunday School for ages 6 wks—Preschoolers in the Preschool Building
- Sunday School for Kindergarten—5th grades in the ROCK Children's Wing

**10:30 a.m.—11:45 a.m.**

- Nursery (Six weeks—one year) in the Preschool Building
- Preschool Worship (Two year olds—Pre K) in the Preschool Building
- T.O.T.A.L. Children's Worship (Kindergarten—Fifth Grades) in the Chapel

### Sunday Evening

**6:00 p.m.—7:15 p.m.**

Joy Jammers Choir: Three years (by August 31, 2009) - Kindergarten in the Preschool Building  
Harmonic Hearts Children's Choir: First—Fifth Grades in the CORE Activity Room

### Wednesday Evening

**6:15 p.m.—8:00 p.m.**

- Nursery (Six weeks—one year)
- AWANA (Two years —6th grades)

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