

Children's Ministry Report

August 19, 2014

Rhonda's Mission Statement

To teach the children to love God, love others and share that love with the world. To teach the children to memorize scripture that will affect the way they live their lives.

We did not have a Children's Team meeting in August as I took off for a few days of vacation August 6-9. Our next scheduled meeting is September 3 at 6:30 PM in the Cornerstone Conference Room to discuss the upcoming K-5 Alive Program and Christmas Musical.

Children's Church

We started not having Children's Church on Communion Sundays, and of course, do not have Children's Church on Unity Services. I must say I have enjoyed being in the contemporary worship service with children and their families on these first of the month Sundays. It gives me an opportunity to connect with the families after the service, which I'm not able to do normally due to being in the sanctuary until all are dismissed and then cleaning up, etc.

I'm currently waiting for replies from my helpers to see if all will continue serving for the 2014-2015 school year.

Sunday School

Fall Sunday School teachers for our three elementary classrooms are as follows:

- Preschool (Ages 3 & 4 through Kindergarten) – John & Kim Strange
- Grades 1 & 2 – Matt Kauffman with helpers, Brenda Herndon, Susan Leathers and Stephanie Prewitt.
- Grades 3-5 – Team teachers, Judy Headley and Kristen Burks. These two will both be in the classroom each week, but they will take turns leading the lesson.

VBS – Weird Animals

What an awesome and amazing VBS. This has definitely been one of my favorites. Loved the new Kid-Vid Cinema where the kids could actually connect with other children through these videos. Also loved the Bible Adventures where the kids get to experience the Bible Story, by being a part of the story. The first night, all the children pretended they had leprosy by putting dots all of their faces and arms, and experience what it was like to be ousted from the crowd. Then they learned how Jesus came and healed them all.

The fourth night they experienced Saul hunting them down and sharing with them how God blinded him and allowed him to become a changed man. We've heard testimony how one little girl was touched by that experience and is repeatedly citing that night's Bible Verse to overcome being fearful of so many things. She connected with how Saul was able to change himself through the love of Jesus Christ.

The evaluation forms that were returned from many of our volunteers show that a 4-day VBS was very much appreciated and enjoyed. Then having a pool party on Friday was a perfect way to celebrate our VBS week and connect with our church family, and the unchurched families that came out to the party.

I have started to look at next summer's VBS opportunities. We will schedule VBS for that last week of July again, so mark your calendars for July 27-30. I will talk to the Family Ministries Team about setting up a pool party again for Friday, July 31.

K-5 Alive

The Wednesday after-school program for Kindergarten-5th Graders will again take place on Wednesday afternoons from 3:15-5:00 PM, starting October 1, 2014. This program runs through the month of April. So far, Rhonda has commitments from Judy Headley, Lilli Crooks, and Emilee Butner, and Karen Shearer (whenever she is not on the road with her job.)

I am looking through curriculum to pick the best option for this next school year, and have received supplies for some new games: Pickle Pong and Minute To Win It games.

Calendar Dates

Week of Aug. 17	Go through Buzz Curriculum to line out dates for Fall Quarter, due to five weeks in August.
Sun., Aug 24	Acolyte Training & Pizza Party at Noon in Worship Center.
Sat., Sept. 13	1:30-3:00 PM OCC Event at Rehobath Baptist Church.
September	Order OCC shoeboxes
Sun., Sept. 14	10:45 Service, 4 th Quarter SS Attendance Awards
Wed., Oct 1	3:15-5:00 PM – First day of K-5 Alive