



## FaithKids Calendar

Air-Time outing for 5th graders.....	May 3
Baptism Class.....	May 5
Center for the Arts Recital.....	May 5
Confirmation.....	May 11
Preschool picnics.....	May 14-15
Last FaithKids Wednesday Classes.....	May 22
Adventure (K-2nd grade) Stay & Play.....	May 29

Sunday morning classes offered all year long for children birth—grade 5 during 9:15am & 11am services.  
 Wednesday evening classes run September - May.

## FaithKids Preschool

Applications are available online for 2013-2014 school year.

- ◆ Morning or afternoon sessions available for two to five year olds.
- ◆ Regular or reduced tuition.
- ◆ Free childcare for siblings while parents help in class.
- ◆ Classes with Coach John Arndt from FaithKids Sports Academy.
- ◆ Application Packet can be downloaded from our **website: [www.faithtroy.org/Children/Preschool](http://www.faithtroy.org/Children/Preschool)**

**Come play and learn with us.**

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## Thank You & Farewell to Preschool Director, Elizabeth Schmidt *Retiring after 28 years of serving you and your kids!*

### Liz, when did you start attending Faith?

**Liz**—In 1980 a friend of ours told us about this vibrant little church on Dequindre. She said they had just started a preschool and since we had a three year old and a toddler, it seemed natural to attend a school and church closer to home. It was a good choice.

### How many years have you served in FLC Preschool?

**Liz**—After enrolling our three year old daughter at Faith Lutheran Co-op Nursery I was a Co-op mom for a few years. When the director learned that I was a preschool teacher she asked me to be a substitute and then teach the three and four year olds. A few years later, we started the Preschool program here, a new concept where parents did not help in the classroom. After receiving my Master's Degree in Early Childhood education from Oakland University, I became the Preschool Director. I've been part of the Preschool ministry teaching or as the Preschool Director for **28 wonderful years.**

### What changes have you seen over the course of your career?

**Liz**—There have been many, many changes through the years. Parents have always wanted their children educated in a quality, Christian environment, but the parent involvement in the classroom has changed. When the co-op nursery was founded, all parents were scheduled to help in the classroom at least two times a month. Most of the moms did not work outside the home, and were able to be part of the co-op and serve on the Co-op Board. As the years passed, more and more moms started working outside the home and the Preschool came to be. Even as the parent involvement changed, they still brought their little ones here, entrusting them to our care.

Of course, there have been many physical changes as well. Faith Preschool has grown from just one classroom (number 5) to two classrooms (number 15/17). Now there's a full size gym for physical activities, a welcome lobby and coffee area for parents, beautifully decorated murals line the hallways, there's a large nursery room with childcare four mornings a week, and many more class choices for students two to five years old.

### What are your hopes for the future of FaithKids Preschool?

**Liz**—During twenty eight years here, many children have been educated and grown, parents, teachers, assistants, and physical properties have changed, but through it all, the one constant has been the love of Jesus that is shared with everyone that is a part of FaithKids Preschool. My prayer is that this will never end as more and more children and families of many ethnic backgrounds hear the good news that Jesus loves them. Faith Preschool has truly been blessed by the many teachers and assistants who have shared Jesus' love through the years. I know that God will continue to provide such gifted and caring women for many years to come.

### Any plans for the immediate future?

**Liz** - My husband, Bill, is not retired. He works for a company called Education Planning Resources that helps parents plan and develop strategies to navigate their child's college expenses. As the business is growing, he says he needs an assistant and that will be me.

We have been blessed with five grandchildren, ages three to six years old, who would love to have grandma help in their classrooms. My mother, special needs brother, and mother-in-law are all in poor health. I will now have more time to care for them. Maybe there will also be more time for golf on a sunny day, or time to complete those many unfinished counted cross stitch projects, or time to read or time to take long walks and admire God's beautiful creation. Maybe I'll take a class or two or teach a class or two. We will still be a part of Faith Lutheran Church and its ministry. The future is an adventure and God will provide the path.




**Thank you, Liz. You've left a legacy that will have long lasting effects on the lives of those you've touched. Remember, Jesus Loves You. -FK Staff**

*Academy  
of  
Music*

Voice lessons are also available for teens and adults.  
Music for Little Mozarts: piano lessons for preschoolers.

*A center to train and mentor artists  
for the glory and work of Jesus Christ.*

Private piano, violin, guitar or flute lessons for children and adults.  
**Contact Sue Davis for information:**  
sdavis@faithtroy.org.



**FaithKids  
Sports  
Academy**

Offers physical and spiritual growth for kids, through a quality sports program that teaches different sports and exercises through innovative techniques that will allow kids to learn, play and have fun in a Christian environment.

Check website and church brochures for schedule. **Coach John Arndt:**  
jarndt@faithtroy.org.

# Media Madness

## MOVIES

**Title:** Epic  
(Releases  
5/24/2013)



**Genre:** Animated/Fantasy/ Comedy

**Rating:** Not yet rated as of publication date, PG expected

**Cast:** Amanda Seyfried, Beyonce Knowles, Colin Farrell, Josh Hutcherson

**Synopsis:** Think *Fern Gully* meets *A Bug's Life*. A teenage girl is shrunk to the size of an insect and goes on an adventure discovering what keeps the natural world alive—and what evil forces are out to destroy it.

**Our Take:** This movie looks captivating and entertaining, but the theme of magical, mystical creatures that oversee nature is questionable. Be prepared to explain the fiction of the story and use it as a springboard for discussion about where the beauty of the natural world really comes from—God's creation.

