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THE KID IN ALL OF US



Summer is for children – no two ways about it! When it gets hot, kids don't stop, they just keep moving. When the sun stays up and the evening stays warm, it is time for "Kick-the-Can" or "Hide 'n Seek." The wonder of amazing fireworks or eating half a watermelon without getting in trouble all pile memory on memory. Making s'mores at camp, or riding the cheap, scary rides at the county fair or just playing tag at a neighborhood BBQ create scenes in a child's mind of tastes, smells, deep

feelings and realities of what life is meant to be. Summer vacation is what makes school tolerable for most and is over way too soon. So let's enjoy these hot, "lazy, crazy days" and make memories!

God's kingdom is for kids too, in much the same way. The wonder and simplicity of God can be lost on us as we get older, but children are still amazed at what they learn and see and feel. When Jesus' too-serious followers started moving the kids out of Jesus' way and asking them to mind their manners, Jesus spoke right up:


"Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."

When he had placed his hands on them, he went on from there. (Matthew 19:13-15)

He actually said, "the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." They are the ones who get it! Just like summer is best understood by the carefree, adventurous spirits of children, so is God's kingdom. All the sophistication and "been there, done that" of adulthood can blind us to the simply amazing realities around us.

Take the time to see this summer through your childlike eyes one more time; eat a s'more or two, play a game of hide 'n seek in the twilight of a summer evening or sing a camp song with the kids around the fire. But more than that, watch for the wonder of God in a sunset or listen to the truth of God in a morning bird's song. Remember the power of Jesus' miracles, the depth of His words, the promises of faith. Allow the wonder of God and His kingdom to excite your childlike heart once again.

~ Pastor Gregg Borrer



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CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

TIME FLIES

I'm certain that the expression, "Time flies" was first coined during a golden summer just like this one, when the hours seem to be suspended in the lingering evenings spent on a cool green lawn while the same collection of minutes races mysteriously by the rest of each and every day. Whether you are away exploring fresh terrain and discovering new adventures or you are staying close to home and savoring our summer single service and exciting array of elective classes with their vibrant topics and opportunities to fellowship with new faces and new-to-you church friends, I hope you are staying close to the Lord and making time to "come home and refresh yourselves!" (1 Kings 13:7)

KIDS CAN SEW

Seeds (and their growth or lack thereof) have been a popular choice of themes chosen by our Pastors and guest speakers for the Sunday sermon series based upon the Parables of Jesus, and the mid point of summer allows me the opportunity to reflect backward upon the seeds of fellowship, friendship, and creativity sown and sewn during the popular week of Kids Can Sew, held this year from July 13-17 by the phenomenally gifted teaching team of Lorraine Reece, Laura Paul, Barb Gabler, Jeanette Luther, Nola Long, Marilyn McDonald, and Jan Knoll. Sixteen children in grades 4 through 12 and one adult went home with beautiful handmade treasures for themselves and their four legged canine family members as well, the latter being a new and delightful undertaking for the group thanks to the talents of Jan Knoll! The pictures speak for themselves, but Aliko Albanis summed up the feelings of the group with an enthusiastic proclamation that "This was the best camp I have ever been to!" A huge thank you to our dedicated teachers who craft such a unique and fun filled experience year after year for one and all!

GEORGE ROGERS PARK

Summer Sundays hum along with a variety of activities and new faces added to the roster of teachers and helpers (praise the Lord)! Cynthia Kenyon once again led an off campus field trip to George Rogers Park earlier this month and delighted both hikers and her helpers, (Paula Kalmeta, Larry Bricker, and Terrall Dingman) with a visit to the historical WWII Iron Ore Smelter, hike up river, and a dash of water play thrown in for good measure.

ZOO TRIP

Please watch the Outlook, your mail, and e-mails for news about upcoming events like the excursion to the Oregon Zoo planned for Sunday, August 16th for the first through fifth graders.

Continue to have a safe, productive, and happy summer, and please do find ways to seek quiet time with one another and the Lord. I'm praying for you all!

Mary Adams

Interim Director
of Children's Ministries



AWANA

JOIN THE AWANA FUN ON THURSDAY NIGHTS!

Do you know children who want to...

- play active games on a team?
- have fun with friends?
- build relationships with caring adults?
- really connect with the Lord Jesus ?

Awana is the club for kids which does all of the above! It's an exciting evening in three parts: Games in the Gym, Handbook Time for Scripture memorization and study, and Large Group Time with stories and singing. Individual and team achievement awards and Special Theme Nights like Flashlight Night and Backwards Night contribute to the fun. Clubbers (3rd – 12th grades) who complete their handbooks will enjoy the awesome Awana weekend away.

