



The Trumpet

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"Remember the Sabbath Day and keep it Holy."

Dear Friends,

I enjoy the summer break! With our very successful VBA program now over it seems the pace around here has slowed down a bit. Attendance on Sunday mornings has slightly decreased. The constant incoming office phone calls and emails have slowed down from their normal pace. Summer is now upon us! With things a bit slower, one of the things I am doing more of is offering prayers of thanksgivings to God for all of you, and asking God for a clear vision for what He is calling us to do this coming fall and winter seasons. I am encouraged in the work we are doing this summer and looking forward with excitement to what is to come in the days ahead!

My Scripture reading has been in the Book of Acts, where we hear about Barnabas. Barnabas sells some property and gives the proceeds to the other apostles to carry on their missionary work in the Name of Jesus. Barnabas as you may know also became an apostle and was a partner with Paul. They shared the Gospel by traveling to Antioch and Cyprus and founded churches along the way. Barnabas became better known for the way he could encourage people in their walk with the Lord. His name literally means "Son of Encouragement."

I also have spent time reading I Thessalonians, in which Paul was writing words of encouragement. At one point he instructs the people to encourage one another with these words: "leisure time in holy ways to rebuild our bodies and renew our minds;" for as "our spirits are opened to the goodness of God's creation." He goes on to tell us that we are inspired by "hope" and "confidence to receive the grace...to see opportunities for growth in our discipleship."

This summer there are many opportunities to "encourage one another" as we gather for fellowship, friendship and leisure. There are many ways to continue our work this summer at CEC, and start to look forward to what is to come.

This summer amid so many activities, please make time to read your Bibles and offer prayers to one and all. Be encouraged to grow in your relationship with one another and with our Lord. God has placed us at CEC for specific purpose! What are you doing to support your calling to serve God's mission and purpose now and in our bright future to come?

There is a wonderful prayer in our Book of Common Prayer, entitled, *For the Good Use of Leisure*, (p 825). "O God, in the course of this busy life, give us times of refreshment and peace; and grant that we may so use our leisure to rebuild our bodies and renew our minds, that our spirits may be opened to the goodness of your creation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen."

I am encouraged that God wants us to take time for leisure in order to grow closer to Him and to each other. Be blessed wherever you are this summer. Remember and keep holy the Sabbath, (which means a time of rest and remembering). Be refreshed to give generously of yourself and your gifts for the continued work of our Church now, and in the days to come.

Peace,
Bruce+

Extreme Classroom Makeover:

The Transition to Rotation

By Brielle Giard

“Rotation modeled” Sunday Schools have become very popular among churches of all denominations. Churches that use this model are reporting consistently greater attendance, improved feedback, and greater all-around excitement among children and teachers. Consequently, to help bless CEC’s Children’s Ministry with similar success, we will transition our program into an exciting, new rotation model and we need your help to make it happen. We would like to kickoff this new format in Fall 2007.

What exactly *is* “rotation” Sunday school and what can *I* do to help, you ask. Well, the rotation model works like this...

The Concept

The overall idea of the rotation model is to teach major Bible stories and concepts through kid-friendly, inter-related workshops. For 3 weeks, children will study the same Bible story. However, each week, they will rotate into a new workshop/classroom to experience the story in a unique way.

Themed Rooms

Over the next 2 months, CEC will remodel 3 of our Sunday school classrooms, to create (drum roll)... the **Kid’s Kingdom**. Within this kingdom, children of ages pre-K through 5th grade will learn of God’s works and our many blessings through activities in the **Master Peace Theatre** (CEC’s performing arts room), **Thou Art Studio** (CEC’s craft room), and the **Garden of Eatin’** (CEC’s food/science room). To create these new learning areas, we need artists, carpenters, painters, and anyone willing to lend a hand. There are plenty of jobs to go around.

The Players

Sunday School Teachers/Shepherds – These individuals must commit to the program for 1 semester. They will attend the rotations with the same group of children each week. Shepherds will lead the group in prayer, will tell the selected story, and will assist the children with the workshop activities.

