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ADVENTURES FOR CHILDREN

2010 Summer Children's Ministry

Do you know where your children are on Sunday mornings? Here's a schedule of lessons and events for those from Kindergarten through 5th grade:

- June 20: Fishing at Stony Lakeside Park
Lesson: A Father's Love
Theme: Father's Day
- June 27: Activities at church
Lesson: Father of Nations—
God Calls Abram
Theme: Promises
- July 4: Fallasburg Park
Lesson: Father of Nations—
Abram and Lot Separate
Theme: Righteousness
- July 11: Activities at church
Lesson: Father of Nations—
Birth of Isaac
Theme: Faith
- July 18: John Ball Park Zoo
Lesson: Treasure Hunters—
The Rich Young Man
Theme: Treasures
- July 25: Activities at church
Lesson: Treasure Hunters—
Love of Money
Theme: Greed
- August 1: Bowling at Rollaway
Lesson: Treasure Hunters—
The Rich Man & Lazarus
Theme: Foolishness

- August 8: Raimer Horse Farm
Lesson: The Prophet Daniel—
A Reputation of Strength
Theme: Good Reputation
- August 15: Activities at church
Lesson: The Prophet Daniel—
A Reputation of Courage
Theme: Courage
- August 22: Branch Adventures
Lesson: The Prophet Daniel—
A Reputation of Humility
Theme: Humility
- August 29: Boating/swimming at Big Pine Island
Lesson: The Prophet Daniel—
A Reputation of Faith
Theme: Faith

Looks like a great summer of fun and learning! Our thanks to Cheryl Runstrom and her team (Myrtis Thut, Joe Runstrom, and Dennis & Chris West) for all their hard work in putting this together and working during the summer. Please pray for safety, fun, enough volunteers, and for God to change lives through the teaching.

Family Friendly Sunday Evening Services Start TONIGHT

STORYTIME 10 min focus on kids
K—5th Grade

**Great story tellers
every Sunday evening.**

News from the Maturity Team

George and Sue Raimer have been working with the JV Youth Group (Middle School or Ignite Group) for at least 10 years, and they have decided it's time for someone else to work with this age group! They have left the group as of the first of June. A celebration dinner was held in their honor with the Maturity Team on June 11. A big THANK YOU to them for their sacrifice of time and energy to this group. Brent Bradley is the new Sunday School teacher. Be sure and pray for Brent as he prepares lessons each week and opens God's Word each Sunday morning.

Beginning June 27, we are opening up the nursery on Sunday evenings to include 3- and 4-year-olds. We are doing this on a trial basis to see if it will help out parents who struggle to keep their young children sitting in the church service. If it proves helpful and we can keep adequate staff in the nursery, we'll evaluate whether or not to keep it going on a regular basis. Our thanks to Karol Burnham and Gail Blanchard for their willingness to give it a try!

On Sunday, July 4, the service times will be reversed—Sunday School and AFB's at the church from 9:30 to 10:30, and then we move to Fallasburg Park for the morning worship service. Please note that there will be nursery and a program for beginners provided during the Sunday School hour at the church, but there won't be any nursery or beginner program at the park during the worship service.

During the summer months, Tamara Vander Heide and her staff have planned a little different program for the Beginners during Sunday School. They are going through a teaching quarter on God's Creation, so each morning during the Sunday School hour (weather permitting), they go outside and explore God's creation—plants, birds, bugs, and anything else they might find. You might also see some of their sidewalk chalk creations as you walk out to your car after Sunday School. It's amazing what you can find in the back yard of the church! Our thanks to Tamara and her staff for their creativity!

God Lives Under the Bed

I envy Kevin. My brother, Kevin, thinks God lives under his bed. At least that's what I heard him say one night. He was praying out loud in his dark bedroom, and I stopped to listen, 'Are you there, God?' he said. 'Where are you? Oh, I see. Under the bed...'

I giggled softly and tiptoed off to my own room. Kevin's unique perspectives are often a source of amusement. But that night something else lingered long after the humor. I realized for the first time the very different world Kevin lives in. He was born 30 years ago, mentally disabled as a result of difficulties during labor. Apart from his size (he's 6-foot-2), there are few ways in which he is an adult.

He reasons and communicates with the capabilities of a 7-year-old, and he always will. He will probably always believe that God lives under his bed, that Santa Claus is the one who fills the space under our tree every Christmas, and that airplanes stay up in the sky because angels carry them.

