# Pitts Baptist Church Preschool & Children's Newsletter

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# **Golf Tournament**

Red Bridge Golf Club Locust, North Carolina

> Captains Choice Prizes and Dinner

Saturday, September 10 2:00 p.m. Shot-gun Start

Cost: \$55 per golfer

All proceeds to benefit Pitts
Baptist Child Development
Center a ministry of Pitts Baptist
Children's Ministry. Please see
Lori Whiteley for registration and
additional details.

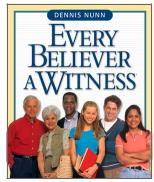
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# Wednesday Evenings 6:30 - 8:00 PM

Two years - Sixth grades

Church Picnic @ Frank Liske Park Sunday, September 4 4 PM—7 PM



# **Sept 11-14**

6:00 p.m. Sunday 6:15 p.m. Monday - Wednesday

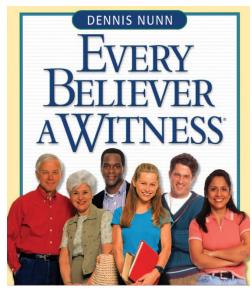
Beginning Sunday evening, all children third grade and older will participate in the conference with their parents.

Wednesday evening, September 15, all students fifth grade and younger will participate in a worship service led by Steve Levinson (better known as Dr. Livingstone). Through interactive lessons, the children will learn about Creation and The Fall.



2011-2012 ministry opportunities for children are underway! Have you registered your child? Please be reminded that all children participating in any ministry on campus must have a current registration. You can easily complete registration by visiting www.pbcweb.org and completing the form online.

# September 11-14



CHILDREN'S SCHEDULE

September 11, 12 & 13 @ 6 PM 3rd Grade and Older in Conference (Sanctuary) 2nd Grade and Younger with KIDMO (Preschool Building)

September 14 @ 6:15 PM
All children 5th Grade and younger with Steve Levinson (aka Dr. Livingstone) in the CORE Gym

# 2011 Children's Chapel Schedule

<u>Week</u>	<u>Sound</u>	SoundLessonTeam Assistants/HostDarren NixonJennifer BrayleyAngela Nixon & Jori Watts		
Sept 4	Darren Nixon			
Sept 11	Byron Ford	Dee Dee Ford	Jennifer Brayley	
Sept 18	George Anderson	Clinnie Biggs	Tammy Biggs & Christine Anderson	
Sept 25	Jeff Scott	Jennifer Brayley	Gloria Thurman & Kelly Scott	



# September 2011 Preschool Worship / Nursery Rotation

If you are unable to meet with your class, please trade with another team member on the schedule and then notify Christina Brown. w: 704-786-1953 c: 980-255-9633 or cbrown@pbcweb.org

	Sunday, Septer	mber 4 @ 10:15 AM		
	Nursery @ 10:15 AM	Preschool Worship @ 10:30 AM		
Coordinator	Kirsten Saunders	Leader	Scott & Amy Hornbeak	
Infants	Randy & Rowena Stype	Twos	Bert & Joanna Loftis	
Crawlers	Mary Alice Rogers & Carmen Mills	Threes Kelley & Courtney Willis		
Younger Ones	AJ & Ashley Stype	Fours Carlton & Karen Holbert		
Older Ones	Jimmy & Michelle Suggs	Sunday Nursery @ 5:45 PM		
		Church Picnic		

Sunday, September 11 @ 10:15 AM				
Nursery @ 10:15 AM			Preschool Worship @ 10:30 AM	
Coordinator	Denise Estes	Leader	Christina Brown	
Infants	Randy & Rowena Stype	Twos	Jeff Ashbaugh Family	
Crawlers	Mary Alice Rogers & Carmen Mills	Threes	Jason & Becky Shanks	
Younger Ones	Nick & Stefanie Jones	Fours	Fours Randy & Jennifer Erpelding	
Older Ones	Lewis & Barbara Oot		Sunday Nursery @ 5:45 PM	
		Paid Nursery (Dennis Nunn Conference)		

Sunday, September 18 @ 10:15 AM					
Nursery @ 10:15 AM		Preschool Worship @ 10:30 AM			
Coordinator	Christina Brown	Leader Steven & Amanda Decker			
Infants	Randy & Rowena Stype	Twos Alan & Melanie Greene			
Crawlers	Mary Alice Rogers & Carmen Mills	Threes Neil & Jo Parsons			
Younger Ones	Tammy Calkins & Emily Werme	Fours Adam & Terri Whitley			
Older Ones	Craig & Rebekah Bryan	Sunday Nursery @ 5:45 PM			
		Hayden & Emily Carter			