Workshop Leaders – Each workshop will required 1 Leader. This individual must commit to 3 consecutive weeks for a specific lesson. The Workshop Leader is responsible for teaching and leading the children through the selected activities for their workshop, making only minor adjustments each week, based on the age group. The curriculum is established, though Leaders can modify the suggested activities or add their own.

The Benefits

The repetition of stories during the rotation model helps children have a true understanding of the Bible lessons. By the 2nd or 3rd week of the rotation, if children say that they understand the story, they will have the opportunity to help tell the story to the class. Such teaching is a great learning opportunity. Also, through the workshop rotations, children will experience a variety of learning environments using crafts, performing arts, food, and science activities. Teachers benefit, as they are only required to prepare 1 lesson every 3 weeks. Overall, rotation Sunday school provides a creative and exciting environment for both children and teachers to come to know and learn about Jesus Christ. To learn more about the rotation model and its benefits, visit www.rotation.org.

A great deal of thought and prayer has gone into launching the rotation Sunday school model at Christ Church. We pray that the Holy Spirit will guide us all during this very exciting time in the life of our church and our Children’s Ministry.

We would like to kickoff this new format in Fall 2007. If you would like to help with the remodel and/or volunteer as a Shepherd or Workshop Leader in the Fall, please contact Brielle Giard at ceckids@cectx.org.

Truth Seekers:



Diggin' God's Word

DATELINE June 11-15, 2007, Cedar Park, TX --

Some 30-plus CEC adult adventurers and about 44 junior companions set out on a mission: Seeking The Truth by Diggin' God's Word. Summer sun and summer rains could not keep these young archeologists from uncovering some startling discoveries at CEC's Vacation Bible School. Number 1: Sand *will* get in your shoes...there is no way around that simple truth. Number 2: Kids really don't mind learning stuff if it's fun. They want to seek what's true as much as the grownups do.

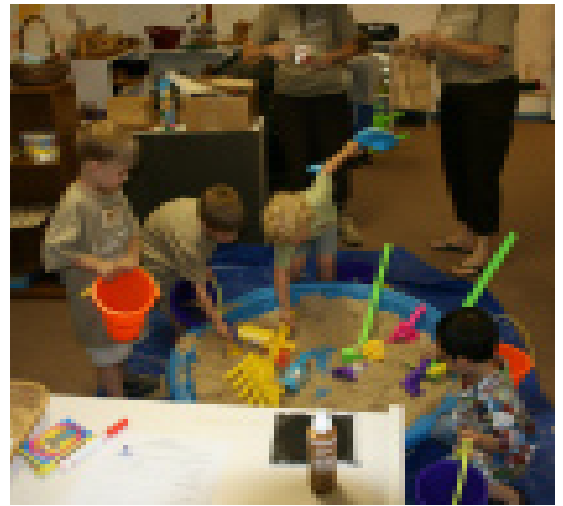
VBS Director, Brielle Giard, says she and VBS volunteers (see CEC Kids Corner for a complete list of heroic volunteers) found the adventure rewarding. "Watching the kids at the end of the week...they were just as excited to be there as they were on the first night. I could see them making friends, having fun, singing and learning about God's love right before my eyes. I especially enjoyed when they were all together in the sanctuary singing the VBS songs. What a joyful noise!"

Even some unseasonably rainy weather on Thursday brought some unexpected blessings. "I thought the kids would get a little stir crazy because they had to wait a little longer before they could start the activities for the night due the rain," Giard recalls. "The night turned out to be one of the best nights of the week and at the end of the evening, as we were heading to closing ceremonies, there was a gorgeous double rainbow right over the church. The

kids and adults stood outside staring in awe at the promise of God's love for us. It was an amazing moment I don't think we will soon forget."

Which brings us to discovery Number 3: God does not hide if you are seeking...in a child's laughter, or in a rainbow...He will make himself known.



