

# Pitts Baptist Church Preschool & Children's Newsletter

**MAY**  
**2011**

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## Spring Musicals

The Children's and Youth Choirs will present their Spring Musicals on Sunday, May 22 at 6 pm. Invite your family and friends to participate in this evening of worship and praise. Children should wear all black for the concert. For more information, contact Laura Turner.



## Parent & Child Dedication Service

Please visit the webpage ([www.pbcweb.org/children](http://www.pbcweb.org/children)) to download the Parent & Child Dedication Information Packet. A participation form must be returned to the Preschool Ministry office by **April 10** to be a part of this special day.

**Dedication Class: May 1, 2011 at 9 AM**  
**Dedication Services: May 8, 2011**



Join us at 8 a.m. on Saturday, May 14 for Operation Inasmuch. We will begin the day with a church-wide breakfast before breaking out to serve the community. While adults will participate in construction projects, clothing distribution, and small group service activities, the children will be busy sharing their gifts as well. Children grades K-5 will visit Carollon Nursing Facility to sing and play games with the residents there. The Preschoolers will bake cookies and offer encouragement to the firemen next door. All activities should be completed by noon.



## Year-End Schedule

The AWANA year is nearing a close. Please be reminded of the following dates as you work to complete your books:

- May 18: Ice Cream Social
- May 25: No AWANA— EOG Week
- June 1: AWANA Awards Night
- June 8: AWANA Leader Appreciation



## Vacation Bible School

**Sunday, July 10—  
Friday, July 15**

**VBS Team Training:  
Sunday, May 15 Noon—2 p.m.**



**Children's Choirs**  
**Sundays 6-7:15 PM**

Families who choose to pay by installment for camp should submit the next \$50 payment to **Christina by Sunday, May 22.**

**Joy Jammers**  
 (Three years—Kindergarten)  
 meet in the Preschool Building

Please remember that all camp balances should be paid in full by Sunday, May 22.

**Harmonic Hearts**  
 (First—Fifth Grades)  
 meet in the CORE Activity Room

<http://www2.lifeway.com/centrikid/index.php/about-us/>

# 2011 Children's Chapel Schedule

<u>Week</u>	<u>Sound</u>	<u>Lesson</u>	<u>Team Assistants / Host</u>
May 1	Chris Brayley	Hannah Arrowood	Gloria Thurman
May 8	Byron Ford	Dee Dee Ford	Tammy Redmond
May 15	Shake Pepper	Clinnie Biggs Special- The Man Band	Lorie Kimes & Tina Pepper
May 22	Chris Brayley	Hannah Arrowood Special Youth Praise Band	Lori Kimes & Tina Pepper George & Christine Anderson
May 30	Chris Brayley	Kevin Seger	Gloria Thurman & Tammy Redmond






# May 2011 PSW/Nursery Rotation

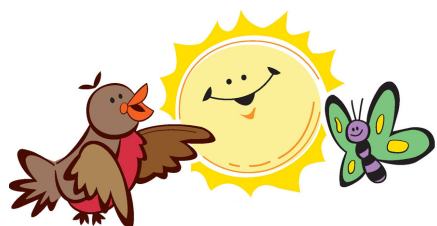
If you are unable to meet with your class, please trade with another team member on the schedule and then notify Christina Brown.  
 w: 704-786-1953 c: 910-334-0679 or cbrown@pbcweb.org

