

THE PULSE

may 2012
what's
up!

May 10th
**Mother-Daughter
Banquet**

May 13th
Mother's Day
No PM Service

May 16th
Kidz Choir Parties
in classrooms

May 23rd
Kidz Choir Award

Faith is being sure
of what we hope
for and certain of
what we cannot see.
Hebrews 11:1

**Big
Faith**



It's amazing to watch those extreme BMX riders go flying through the air! They pull off the most amazing tricks and make them look so easy. Do you realize that each of those amazing riders were little kids once who rode around on bikes with

training wheels? At some point, before they could do any of those amazing tricks, they had to take off those training wheels and learn to ride just like everyone else.

Learning to ride a bike is a great picture of the kind of faith God wants you to have. When you first take off the training wheels you have no idea how in the world you're going to stay up. You want to really bad, but it's scary because you've never done it. With a little help you make it a few feet before you crash! Then you make it down the driveway. Before you know it, you are flying down the street. That's exactly how faith works. God asks you to do something, like pray for a friend who is sad. You're not really sure and maybe a little scared. You do it, God helps your friend, and you think, wow! Then God asks you to do something else, like invite someone who doesn't have a lot of friends to your next party. You worry they won't fit in, someone else will get mad, or worse, you'll get made fun of. Regardless, you choose to have faith, you obey, and BAM! God shows up and everything goes great. Hebrews 11 is full of stories about men and women who put their faith in God and saw Him show up and do really cool things.

You may just now be taking the training wheels off when it comes to your faith. If you keep trusting and obeying God, before long you will be doing amazing things for Him as if it were no big deal at all. You'll be just like those BMX riders who make flying through the air look so simple. So ask God what He wants you to do today, have faith, obey, and He will show up!

April was such an exciting month with our Eggstravaganza, Easter Sunday, and our Westside CAREs Sunday School campaign. I want to thank everyone who brought a friend to Sunday School. Keep inviting your friends!

This month is going to be exciting for all of us as you wind down the school year and Word of Life ends. I am excited about planning all of the fun activities for this summer. I want to encourage everyone to sign up for Vacation Bible School. This year we will be taking flight with "Amazing Wonders Aviation." It is going to be an exciting time as we explore the wonders of God's creation.

As you finish school, make sure you finish strong. Our theme in Children's Church is "Super Sports Spectacular," and when you are playing a sport or trying to accomplish goals, we have to remember to start strong and to finish strong. Don't let the excitement of summer make you miss out on what God has planned for you during the last few weeks of school. The Bible tells us in 1 Corinthians 9:24, "Do you know that those who run in a race all run, but one receives the prize. Run in such a way that you may

obtain it." Finish the school year strong!



Your Children's Pastor,
Todd Villemont

And now an important message from our Pastor

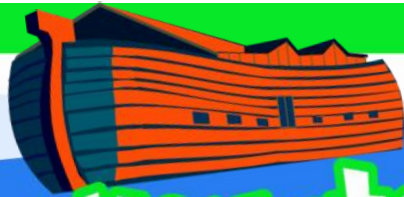


May Birthdays!

De De Hilaman	5/2
Dylan Carter	5/3
Colton Clardy	5/5
Zachary Rogers	5/6
Bruce	5/8
James Gurley	5/9
Mary Woodward	5/9
Joshua Collins	5/10
Haley Condurelis	5/11
Jilley Espenschied	5/11
Danielle Hager	5/11
Connor Layman	5/11
Tanya Shepherd	5/13
Brady Ellison	5/15
Grace Ellison	5/15
Kamryn Keller	5/18
Laila Noujoum	5/18
Thomas Cotchaleovitch	5/19
April Wallace	5/20
Jordan Hardgrove	5/21
Meagan Howsare	5/21
Robby Youngblood	5/22
Alexa Wasdin	5/24
Jazmyn Nidiffer	5/25
Chloe Powell	5/25
Caroline Carr	5/26
Elijah Sieracki	5/26
Hailey Nemeth	5/29
Logan Wise	5/31
Julie Yoachum	5/31



Ultimate Obedience



The Old Testament is full of stories about men and women who had big faith in God. Some of them took huge risks because they trusted in God and believed He would take care of them. They did whatever God asked of them! They did these things in FAITH! Hebrews chapter 11 tells of many Old Testament acts of faith. Open your Bible to Hebrews 11 and see if you can find all the answers to this crossword puzzle.