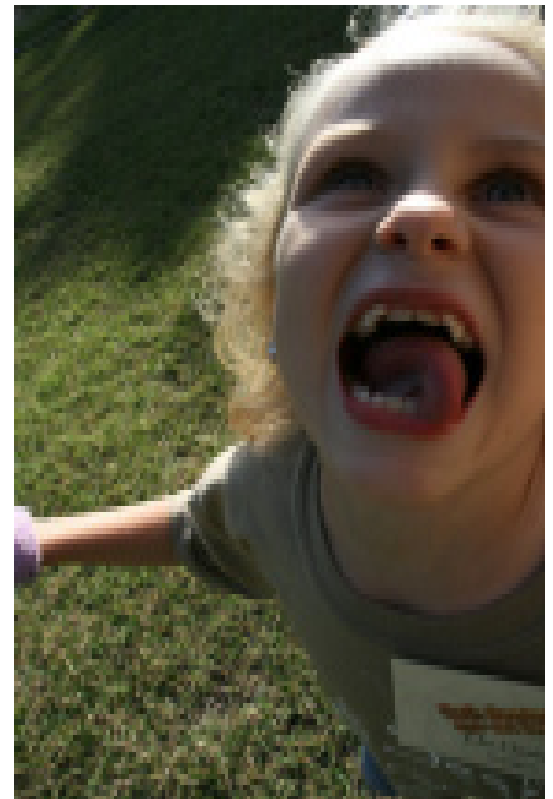
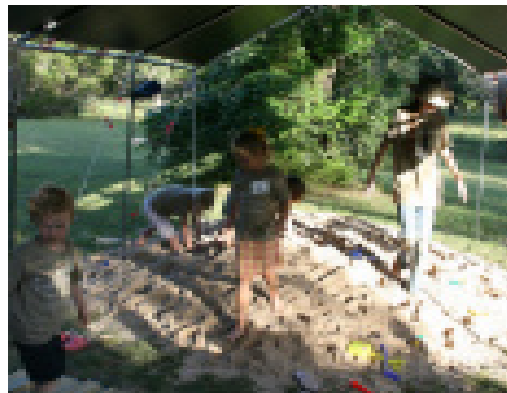


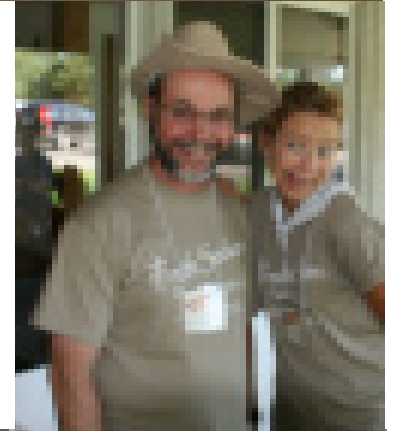
Can you dig it? I knew that you could.

No, it's not Shark Week on Discovery Channel...it's a young Truth Seeker hungry for God's Word.



That sand...it gets everywhere.





CEC Kids Corner

Summer Sunday School

CEC Kids Care Club!

All children and youth, pre-k to 12th grade, are invited to join the *CEC Kids Care Club* on Sunday mornings from 9:15-10:15.

This exciting summer program gives our kids the opportunity to give back to the community using the Sunday School hour to work on special church and community projects. If you have suggestions for projects, or would like to volunteer, please contact Brielle Giard at ceckids@cectx.org.

July Schedule

July 8- Create-A-Card Workshop

July 15- Gifts for Meals on Wheels Recipients

July 22- CEC Gardening Morning

July 29- Pet Awareness Day

Parents are encouraged to drop off kids at Sunday school and then join our **Extreme Makeover Team** to work on our new rotation Sunday school classrooms.



Congratulations!!

Hayden Rangel and Hayden Thomas were the big winners in our *Bring Your Friends to VBA* contest. They each received a gift certificate to Marble Slab Creamery. Thanks to all the kids that brought their friends to VBA!

Calling All Volunteers!