Awana starts September 17. Register on Sundays starting August 16 or during the week at the church office. We hope that many of you will invite your neighbors and young friends to participate in this dynamic children's evening program. Please use the Awana brochure at the Information Desk as an invitation tool. Grandparents, this is a great way to spend time with your precious grandchildren who might not be able to attend church on Sunday.

The prayer of Awana is that all children and youth throughout the world will come to know, love and serve the Lord Jesus Christ. We have clubs for kids from ages 3 to 17 led by very capable and caring Directors.

This year we hope to offer Awana for 92 clubbers, PROVIDED the Lord lays it on the hearts of additional MPC members to become involved as leaders, secretaries, story tellers, music leaders, and substitutes at all levels. We are praising God for the many Leaders who have already signed up. The majority of our Leaders are returning, which shows they believe their time is well-spent in working with children.

Is God calling you to be a Leader with just 3 or 4 children in your handbook group? Please consider giving only two hours on Thursday nights to share Jesus with eager boys and girls. We don't want to turn children away because we are full. However, we are committed to a ratio of one Leader to only four children for maximum learning. Leaders can be of all ages, teens through seniors!

We believe some of the Clubs will fill up quickly, so please don't wait. Join the fun which lasts for eternity by calling the church office or Cynthia Kenyon, the Awana Commander, for more information 503-245-2299.

AWANA CALENDAR

- Aug. 16 Registration starts for children, teens, and staff.
- Sept 3 Awana New Leader Training Only 6:30 – 8:30 pm
- Sept 10 Awana All Leader Training 6:30 – 8:30 pm
- Sept 17 Awana First Club Night with parents and clubbers

Cynthia Kenyon

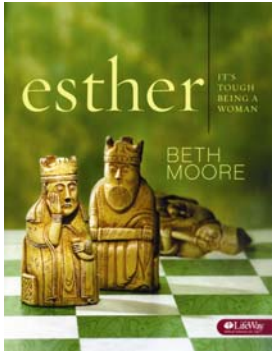
Awana Commander

A good time was had by all at this year's Awana handbook completion weekend, held at Great Wolf Lodge in Washington the end of May. The theme was "Pass it On – Bring Your Friends to Christ." 24 campers and 14 parents and leaders enjoyed the weekend.



WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

FALL BIBLE STUDIES



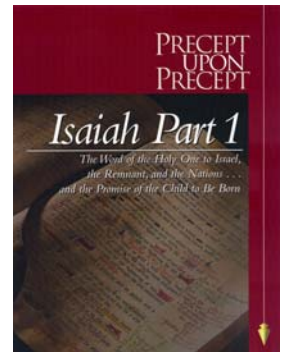
This fall, Women's Ministries will offer you the choice of popular speaker and teacher Beth Moore's study "Esther," or Kay Arthur's Precept study, "Isaiah, Part 1." Join us September 8 at 9:15 a.m. in the Family Center Fireside room for brunch, and the opportunity to participate in one of these dynamic studies. Or join the Wednesday evening Bible study September 9, at 6 PM, where you will also have the opportunity to join in Beth Moore's study of "Esther." Childcare is provided for our Tuesday morning study only.

Today's culture demands so much from women and in the study of "Esther," Beth Moore relates that things haven't changed a whole lot – *it's always been tough being a woman*. This portion of God's Word contains treasures to aid us in our hurried, harried, and pressured lives. Come along and imagine yourself in the world of Esther. Its narrative

is filled with tragedy, triumph, intrigue, ambiguity and a thread of mystery. Esther will strengthen our individual lives and deepen our personal relationship with God. Don't miss this awe-inspiring study. Cost is \$25. If you are interested in doing the Esther study online, please contact Gloria Bremner at 503-635-3319.

Kay Arthur's Precept study this year is Isaiah Part 1. As we begin our study of the prophet Isaiah this fall, we will be blessed by the Lord's word to Israel, to the remnant and to the nations, as well as His promise of the Child to be born. We will learn, as Kay Arthur says, how God "deals with those who claim Him as God, but do not honor Him as God in the way that they live. And we'll find the destiny of nations, the future of all mankind... including ours."

You are invited to join us this fall and meet the Holy One of Israel in the prophecies of Isaiah and to hear His words of counsel and of promise. Will you be a part of the holy seed, the remnant, the faithful followers of our Lord Jesus Christ? Come see what God's future for us will be! If you are interested, please contact Becky Huntting at 503-636-6339. Cost for the year: \$35.



TRYON CREEK HIKE

Calling all women who worship alone! We have planned the second annual day hike to Tryon Creek on August 15 and invite you to get out those walking shoes and come along. There are lots of trails for all levels, whether strolling or aerobic. Feel free to invite your friends.