<b>May 1</b>	Sunday Nursery 10:15 AM		Preschool Worship 10:30 AM	
	Infants	Brandy Best & Rowena Stype	Twos	Cory & Denise Sane and Teresa Werme
	Crawlers	Amy Borrás & NEED	Threes 1	Jeff & Karen Waters
	Ones	Tony & Sharon Cockerham	Threes 2	Carlton & Karen Holbert
	Sunday Nursery 5:45 PM		Fours 1	Adam & Terri Whitley
	Rod & Cathy Teat– Ordination Service		Fours 2	Thomas & April Reebel
<b>May 8</b>	Sunday Nursery 10:15 AM		Preschool Worship 10:30 AM	
	Infants	Brandy Best & Rowena Stype	Twos	Jason & Becky Shanks and Heather Walker
	Crawlers	Amy Borrás & NEED	Threes 1	Dustin & Andrea Keith
	Ones	Jenni Phillips	Threes 2	Randy & Jennifer Erpelding
	Sunday Nursery 5:45 PM		Fours 1	NEED TEAM MEMBERS
	NO PM– Mother's Day		Fours 2	Jeff & Traci Ashbaugh
<b>May 15</b>	Sunday Nursery 10:15 AM		Preschool Worship 10:30 AM	
	Infants	Brandy Best & Rowena Stype	Twos	Rick & Tammy Calkins and Jori Watts
	Crawlers	Amy Borrás & NEED	Threes 1	Bert & Joanna Loftis
	Ones	Richard & Martha Walkup	Threes 2	Lewis & Barbara Oot
	Sunday Nursery 5:45 PM		Fours 1	Steven & Amanda Decker
	David & Amber Gourley– Church Conference		Fours 2	Travis & Jill Rogers
<b>May 22</b>	Sunday Nursery 10:15 AM		Preschool Worship 10:30 AM	
	Infants	Brandy Best & Rowena Stype	Twos	Brandy Best, Sheri Waddell & Natalia Caggiano
	Crawlers	Amy Borrás & NEED	Threes 1	Jeff & Kim Grove
	Ones	Mike & Alisia Hall	Threes 2	Evan & Suzanne Arno
	Sunday Nursery 5:45 PM		Fours 1	Chris & Gina Stonestreet
	No Nursery– Children & Youth Spring Musicals		Fours 2	Steve & Traci Sweetser
<b>May 29</b>	Sunday Nursery 10:15 AM		Preschool Worship 10:30 AM	
	Infants	Brandy Best & Rowena Stype	Twos	Phil & Debbie Reel
	Crawlers	Amy Borrás & NEED	Threes 1	Diane & Mary Beth Medlin
	Ones	Glen & Liz Tucker	Threes 2	Connie Davis and Miriam Lafferty
	Sunday Nursery 5:45 PM		Fours 1	Shawn & Stormy Thomas
	No PM– Memorial Day		Fours 2	Bart & Janet Borchardt

# May 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9:00 Parent/Child Dedication Class	2	3	4 <b>Awana</b>	5	6	7 Golf for Missions Tournament
8  No Evening Service	9	10	11 <b>Awana</b> Operation Inasmuch Clothing Drop-off 5-8 pm nightly	12	13	14 Operation Inasmuch 8am-noon
15 VBS Leader Training: Noon-2 pm	16	17	18 <b>Awana</b> Ice Cream Social	19	20	21
22  Children/Youth Musical	23 Cabarrus County Schools EOG Testing Week	24	25 No AWANA	26	27	28
29 No PM Services	30 Office Closed  MEMORIAL DAY	31				

## May



Happy Birthday



05  
Jacob Brown

07  
Ethan Oot

08  
Jarrett Whitley

09  
Grayson Herrera

10  
Jackson Arno

13  
Zachary Griffin

18  
Kaylee Hall

19  
Riley Borrás  
Gracie Brown  
Terry Kaler  
Tanner Kaler

20  
Sarah Rich

21  
J.T. Greene

23  
Olivia Arno  
Christian Biggs  
Ryan Stonestreet

24  
Bryson Calkins

25  
Trenton Ochsenreiter  
Scarlet Thomas

26  
Matthew Olmstead  
Skylark Thomas  
Reagan Waters



# the Parent LINK

May 2011



*Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock.  
Matthew 7:24 ESV*



## Emphasize Acceptance for All

According to the National Organization on Disability, 54 million Americans have a disability. That's one in every five people. And a significant number of them are children. Many churches now have special-needs ministries, and more kids with disabilities are being mainstreamed into school classrooms. That means your children likely spend time with kids they may consider "different." Use these tips to emphasize everyone's worth:

- **Build relationships.** Show your children that it's okay to talk to people with disabilities and to treat them as you would treat anyone else. Introduce yourself to parents of special-needs children and discover what types of assistance they could use.
- **Clarify misconceptions.** Children notice differences, so address their already-established stereotypes and oversimplified generalizations about groups of people. Watch and correct judgmental statements and actions. Be a role model by valuing diversity, celebrating individuality, and respecting differences.

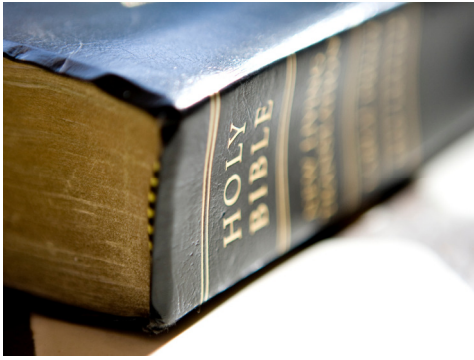
## POWERSOURCE

### ASK GOD:

1. To help your children look beyond differences to see that God made everyone in a special way.
2. To give your children compassionate hearts and helping hands for people with special needs.
3. To show how you can assist families dealing with disabilities.

### RESEARCH INSIGHTS

- About 90% of families with a special-needs child are un-churched. (*pastors.com*)
- According to various sources, divorce rates for couples who have a special-needs child are as high as 75% or 85%.
- In the United States, an estimated 100,000 children are waiting to be adopted, and many of them have special needs.



“The human body has many parts, but the many parts make up one whole body. So it is with the body of Christ. ... Our bodies have many parts, and God has put each part just where he wants it. ... Some parts of the body that seem weakest and least important are actually the most necessary.”  
(1 Corinthians 12:12, 18, 22)

God, our Creator, has a plan and purpose for every life.

## Teachable Moments

**1. Lovely Reflections**—With babies and toddlers, hold up a mirror so they can see their reflection. Show them that everyone looks different in a mirror but emphasize that everyone is special—regardless of skin color or appearance.

**2. Role-Plays**—Help children practice what they might do or say in real-life situations. Propose various encounters with children who have different challenges. Then debrief each role-play to point out the positive things children did or said.

**3. Special Friends**—Seek out people in your family, church, or neighborhood who are coping with physical challenges. Spend time with them as a family, providing assistance and companionship. These low-key experiences will show children how much they have in common with people who appear to be different from them.



## Discuss people’s unique needs by using these conversation-starting questions:

Why do you think God made people with different appearances, gifts, and abilities?

How do you feel and react to someone who’s different from you?

What’s the best way to respond when other people point out your weaknesses or flaws?

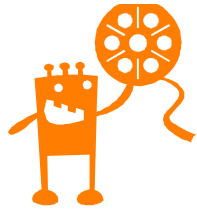
What types of things can we learn from people who are different from us?  
How can we get to know them better?