Sunday, September 25 @ 10:15 AM				
	Nursery @ 10:15 AM	Preschool Worship @ 10:30 AM		
Coordinator	Deanna Jones	Leader Christina Brown		
Infants	Randy & Rowena Stype	Twos	William & Stephanie Luther	
Crawlers	Mary Alice Rogers & Carmen Mills	Threes	Travis & Jill Rogers	
Younger Ones	Tony & Sharon Cockerham	Fours	Fours Evan & Suzanne Arno	
Older Ones	Mike & Alisia Hall	Sunday Nursery @ 5:45 PM		
		Mark & Melanie Moore		

# September 2011



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4 Promotion Sunday 4PM Church Picnic	5 Church Office Closed	6	7 Avala	8	9	10 2PM CDC Golf Tourny Red Bridge
Every Believ New Christian' Class 5PM Choir Open House	12 ver a Witness (3rd Gr	13 ade & Older)	14 Steve Levinson presents "Creation" & "The Fall"	15	16	17
New Christian's Class 6PM Choirs	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	



September 7
Alexander Walker

September 13 Elizabeth Halling

September 14 Makenna Little Jaiden Parsons Isabella Thurman

September 21 Curtis McKinnis September 22 Emma Halling Holly Willis

September 24 Eli Brown Kaitlyn Hall

September 27 Sophie Burleigh

September 30 Jenna Hornbeak





# September 2011

# Pitts Baptist Preschool & Children



# **POWERSOURCE**

### ASK GOD:

- To guard your family members and their faith during difficult times.
- To walk with you and make his love real to you when you're confronted by crisis.
- 3. To help you overcome worry and place your trust in God

# **Turn to God for Comfort**

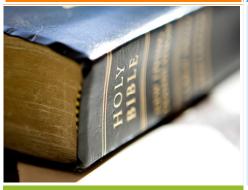
Because this month marks the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the 9/11 attacks, we'll be bombarded with recaps of the tragedy. Even if your children weren't born yet in 2001, they'll learn about this event and ask tough questions about it. This somber date can be an opportunity to talk to kids about life's challenges and stresses—and how God shepherds us through them.

Whether children are confronted by the illness or death of a loved one, school bullies, parental job loss, or divorce, these stressors all bring uncertainty and anxiety. Take time to reassure children of your constant love for them and of God's promise to never leave us. Be attentive, accepting, affirming, and reliable. As much as possible, maintain the same schedules and rules during crises because structure and boundaries help children feel safe. When changes occur, let children know what to expect. Also encourage your kids to talk openly about their feelings and fears. Most importantly, pray that God will help you all grow closer to him, no matter what obstacles you face.

### **INSIGHTS**

- About 25% of young people experience a serious traumatic event by age 16. Children are more vulnerable to trauma because of their age, size, and dependence. *nctsn.org*)
- · About one in 50 U.S. children is homeless.
- Each year, about 3.3 million children are exposed to domestic violence. (various Internet sources)





# TEACHABLE MOMENTS

- 1. Create a "Smile File"—Stress is exhausting and can drain the joy out of life. Combat that by creating a file or box where family members can put pictures or notes about God's many blessings. Look through it whenever your family feels overwhelmed or discouraged.
- 2. Focus on the Cross—Make this yummy snack as a reminder that Jesus defeated sin and death. Pinch together one and a half heat-and-serve breadsticks to form a cross. Sprinkle each cross with cinnamon and sugar. Grease a cookie sheet and bake the crosses for 10 minutes.
- 3. Lick Life's Problems—When life gets crazy, it's more important than ever to spend one-on-one time with each of your children. Venture out on inexpensive trips (long walks, ice cream outings) so kids feel special and can share their thoughts and feelings.

"And I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from God's love. Neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither our fears for today nor our worries about tomorrow—not even the powers of hell can separate us from God's love." (Romans 8:38)

No matter what we face, God is our constant companion, strength, and support. Lean on him always.

# Have a heart-to-heart chat with your children about life's struggles. Begin by asking these questions:

- 1. Why do you think everyone faces tough times? What are some lessons or positive things that you've seen come out of them?
- 2. What are some ways God helps us when we're sad, lonely, or hurting?
- 3. How can we, as a family, remind one another to stay full of joy, hope, and faith—even when life is hard?

# **FAMILY EXPERIENCE**

Try these activities to show children that Jesus is our Comforter and Healer during life's storms and hurts.