I remember wondering if Kevin realizes he is different. Is he ever dissatisfied with his monotonous life? Up before dawn each day, off to work at a workshop for the disabled, home to walk our cocker spaniel, return to eat his favorite macaroni-and-cheese for dinner, and later to bed. The only variation in the entire scheme is laundry, when he hovers excitedly over the washing machine like a mother with her newborn child.

He does not seem dissatisfied. He lopes out to the bus every morning at 7:05, eager for a day of simple work. He wrings his hands excitedly while the water boils on the stove before dinner, and he stays up late twice a week to gather our dirty laundry for his next day's laundry chores.

And Saturdays - oh, the bliss of Saturdays! That's the day my Dad takes Kevin to the airport to have a soft drink, watch the planes land, and speculate loudly on the destination of each passenger inside. 'That one's goin' to Chi-car-go!' Kevin shouts as he claps his hands. His anticipation is so great he can hardly sleep on Friday nights.

And so goes his world of daily rituals and weekend field trips.

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Children's Storytime (continued)

June 27—Pam Kinnucan

July 4—no evening service

July 11—Terre Ritchie

July 18—Bill Johnson

July 25—Lori Raimer

August 1—Phil VanLaan

August 8—Surprise

August 15—Betty Deans

August 22—Sharon Vosovic

August 29—Pam Sigafoose

Nursery provided Sunday evenings : infant to 5 years old.

Fire Crackers will begin meeting the first of October (PM) as they prepare for the children's Christmas program.

****Family Fun****

FBC 4th of July Family Day

9:30—ABF's at FBC

**11:00—Sunday Service at
Fallasburg Park**

Family Picnic / Pig Roast

following the service.

Bring a side dish or dessert to pass.

Meat, Beverages and Table Service
are Provided

Games and Fun for the whole family after
the picnic.

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He doesn't know what it means to be discontent. His life is simple.

He will never know the entanglements of wealth or power, and he does not care what brand of clothing he wears or what kind of food he eats. His needs have always been met, and he never worries that one day they may not be.

His hands are diligent. Kevin is never so happy as when he is working. When he unloads the dishwasher or vacuums the carpet, his heart is completely in it. He does not shrink from a job when it is begun, and he does not leave a job until it is finished. But when his tasks are done, Kevin knows how to relax.

He is not obsessed with his work or the work of others. His heart is pure. He still believes everyone tells the truth, promises must be kept, and when you are wrong, you apologize instead of argue.

Free from pride and unconcerned with appearances, Kevin is not afraid to cry when he is hurt, angry or sorry. He is always transparent, always sincere. And he trusts God. Not confined by intellectual reasoning, when he comes to Christ, he comes as a child. Kevin seems to know God - to really be friends with Him in a way that is difficult for an 'educated' person to grasp. God seems like his closest companion.

In my moments of doubt and frustrations with my Christianity, I envy the security Kevin has in his simple faith. It is then that I am most willing to admit that he has some divine knowledge that rises above my mortal questions. It is then I realize that perhaps he is not the one with the handicap. I am. My obligations, my fear, my pride, my circumstances - they all become disabilities when I do not trust them to God's care.

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FBC Family Challenge....Getting to Know You.

Who *are* these people? Any ideas yet?

These are second hints. People are in same order as last month.

Caring is contagious!



1. I love to fish and target shoot clay pigeons with my son on Iowa property.
2. I have moved over 30 times in my lifetime.
3. Am partial to Bob Whites, Bears and Beavers.
4. When I was a Cub Scout I got to be on "The Shirley Show" on channel 13.
5. When I was 11, I took guitar lessons and played with a group.
6. As a child, I starred as Patrick Henry in a play that I organized for the kids in my neighborhood.
7. Last of the Mohicans
8. I love to cycle and take fitness classes for biking.
9. My first military physical was rejected.
10. Went to the Vatican and took a picture of Pope John's hand.
11. I have 4 children.
12. My spouse and I just celebrated our 30th wedding anniversary.
13. I once kicked a raccoon when it tried to get into my tent.
14. 8 YR ER 16541358 SPEC E-4 ARMY
11 YR LEAR (LSI) (CEELEC.)
27 YR GM RET.
15. I am always looking for bargains and love GoodWill!
15. Cooking my way through college in the campus kitchen, I once made a Saturday lunch for Representative Gerald R. Ford before he was a U. S. President.
16. Love baseball, football and auto racing--local and NASCAR
18. When I was a kid (about 2nd grade), I got up in front of class and said that I was a twin because my birthday was the same as another classmate's.
19. I designed the house I am living in.
20. I was the secretary for a phone company called UTS.
21. Saved at age 10.
22. When I'm in the middle, backwards is as easy as forwards!
23. I climbed mountains in Colorado.
24. Walked the barn beams and didn't fall and break any bones.
25. I ran my canoe into a tree and knocked my poodle into the river.
26. Graduated from college with a higher GPA than I had in high school.
27. I grew up in the land where you heard whippoorwills and picked wintergreen berries.
28. I used to be a Catholic and am the parent of 4 premature babies.
29. I am the fifth of six children born to my parents. Only four of us survived infancy.

