

A Note From Neumann

Can you believe that June is over and July is here? Where has summer gone? One of our focuses this fall is equipping parents of our children with the skills to raise their children as “Spiritual Champions”. Our goal is to make spiritual conversations and events a part of the culture in the homes of our families.

You may be asking yourself; when will I have time to do another church event in a week that’s already packed with activities? Here’s the good news, we are going to do this without adding another thing to your schedule. We will be teaching you and your children during the Life Group hour on Sundays, together. That’s right, you will join your child in the Upper Room (our remodeled large gathering room) on scheduled Sundays in the fall and spring. What better way to show the importance of creating a spiritual culture in your home than to learn with your children.

You will find, on page two, the list of topics to be taught and which age will be the target group. As parents, it is our God given responsibility to spiritually raise our children. It’s the church’s job to teach us how!

Get Serving This Summer!

The summer months usually mean fewer activities to track. That, combined with warmer weather and vacation time, makes summer an ideal time to serve. Start small, looking to your children’s passions for volunteer ideas.

- If your kids are creative, have them make cards for neighbors.
- If your family enjoys nature, pick up trash at a local park or tend a community garden.
- To give back at church, clean pews, classrooms, or nursery toys.
- To keep children’s skills sharp on summer break, have them write letters to homebound relatives or nursing-home residents.

Through fun, age-appropriate projects, children can see the immediate impacts of following God’s command to serve one another.

INSIGHTS

- Out of 1,000 U.S. households, one-third of all families and one-half of middle-class families said volunteering is a big part of their life. *(Gallup Poll)*
- 80% of teenagers reported being active in volunteer work if, as young children, they did some volunteering. *(Independent Sector)*
- Research shows the following benefits of volunteering: responsibility, leadership, critical thinking, problem-solving, self-respect, self-discipline, self-motivation, patience, tolerance, and good citizenship.

Faith @ Home Schedule

| Target Age | Topic/Event | Description |
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| Infants | Baby Dedication | How parents are the spiritual influencers of their children. |
| 2-3 year olds | Family Blessing | How to ritually bless your children. |
| 3-4 year olds | Family Devotions | How to have a devotion. |
| K-1st | My church | How to enjoy going to church. |
| 1st-2nd | Prayer | How to pray as a family. |
| 2nd-3rd | Family Serve | Doing a family service project together. |
| 3rd-4th | My Bible | How to read it as a family. |
| 4th-5th | Worship | How to do it together at home. |
| 5th-6th | Money and Me | How to manage money as a kid. |
| 6th | Computer/Music | What is okay and what is not. |

Look for the schedule of class times in the August edition of the Kidz Life Parent Link! These are classes you will not want to miss!

TEACHABLE MOMENTS

1. Pitch-In Praise—Let children know that the chores they complete at home are acts of service. Acknowledge their positive attitudes when they help around the house and yard without complaint.

2. Share the Wealth—When it's time to clean out the garage or closet, find people who can use your items. Together, take gently used clothing to shelters. Deliver books and toys to churches, schools, libraries, and hospitals.

3. Secret Service—To let children know that serving is its own reward, tackle some projects that allow you to remain anonymous. Then discuss what it feels like to help someone without being recognized. Remind children that everything we do is for Jesus, who knows our hearts and blesses our efforts.

After a volunteer experience, debrief your children with these discussion-starter questions:

1. How did this activity make you feel? What was the best part of the experience, and what was the most challenging?
2. How did people react to what you did for them, and how did that make you feel?
3. What other ideas for serving can you think of? What are other ways you can make a difference in the neighborhood, at school, at church, at home?

Mrs. Carrie's Corner

Summer is flying by, can you believe it is already July? This month our preschoolers are learning about Philip, Acts 8. We will focus on these three Biblical truths: Philip listened to God, obeyed God, and told others about God. As preschoolers we can be like Philip and tell others about Jesus.

KIDZ ON MISSION OPPORTUNITY - As a part of our focus on missions, the preschool & children's ministries will be collecting items for Romania. You can send items with your child to add to our collection in the Kids Clubhouse. These supplies will be sent with our missions team in September. Look below for the list of supplies to send to the Romanian children.

Don't forget to check out www.d6family.com/splink for weekly family devotion ideas!