## FAMILY EXPERIENCE

### Learn valuable lessons with these fun activities:

- In Full Bloom**—You’ll need chenille craft wires and various colors of tissue paper cut into 10x20-inch wide strips. Have family members stack six tissue paper strips and then smooth them flat. Fold the stacks lengthwise, accordion-style, in 2-inch sections, making five folds. Then twist a wire tightly around the center of the accordion-folded paper. To create the blossoms, spread the folds on both sides of the wire and gently pull each layer of tissue paper toward the center. When all the layers have been pulled, a beautiful flower blossom remains. Read aloud Psalm 139:13-14. Ask: “How are all our flowers like the people God made? What would it be like if every flower looked the same or if every person looked the same? What traits or characteristics set you apart from everyone else?”
- Mixed Together**—You’ll need a bowl of cookie dough, some flour, an egg, a spoon, and a variety of chips and sprinkles. Hold up the flour and egg, and ask: “Who’d like to try these ingredients? How can these ingredients become something that tastes better?” Say: “We need to mix these with other ingredients.” Read aloud 1 Corinthians 12:14-17, 27. Say: “What would happen if we left out an ingredient from our recipe? What would happen if one of us wasn’t part of our family or church?” Hand out cookie dough so each person can add chips and sprinkles. Then bake the cookies. While enjoying them, discuss ways that all of you are important “ingredients.”





# MEDIA MADNESS



## MOVIES

**Movie:** *Kung Fu Panda 2*

**Genre:** Animated comedy

**Rating:** To be determined

**Cast:** Jack Black, Angelina Jolie, Jackie Chan

**Synopsis:** This sequel features Po, the lovably transformed panda, who now has an awesome life protecting the Valley of Peace. When a new villain threatens to take over China, Po must deal with his mysterious past to protect his homeland, traditions, and friends.

**Our Take:** This sequel, slated for a Memorial Day weekend opening, is sure to be a hit with children and families. Parents can discuss other cultures and backgrounds, as well as good and bad ways to pursue dreams and face challenges.



## MUSIC

**Artist:** Mandisa

**Album:** *What If We Were Real*

**Artist Info:** Mandisa placed ninth on season five of *American Idol*. After some body-image struggles, she recently reached her goal of losing 100 pounds.

**Summary:** The theme of Mandisa's third album is taking off our "masks" as Christians so people can know the truth about Jesus. About the first single, "Stronger," she says, "God is able to take us through the difficult times and bring us out stronger."

**Our Take:** Mandisa's encouraging lyrics and catchy gospel-pop tunes will be popular with preteens. And her messages will hit home with kids struggling with their own self-esteem issues. As Mandisa sings in "Stronger," "God's right there, even if it's hard to see him."

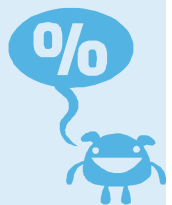


## CULTURE & TRENDS

- Prosecutors say a rise in girl-on-girl violence (often caught on tape) may be attributed to reality shows such as *Teen Mom 2* and *Jersey Shore*. (*today.msnbc.msn.com*)
- Consumer groups have petitioned the Food & Drug Administration to study the effects of common food dyes on children. Research suggests some children with ADHD may be affected by these dyes.

## QUICK STATS

- In a nationwide poll, only 25% of parents said they lie to their kids about what they did when they were their kids' age. (*Parade.com*)
- About 20 percent of American kids are only children, up from 10 percent 50 years ago. (*Parents.com*)



## GAMES

Title	Content	Rating & Platform
<i>LEGO Star Wars III: The Clone Wars</i>	As movie buffs act out their favorite on-screen moments, they now have the ability to attack planets.	E; Wii, Xbox 360, PS3, Nintendo 3DS
<i>Rayman: 3D</i>	This remake uses stereoscopic 3D effects, which may cause vision damage in children under 6. Contains cartoon violence.	E; Nintendo 3DS
<i>Math Blaster</i>	Kids can sharpen their math skills while playing futuristic adventure games. Some play is free, but paid membership offers more options.	Mathblaster.com

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.



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### Preschool and Children's Worker Assignments



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## **Children's 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 Chapel

### **Sunday Evening**

**6:00 pm—7:15 pm**

- Nursery (Six weeks—Two years)
- Joy Jammers Choir (Three years by 8/31/2010—Kindergarten)
- Harmonic Hearts Choir (First—Fifth Grades)

### **Wednesday Evening**

**6:15 pm—8:00 pm**

- Nursery (Six weeks—Two years)
- AWANA (Two years by 8/31/2010 —Sixth Grades)

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