

A Note from Holli:

Harmony and I got the privilege to attend the PCA's 2020 Vision Conference last month. The focus of this conference was to give church staff and elders overseeing Christian education in their churches resources, encouragement and ideas. We gained so much from hearing experienced men and women host workshops on different topics that would grow us in our work for CCC's children's ministry. Along with spiritual education for children, we also were able to broaden our toolbox for family ministry. It was so helpful to see resources and hear ideas for helping us better equip the parents of children in our church. Since Harmony and I began working together we have worked hard at finding ways to put resources in the hands of families to help them spiritually educate their children. And in doing so, it is important that those resources will work with busy families and that they are understandable for small children yet engaging for older kids. As we make our journey through this year and many more to come, you will see us taking steps towards continually offering resources to you to help you spiritually parent your children. We see the spiritual growth of children married to the growth of their parents as well.

I think we were surprised to not see a single seminar on how to raise up MORE volunteers, while we did see a number of seminars on how to develop and train the volunteers and teachers you do have. These addressed how to build them up as teachers and spiritual educators of children. We are excited to start this year investing in the development of your children's teachers, volunteers, childcare specialists, and you their parents.



We also came away grateful for an amazing church family at Christ Community which is continually supportive of this ministry. Harmony and I had 12 hours of driving time to talk about how much we love our volunteers and parents. We laughed about stories from when we remember our 2nd graders in the three year old room and the funny things they did. We got sappy over those who have moved away and rejoiced in what they had given us. We were grateful for the growth we have seen, for our volunteers who walk into the doors of our church every week to play games and teach biblical truths to children of all ages. We are thankful for being a part of this ministry!

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A Month of Love - February

Last year as we were evaluating our curriculum and deciding what direction we wanted to do, we came across the following message from one particular curriculum:

I exist everyday to show God's love to a broken world

There were other parts to this statement, and messages about bringing glory to God and finding our identity in Christ. But that part about "showing God's love to a broken world" really is striking. What if a whole family took it seriously in their neighborhood? What would that look like? Taking meals to a shut-in you don't even know? Picking up trash on the sidewalks? What about individual kids taking that mission into their classroom? Because we have experienced God's love for us, amidst our brokenness we are able to show other's His love!



Month of Love Challenge:

In light of this, for the month of February, we encourage you to seek ways your family can show love to people in your neighborhoods, schools, or activities you are involved in. Let us know what you come up with, whether it's creative or mundane.

Bulletin Board

- If you have taken home one of the canvas bags from the Information Table that is for Worship Helps, please bring it back. We should have 12 bags prepared for children to use each week in the services, we currently have one lone bag remaining. These are designed to be used in the service and returned to the Information Table as you exit the auditorium.
- As our church grows, so does Children's Ministry. Please know that children are present on our church property several days a week. Please drive with caution! Both the basketball court and larger play set is outside of the fence.
- If you are interested in serving this Summer please stop by the Welcome Station and pick up an application.
- If you have kids in the Toddler and Preschool room's don't forget to check the blog for their weekly lessons and this month's memory verse.



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
	Preschool Dance Class 5:00 - 6:00 pm Every Monday	Women's Bible Study w/ childcare 9:00 - 11:00 am Every Tuesday	1	2	3	4	
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19 Club 45	20 Church Office CLOSED	21	22 Communion Service Wednesday 6:00 am		24 Preschool Playgroup 10:00 am - Noon	25	
3:45 pm			6:00 pm		Churchwide Mi	ssions Conference	
Churchwide Missions	27	28	29			<i>\</i>	
Conference					Saturday, Feb. 25, 10:00 - 11:00 am Care Package Packing		
	Now recruiting volunteers for Summer 2012! If you are interested please contact				Come help pack a care package for one of our CCC supported missionairies serving in the mission field. Watch for more details in the CiA.		
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