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30. The first time I ever drove over the Mackinac Bridge I only had my learner permit. It was at night. My dad said it was a good opportunity for me.
31. I have eaten Chinese food on four different continents.
32. Toast with too much butter is my comfort food.
33. I slept in a home once owned by my 5th great grandparents in New Hampshire.
34. I have a handicap license plate because I was in a car accident over 10 years ago and had a hard time walking. I am doing much better now!
35. I met my husband in a bar.
36. My pastor was murdered by teenagers. He baptized me in a lake when I was 18.
37. I have only lived in 2 houses my entire life!
38. The **first** time I got picked up by the police, I was only 2 years old.
39. I am a Trekkie. If you don't know what that means, you have my pity.
40. I was the youngest season-ticket holder of our community concert series.
41. **New person; new clues !**
I graduated from Davenport Institute the year before it became a college.
Worked in Circuit Court Adult Probation typing pre-sentence investigations.

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Who knows if Kevin comprehends things I can never learn? After all, he has spent his whole life in that kind of innocence, praying after dark and soaking up the goodness and love of God.

And one day, when the mysteries of heaven are opened, and we are all amazed at how close God really is to our hearts, I'll realize that God heard the simple prayers of a boy who believed that God lived under his bed. Kevin won't be surprised at all !

One In Heart Ministries

Check the **One In Heart** bulletin board in the foyer for items FBC family members want to give away (**Have**) and things that are needed (**Need**). Here's the list as of June 20.

HAVE

HP computer ink #20—on the board

7 sterling silver cross necklaces

3 sterling silver rings, size 7 — Kathy Casler

Lady who is willing to clean houses — Lorri Gabrion

Free CDs — on the board

“Yes, God Does Not Grade On the Curve!”

“7 Principles to Train a Child in the Way He Should Go”

“Silver Boxes”

Canon computer ink. Value Savings Pack #5 and #8

NEED

Money for a car for my mom — Lane Weeks

Looking for someone who sells Amway — Bev Taylor

Sorrow looks back

Worry looks around

Faith look up

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FBC Mission Statement

We endeavor to...

Magnify

The Lord, by bringing people to Jesus Christ and

Membership

In His Family, seeking to develop them to Christ-like

Maturity,

Equipping them for their

Ministry

In the Church.... And their life

Mission

In the world.

July Birthdays and Anniversaries

Name	Happy Birthday	Happy Anniversary
	to..	to..
Donna Gerard	7/01	
Andrew Hile (M.K.)	7/02	
Halle Gregory	7/03	
Ben Ingram	7/03	
Sabin Ingram	7/03	
Leon & Francis Miller		7/05
George & Sue Raimer		7/07
Phil VanLaan	7/07	
Bob Copeland	7/08	
Bob McComb	7/08	
Tom Raimer	7/08	
Phil & Amber Ritchie		7/08
Rev. Roy & JoAnne Schwarcz (Missionaries)		7/08
Ryne Clarke	7/09	
Tyler Milley	7/10	
Jackson Fleenor	7/11	
Janet Burns	7/13	
Bob Bennett	7/14	
Terre Ritchie	7/14	
Loren Blocher	7/15	
Matthew Sobie	7/15	
John Clarke	7/16	
Dennis & Chris West		7/16
Dorothy Ritchie (Missionary)	7/18	
Linda Walbridge	7/20	
Leon Miller	7/22	
Mary Richard	7/23	
Tyler Ritchie	7/23	
Pastor & Gayle Sims		7/23
Norma Lemmon	7/24	
Aubrey McKay	7/24	
Kathy Moore	7/24	
Don Gerard	7/26	
George & Terry Watson		7/26
Rance Bennett	7/27	
Karen Onan	7/27	
Becky Jaskowiak	7/30	
Rance and Linda Bennett		7/30
Mike & Karol Burnham		7/31
Jennifer Green	7/31	
Scott & Sue McGlamery		7/31
Bob Pycraft (Missionary)	7/31	

***I have set the Lord always before me.
Because he is at my right hand, I will not be shaken.
Psalm 16:8***