Looking for a great opportunity to serve God and the children of CEC? We are looking for volunteers to assist with our children's programs, including our summer Sunday school program, Children's Chapel and our Extreme Classroom Makeover! To ensure the safety of our children, all volunteers working directly with our kids will be required to complete Safeguarding God's Children. For more information on how you can help with our growing Children's Ministry program, please contact Brielle Giard at ceckids@cectx.org

THANK YOU!!

Hats off to all our VBA volunteers. Thank you for sharing in the adventure!

Jennifer Anderson, Bruce & Kathryn Bonner, Elizabeth Burba, Sue Couchman, Patty Craig, Carolyn Dupy, Dan Giard, David, Kristi & Fallon Gordy, Amelia Gossett, Jerry Halstead, Karylle Harber, Cassy & Travis Hart, Diana & Elisa Hiebler, Jeanette & Randall Holahan, Kris, Travis & Rachel Holliman, Jewel & Mary Johnson, Muriel Kalita, Christine Luchini, Sarah Martinez, Andrew & Jill McDonald, Shirley Murphy, Richard Pelkey, Donna Reeh, Cindie, Katie & Suzie Scanlon, Sarah Short, Joan Steele, Kelly Thomas, Wendy Tolliver, Cathy Valusek & Don, Marilee Verdesca, Brandon Wilson, and Nancy Wren

Ministry Schedules for July

July 8

10:30 a.m.

Marilee Verdesca/Sarah Martinez: **Lectors**
Marilee Verdesca/Sarah Martinez: **LEMs**
Jan Buntebart/Cindi Scanlon: **Hospitality**
Jobie Guzman: **Altar Guild**
Travis & Joel Holliman: **Ushers**

July 15

10:30 a.m.

Carolyn Dupy/Kristi Gordy: **Lectors**
Carolyn Dupy/Kristi Gordy: **LEMs**
Shirley Murphy/John Keahey: **Hospitality**
Martha McEver: **Altar Guild**
Mandy Moore/Katie Scanlon: **Ushers**

July 22

10:30 a.m.

Amelia Gossett/Cassie Hart: **Lectors**
Fran & Jim Hart: **LEMs**
Fran Hart/Muriel Kalita: **Hospitality**
Polly Enders: **Altar Guild**
Tony & Elias Martinez: **Ushers**

July 29

10:30 a.m.

Cindie Scanlon/Cathy Valusek: **Lectors**
Cindie Scanlon/Cathy Valusek: **LEMs**
Jan Halstead/Becca Marberry: **Hospitality**
Michael Reeh/Mandy Moore: **Ushers**
Cathy Valusek: **Altar Guild**

Bernie Davies/Robert Wren:
July Vestry of the Month

Aug. 5

10:30 a.m.

Bill Sterling/Joan Steele: **Lectors**
Bill Sterling/Joan Steele: **LEMs**
Cindy Wells/Jan Buntebart: **Hospitality**

Greetings Christ Church,

I wanted to thank all of you for making Jerry and me feel at home in your parish. It was a blessing to be in fellowship with you all. I want you to know that my second home from my own parish is Christ Church. It is a building that is filled with the spirit of love, kindness, forgiveness and caring which comes from the Lord in all of you. It reminds me of the song I used to sing, "I see Him in you." Wow!!!! I am overjoyed with love when I think of all of you.... I wanted so much to tell you, but I knew if I started to cry it would be a long one and I want to remember that day with joy and praise in my heart. I ask the Lord to keep blessing you all daily for I know that it is in Him and for Him that you gather. You are a chosen people of the Lord, so continually praise Him. I love you and pray the best for Christ Church of Cedar Park.

For His Sake,
Pat & Jerry Lyle

Summer Camp for Moms, July 13-15, 2007.

Join us for a weekend of relaxation, adventure and fun! Experience canoeing, nature walks, tennis, scrap booking, quilting, painting, cooking, gardening, and more! Get a pedicure, massage, or sit in the sauna. The weekend will also feature a women's speaker and decadent dessert social. Contact: Toni @ 936-825-7175 or info@campallen.org



This young Truth Seeker at CEC Vacation Bible School has it all figured out. When the grownups put on the funny hats and start acting like kids...sit back and enjoy the show.

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