



Summer Has Begun!

Welcome to a new season! Summer has arrived, kids are getting out of school, the pool is warming up, freckles are popping up on little noses, and vacations are just around the corner. Here at CCC's Children's Ministry we are also awaiting new things to begin; VBS being the main one, but also a new rotation of volunteers, and one worship service.

Spotlight on our Community

The Shackow family shares their experience

trying out a new Summer adventure : **Park-a-palooza**

by Rebecca Schackow

When summer vacation begins, it is not always easy to find fun, new, local, and affordable things to do with your children. So, when I read the idea of Park-a-Palooza in Family Fun magazine, I was excited to give it a try. A palooza is an exaggerated event. That makes Park-A-Palooza a time when you go to as many parks as you can in one day (or before nap time). If you enjoy having fun outdoors with your children, this event is simple, inexpensive, and memorable. To prepare for my family's first Park-a-Palooza, I researched all of the parks in Gainesville. I decided to choose three new ones that were spread apart in the city. One was a nature trail with playground. One was a playground and skate park. One was a splash park. (visit cityofgainesville.org and look under Parks and Facilities for a map and detailed listing of all the parks). When the big day arrived, I packed up a cooler with cold drinks and fun snacks, smothered the kids with sunscreen, refilled the baby wipe container in my car and headed out for a morning of fun. Our goal was to spend one hour at each park. We left after breakfast and were home for afternoon naps. The event was a huge success in our home and we look forward to doing it again this summer.

For local events, parks and you-pick, check out the following sites to assist you and your family in your Summer adventures:

www.cityofgainesville.org

www.fun4gatorkids.com

www.pickyourown.org/FLnorth.htm (blueberries are ready!)



The Swing

By Robert Louis Stevenson

How do you like to go up in a swing,
Up in the air so blue?
Oh, I do think it the pleasantest thing
Ever a child can do!

Up in the air and over the wall,
Till I can see so wide,
Rivers and trees and cattle and all
Over the countryside—

Till I look down on the garden green,
Down on the roof so brown—
Up in the air I go flying again,
Up in the air and down!

Prayer for Summer

May the peace of the Lord Christ go with you:
wherever he may send you:

May he guide you through the wilderness:
protect you through the storm;

May he bring you home rejoicing:
at the wonders he has shown you;

May he bring you home rejoicing:
once again into our doors.

Common Prayer: A liturgy for Ordinary Radicals

Sunday School Move-Up

Children will not move up to their new classes until Kick-Off Sunday, August 21. Those children who have completed 5th grade are invited to join the Middle School Sunday School class beginning June 12. If you have any questions please ask Harmony or Holli.

Vacation Bible School is here!

Registration is now open for our VBS Beach Bash! Visit our website at www.cccgainesville.com to register and to get more info.

We need YOU to make VBS the best ever! Please see the list below of items we need donated for our service projects, crafts and decorations. We are also looking for volunteers...visit our VBS page on the website for a full list. Email Harmony at kids@christcommunitychurch.com if you would like to help.



Donations needed:

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Beach buckets
Beach balls
Green crepe paper
Black and blue butcher paper
Red, yellow, orange tissue paper
Sand (home depot \$2.50 a bag)
Canned goods of all kinds
Socks
Disposable safety razors
Light bulbs of all kinds
Gatorade and Bottle Water

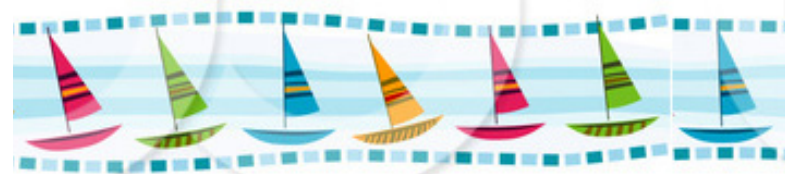
Items we would like to borrow:

(Please make sure all items are clearly labeled with your name)
Surf/boogie boards
Plastic kiddie pool
Beach umbrellas
Beach tents
Beach chairs
Beach towels
Potted palm trees
Shovels
Hoses
Wheelbarrows
Rakes
Brooms

Please bring items to the Welcome Station or email kids@christcommunitychurch.com to arrange drop-off.



June 2011



Sunday

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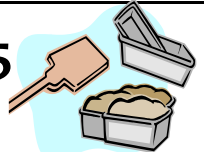

Tuesday

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Thursday

Friday

Saturday

<p>Now recruiting volunteers for Summer and Fall! If you are interested please contact kids@christcommunitychurch.com</p> 			1	2	3  New Moms Playgroup 9:30-11:30 am	4  Offering Planting Project 9:30 am
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12	13	14	15	16	17  New Moms Playgroup 9:30-11:30 am	18
19	20	21	22	<p>All children who will have completed Kindergarten through 5th grade are invited to help us do some baking for those who are in need.</p>		25  Baking Service Project 3:30 pm
26 VBS 2011 Volunteers Meeting 11:30 am	27	28	29	30	<p>Join us for...  SonSurf BEACH BASH VBS July 11-15 9 am - Noon</p>	