We will meet in the church parking lot August 15 at 9:30 and head over to Tryon Creek. Afterwards, you are invited to a no-host lunch at Biscuits in the old Amerigo's site in Mercantile area off Kruse Way. Please confirm with Deb

Michaels by emailing her at DebTigard@aol.com, or call 503 387-3892 so we know who to watch for that morning.

SELAH – A seminar for women

Saturday, September 26, 2009, 9 AM to 3:15 PM

George Fox University

Selah's theme this year is *REIMAGINE: Embracing change, trusting God and moving forward*. Change is never easy, but the Holy Spirit uses our changing circumstances as an invitation to grow and be strengthened. You will learn practically and tactically how to approach life's difficult transitions. Speakers are Sarah Thomas Baldwin, Linda Lucas and Bo Stern. Please register online at selah@georgefox.edu or pick up a registration form in the kiosk in the lobby and mail it directly to George Fox University. Registration prior to August 31 is \$37. September 1-24 is \$42 and registration at the door is \$47. Look for further details in the pamphlet on the Information Counter.

FROM PASTOR STEVE

LEADERSHIP TRAINING



To all those involved in church leadership at any level, and for those interested in leadership... SAVE THE DATE!!! On Friday, September 25 from 7:00 to 8:30 PM and Saturday, September 26 from 9:00 AM to 2:30 PM, Tami Rudkin will be holding a leadership seminar to help train leaders to be even more effective in their respective ministries. Tami is the co-founder of Heartbeat Ministries Small Group Training Company. She has been extensively involved in small group ministry for the past 10 years, and currently serves on staff as the Small Group Training Coordinator for Highland Park Community Church in Casper, Wyoming. Among other things, she also trains, and is directly responsible for, 60 small group pastors and has done apprentice training with over 50 potential pastors over the past couple of years.

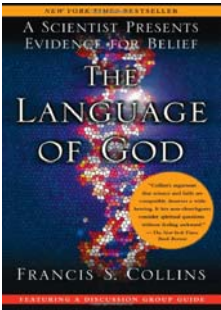
This will be a fun and unique opportunity to learn and grow. So leaders, and potential leaders, please don't miss out, as this will be the perfect venue to hone your leadership skills in a way that should prove to be highly beneficial for those who will be under your particular ministry areas. Further information will become available as September draws closer.

Steve West

Pastor of Adult Ministries and Worship Arts

LIBRARY NEWS

BOOK DISCUSSION: *The Language of God*



On Sunday, September 13, from 7 to 8:30 PM in the Mountain Perk Café, Jerry North and Walt Gabler will be leading a book discussion on Francis S. Collins' *The Language of God*.

Francis S. Collins is one of the country's leading geneticists and the longtime head of the Human Genome Project. He helped to discover the genetic misspellings that cause cystic fibrosis, neurofibromatosis, and Huntington's disease.

A former atheist, his book combines a personal account of his move to faith and experiences as a genetics researcher with discussions of more general topics of science and spirituality, especially centering around evolution. He believes that faith in God and science can coexist in a person and be harmonious.

Books are available for purchase for \$11 in the MPC library on Sunday mornings or through Patti Russell by emailing her at library@mtnparkchurch.org or by phone at 971-244-2544.

MISSIONS CORNER

Thank you for your generous and faithful gifts to the work of HCJB Global through Charlie and Jeannie Jacobson, and Yvonne Kennedy. The Jacobsons work at the Global Technology Center in Elkhart, IN where the most notable project recently included studio equipment for the Democratic Republic of Congo. Yvonne works in the North Africa/Middle East office, helping to coordinate the details of sending Christian programming into countries where even Bibles are forbidden, much less missionaries.

Your gifts help make all these things possible. Especially during these economic times, we so appreciate the sacrifices you make for missions around the world.

Blessings,
HCJB Global

FINANCIAL NEWS

GIVING STATEMENTS

Statements of your tithes and offerings for January through June 2009 will be mailed out in the next couple of weeks. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me right away and I will be glad to assist you. I can be reached Mondays through Thursdays in the church office, by phone at 503-635-3443, or email at jennifers@mtnparkchurch.org . It is a blessing to serve the congregation at MPC. Thank you and have a wonderful summer.

TITHING & VACATIONS

For many of us, summer means days spent by the pool, the ocean, or the campsite. Even though we may enjoy time away from home, our bills don't take a vacation and neither do the church's. If you're traveling this summer, you can still keep current with your giving by mailing in your offerings or using your bank's automatic bill pay program (a convenient program which many banks offer for free). Thank you for sharing your time, talents and treasures at Mountain Park Church. Your gifts make it possible for MPC to share the Good News of Jesus Christ through our ministries and missions.

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