Down

1. "the people passed through the Red _____ as on dry land."
2. "_____, when he had grown up, refused to be known as the son of Pharaoh's daughter."
4. "_____, when God tested him, offered Isaac as a sacrifice."
8. "_____, when warned about things not seen...built an ark to save his family."

Across

3. "the walls of _____ fell, after the people had marched around them for seven days."
4. "_____ offered God a better sacrifice than Cain did."
5. "_____ when he was dying blessed each of Joseph's sons"
6. "Abraham, even though he was passed _____ was enabled to become a father because he considered Him faithful who had made the promise."
7. "_____ was taken from this life, so that he did not experience death; he could not be found, because God had taken him away."
9. "_____ blessed Jacob and Esau in regard to their future."

Look-a-Like



Here's a little snack you can put together that will surely cause your friends to do a double take. Fix up these trick foods and watch the look on your friends faces when they catch on!

MINI-BURGERS???

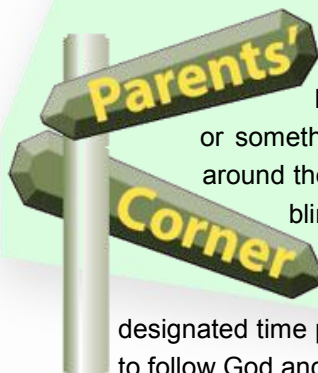
No! It's actually vanilla wafers and chocolate mints; but they look like hamburgers. Here's what you need:

Vanilla wafers (bun), Chocolate mints (hamburger patty), Coconut colored green with food coloring (lettuce), Frosting (just to hold the burger together), and Sesame seeds

Here's what you do: Place a dab of frosting on the flat side of the vanilla wafers. Stick a chocolate mint to one of the wafers. Put coconut in sealable sandwich bag. Place a few drops of green food coloring in the bag. Close the bag and shake until coconut turns green. Spread frosting on top of the mint and cover it with coconut. Stick the other wafer on top to complete the sandwich. Lightly moisten the top of the vanilla wafer with water. Place sesame seeds on the wafer. You now have one adorable and yummy miniature "hamburger"!!!

FRUIT PUNCH???

Surprise your friends with this yummy "drink". Choose a color of jello that looks like kool-aid or fruit punch. Prepare jello according to direction on box. Pour into drinking glasses and insert a straw. Place in the refrigerator so it will thicken. Serve this delicious "drink" with your yummy "hamburger". You might want a camera on hand when your friends try sucking on the straw. Have fun!!!



A fantastic interactive way to reinforce the lesson of Trust and Faith is by leading this simple, inexpensive game. The Trust Walk Mine Field game is a game where everyone is a winner. Pair each child with one another and apply a blindfold to one of them. Use scarves, bandanas, or something similar around the house to make blindfolds. Once the children are ready, place items around the room at random. Identify these items as the "mines." The overall goal of the game is for the blindfolded children to be led through the minefield without touching any of the scattered mines. One rule is that the blindfolded child can't talk but listens to the verbal cues given by their partner. These cues should guide them through the obstacles. Swap partners after a designated time period so each child gets to have their turn. Then read Isaiah 42:16 and discuss what it is like to follow God and trust Him completely.



7775 Herlong Road
Jacksonville, FL 32210

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT		
May		1	Choir 6PM WOL 7PM	2	3	4	5	
	6 Sunday School Children's Church	7	8	Choir 6PM WOL 7PM	9	Mother/ Daughter Banquet 6:30PM	10	11
13 Sunday School Children's Church NO mother's PM Service DAY	14	15	Choir Parties 6PM WOL/7PM	16	17	18	19	
20 Sunday School Children's Church	21	22	Choir Award Ceremony 6PM WOL/7PM	23	24	25	26	
27 Sunday School Children's Church Beach Baptism 4PM	28 memorial DAY Church Office Closed	29	Choir 6PM WOL (Ends) 7PM	30	31	Coming Next Month: VBS...June 25-29!!!		

*Olympians
"Wear Your
Clothes Inside
Out" Night!*

*Olympians
Level Testing*