• Comforter Collage—This activity works well for younger children. Have them wrap themselves up in comforters and blankets. Say: "Jesus was sad when people were hurting or when they died. Jesus said if we're sad, he'll comfort us, or help us feel better. Just like this blanket, he helps us feel warm and safe." Set out a large sheet of butcher paper and supplies such as yarn, cotton balls, bandages, and



markers. Brainstorm some of your favorite things or people who help you feel better when you're sad. Then make your own family "comforter" on the paper. Close by reading aloud Matthew 5:4.

- A Time to Dance—Take turns reading aloud the verses in Ecclesiastes 3:1-8. Share some of the "times" your family has laughed, cried, celebrated, and grieved together. Ask: "How can our faith in Jesus help us get through the difficult times in life? How can our faith in Jesus help us be a comfort to other people who are suffering?"
- Pass around a piece of burlap and let everyone touch it. Say: "When people in the Old Testament grieved, they wore sackcloth, which feels similar to this burlap. It reminded them of their sorrow and sadness." Read aloud Psalm 30:10-12. Say: "God promises to turn our tears into happiness or 'joyful dancing.' Let's dance together now, to celebrate that grief is only temporary." Then play praise music and dance 'til you drop!



Movie:

Rating:

Dolphin Tale 3D

Genre: Drama



# MEDIA MADNESS





## **MUSIC**

Artist: Selena Gomez

Album:
When the Sun
Goes Down



To be determined

Cast: Morgan Freeman Ashle

Cast: Morgan Freeman, Ashley Judd, Harry Connick Jr.

Synopsis: In this film, inspired by a true story, a boy befriends Winter, a dolphin who lost its tail in a crab trap as a baby. The boy encourages efforts to save the animal through use of a prosthetic limb. Winter, who plays herself in the film, has become an inspiration for people with disabilities.

Our Take: This heartwarming movie conveys the message that challenges can be overcome. It also shows that children can work to accomplish great things.

Artist Info: Gomez, star of Wizards of Waverly Place, is receiving accolades as one of Disney's most consistent pop hit makers. She's also been in the news for dating Justin Bieber and for being involved with several philanthropic projects.

**Summary:** The self-empowerment anthem "Who Says," which has already gone platinum, encourages girls to love themselves just the way they are.

Our Take: Although this album is a bit more mature than the singer's previous work, it's largely clean and is filled with positive messages for preteens.



### **CULTURE & TRENDS**

- Through a federal grant, schools in San Antonio, Texas, are using high-tech cameras to track what students eat—and don't eat—at lunch. Parents then receive customized data about children's eating habits. (msnbc.com)
- Kids who want to please their parents tend to do better in school, research shows. Experts advise parents to set and convey high expectations, as well as to be available to teach, guide, and set limits. (Child Development)

# GAMES

Title	Content	Rating & Platform
GiantHello.com	Kids can connect with friends on this "closed" social-networking site (formerly Facechipz). Games, open to the public, contain ads and questionable content.	Best for kids ages 10- 17; requires parental consent for kids under 13
Ben 10 Triple Pack	In these games, based on a popular Cartoon Network show, Ben transforms himself into various aliens and saves the earth. Mild cartoon violence.	E; Nintendo DS
Nancy Drew: The Captive Curse	In this single-player mystery game, kids learn about German culture while solving puzzles and investigating a mysterious creature.	E10+; Windows, Mac

This page is designed to help educate parents and isn't meant to endorse any movie, music, or product. Our prayer is that you'll make informed decisions about what your children watch, listen to, and wear.



# **QUICK STATS**

• 36% of parents say volunteering at their children's school should be required. (Parenting)



• In the U.S., an estimated 13% of school-age kids experience some form of rejection by their peers. (LiveScience.com)

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# Preschool & Children Weekly Service Schedule

### Sunday Morning

9:00 am-10:15 am

- 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 am-11:45 am

- Nursery (Six weeks—One year) in the Preschool Building
- Preschool Worship (Two year olds—Pre K) in the Preschool Building
- Children's Chapel Worship (Kindergarten—Fifth Grades) in the PEAK

# Sunday Evening

6:00 pm-7:15 pm

- Joy Jammers Choir (3 years by August 31—Kindergarten) in the Preschool Building
- WAMM (1st-5th Grades) in the CORE
- Nursery (six weeks—two years) in the Preschool Building

# Wednesday Evening

6:30 pm-8:00 pm

- Nursery (Six weeks—Two years) in the Preschool Building
- AWANA (Puggles & Cubbies) in the Preschool Building
- AWANA (Sparks & T and T) in the CORE

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