Thanks for allowing me to minister to your precious children,

Carrie Centilli

WPBC Director of Preschool Ministries

Romania Kidz on Mission Supply List

SCHOOL SUPPLIES:


| | |
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| Pencils | Notebooks |
| Crayons | Paper |

CLOTHING (Children's sizes)

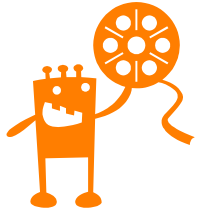
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| Shoes | Pants |
| Shirts | Socks |
| Underwear | Toothbrushes/Tooth Paste |

SURVIVOR WEEK

August 1st-3rd
7:00-9:00 pm
KINDERGARTEN-6TH GRADE



It is time for the kidz of Woodland Place to come forward and represent their tribe. The tribes of Agkelos, Tharros, Dyanami, and Epikrato will compete over a period of 3 days in events that will challenge them mentally and physically. Points go to the victor, and to all who add to their tribe by bringing their friends. Okay, it is really 3 nights of fun and silly games but only 1 tribe can be the **SOUL SURVIVOR!**



MEDIA MADNESS



MOVIES

Movie: Zoo-keeper

Genre: Comedy

Rating: PG

Cast: Kevin James, Adam Sandler, Joe Rogan, Cher

Synopsis: Andrew is a caretaker who's more comfortable with animals than people. When he decides to leave his job, the animals not only reveal they can talk, but they also help Andrew in the romance department.

Our Take: This film will attract kids who grew up watching *Madagascar*, but parents should note that it contains some rude and suggestive humor, as well as some foul language.



MUSIC

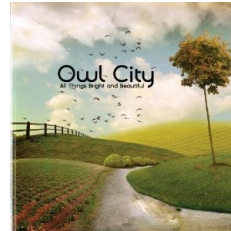
Artist: Owl City

Album: *All Things Bright and Beautiful*

Artist Info: Two years ago, Adam Young scored a hit with his electronic/synthpop song "Fireflies." Now this one-man band is turning to acoustic guitar and piano accompaniments for his thoughtful lyrics.

Summary: Many of Young's songs reflect his Christian faith, although he isn't labeled a "Christian artist." He says, "My faith is very important to me and is a very big part of who I am as an individual."

Our Take: Owl City is a good, inspirational alternative for kids who want to listen to popular new music that steers clear of offensive topics and lyrics.

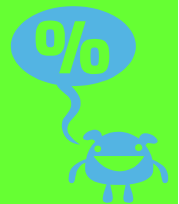


CULTURE & TRENDS

- The dangerous "pharming" trend isn't just for teens anymore. Younger children are stealing their parents' prescription meds—especially pain pills—to get a buzz. (*National Institute on Drug Abuse*)
- Parents who frequently feel angry at or bothered by their children increase the risk of their kids becoming bullies. (*Pediatric Academic Societies*)

QUICK STATS

- 1 in 5 parents regrets the name they chose for their child (*today.com*)
- 42% of parents say high-tech distractions such as computers and cell phones are interfering with their children's active play time. Yet 53% of parents admit spending leisure time with their kids in front of a screen. (*YMCA's Family Health Snapshot*)



GAMES

| Title | Content | Rating & Platform |
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| <i>Wii Play: Motion</i> | Twelve party games allow players to twist and turn, using the new Wii Remote Plus controller. | E10+; Wii |
| <i>Portal 2</i> | In this popular puzzle-filled game, players use a "portal gun" to pass between openings in walls and kill nonhumans (without blood). | E10+; Xbox 360, PlayStation 3 |
| <i>AnimalJam.com</i> | This virtual world is an online component to <i>National Geographic Kids</i> magazine. Kids learn about animals, play games, and chat with others. | Best for ages 10+ or strong readers; free, but offers perks to paid members |

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.





July



| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|---|---|---------|---|----------|--|--|
| | | | | | 1 | 2 |
| 3 | 4 Independence Day | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 |
| 10 Trek Week Parent Meeting After 2nd Service | 11 Sunday Pool Parties 6-8 pm JULY 10TH-Lakeside 5001 W. Alden Bridge AUGUST 14TH-Shadowbend 4192 Lake Woodlands | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 |
| 17 | 18 2011 Pre-Teen Camp A SLATE WIPED CLEAN 3rd-6th Grade 195 July 18-22 Camp Copass, Denton, TX | 19 | 20 2011 Pre-Teen Camp A SLATE WIPED CLEAN 3rd-6th Grade 195 July 18-22 Camp Copass, Denton, TX | 21 | 22 2011 Pre-Teen Camp A SLATE WIPED CLEAN 3rd-6th Grade 195 July 18-22 Camp Copass, Denton, TX | 23 |
| 24 Kidz Life Group Fellowships The Pool in Jacob's Reserve 5-7pm 3rd-4th Grade-Sunday, July 24th 5th-6th Grade-Sunday, August 7th Hamburgers and Hotdogs will be served! | 25 | 26 | 27 Wacky Wednesday Wii Parties, K-6th 6-7:30 pm The Upper Room July 27. SNACKS PROVIDED | 28 | 29 Women's Ministry Family Night July 29th, Check website for details. | 30 |
| 31 | | | | | | Woodland Place KIDZ MISSION Friends in the Neighborhood June 30th Join us for a special service Send in your old toys and table games for a special time off for the kids to serve the senior COMPASSION UNITED.COM Breakfast in the Park July 29th Sack Lunch Prep-Day 10:00 am, FLC July 30th Meet at the Church 8:30 am Sack Lunch Distribution Lewis Park, Conroe |

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