## MUSIC

**Artist:** Jason Dunn

**Album:** *Abandon Progress* (Releases 5/14/2013)



**Artist Info:** Dunn was lead vocalist and founding member of the Christian rock band, Hawk Nelson, and has recently turned his focus to his first solo album.

**Summary:** The album features songs with the fun pop/punk sound Hawk Nelson fans love, mixed with contemplative, soulful tunes like the single, "Second Chances"—currently available on iTunes.

**Our Take:** The musical style and Dunn's voice offer a sound that many kids enjoy—particularly preteen boys. Dunn is a young, influential man singing with a positive Christian message. This is "punk" music—minus the punk.

## The Root of Misbehavior

All children misbehave; it's a natural part of their development. As you lovingly correct their behavior, kids learn how to conduct themselves appropriately—with or without you there to keep watch. Here are three common reasons children misbehave (and solutions for each), adapted from Group's *Children's Ministry Pocket Guide to Discipline*.

**ATTENTION:** Kids crave attention—and not just yours. If acting up earns friends' or siblings' attention and applause, kids won't mind risking your displeasure.

**Solution:** Don't reinforce misbehavior with too much attention; briefly address it, and move on. Proactively give attention to positive behaviors verbally and with nods and smiles.

**BOREDOM:** Children not involved in an engaging activity *will* find something interesting to do—which can often result in misbehavior.

**Solution:** Plan ahead and provide your kids with options for activities that engage all five senses. Tapping into all the senses is a quick way to captivate kids' attention while providing an effective learning environment—kids learn best when all their senses are involved. This does mean extra planning on your part, but the upside is you can always repeat some of your kids' favorite activities as you discover them together. Safe, interesting activities for your kids frees you to get some to do's crossed off your list without needing to turn on the TV.

**CONFUSION:** Fuzzy rules, lax or inconsistent enforcement, and no consequences are guaranteed to spark misbehavior. Kids get confused: Do the rules matter or not?

**Solution:** Establish clear household rules and expectations for your kids (and the adults, too) in your household. Remember, you set an example with your behavior. Consistency and fairness are your greatest allies.





## A Fresh Perspective On Discipleship

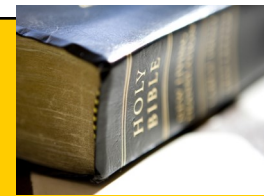
Ever think that if you hear yourself say, “No!” or “Don’t!” one more time, your nerves might truly fry? The truth is, every parent, grandparent, guardian, teacher, and coach faces that same frustration at some point.

If you sense your attempts at positive discipline aren’t working or you just need to ramp up your discipline approach, try this perspective makeover.

Rather than focusing on the verbal “do’s” and “don’ts” inherent in discipline, focus on the greater impact you’ll have in *modeling* the kind of behavior you’d like to see from your kids. Think of how Jesus instructed his disciples. Sometimes he gave verbal direction, but most importantly, he lived the way he wanted the disciples to live. He gave them compelling examples to follow, and he willingly talked them through why he was doing what he was. Examine the nonverbal messages you send your kids about their behavior choices, and ask yourself whether those messages line up with your words. Aligning the two will make a big difference.

### The Disciple in Discipline

*“The words discipline and discipleship both come from the Latin word discere meaning ‘to learn.’ When you provide calm, intentional discipline you create a space where kids can dive into learning. But even better, you model God’s patient love and disciple children to know, love, and follow Jesus.”*



**Whoever heeds discipline shows the way to life, but whoever ignores correction leads others astray.”**

—Proverbs 10:17

## CULTURE & TRENDS

If you haven’t already thought ahead to your kids’ summer plans, now’s the time! May will go fast and your elementary kids will be out of school before you know it. If you’ve never sent your kids to a Christian summer camp, check into some in your area. Kids often make life-transforming decisions about their faith at camp; learning lessons about God that go with them well beyond the campfire. Ensure the highlight of their summer is growing their relationship with Jesus—a week at camp is a great way to do just that.

### Quick Stat

A recent study conducted in Great Britain reveals that kids ask their mothers nearly 3,000 questions—*per day!*

(childrensministry.com)

## For Parents of Infants to Teens

Saturday, June 1, 2013

8:30 am—3:30 pm

\$25/person or \$40/couple

To register, make check payable to **Faith Lutheran Church** and mail to: **37635 Dequindre Rd, Troy, MI 48083, Attn. Sarah Arndt.**

For more information, contact Sarah Arndt, sarndt@faithtroy.org or 248.689.4713 x288.

Seminar Instructor, Autumn Casiglia, MA LLP.



TAKE 5 MINUTES TO TALK WITH YOUR KIDS ABOUT WHAT THEY'RE LEARNING AT CHURCH THIS MONTH.

### Discovery Department

Birth-23 months  
 Ministry Leader: **Heather Shaw**  
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**Tell It:** One day Jesus and His friends walked and walked. Their feet were very dirty. So Jesus helped His friends by pouring water into a big bowl and washing His friend's feet. He dried them with a towel. Jesus loved to help His friends. People at church love to help you too.  
**Hear It:** "God gives people to help me." I Corinthians 12:28  
**Prayer:** Thank you, Jesus, for people who love us.  
**Play It:** Collect pieces of fabric in a variety of textures. Have child walk on fabrics barefoot. Say, "I like to help you go for a walk. When Jesus' friends went for a walk, their feet got dirty. Jesus helped His friends by washing their feet."

### Discovery Department

Ages 2-5  
 Ministry Leader: **Sarah Arndt**  
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#### Two's & Three's

- 5/05 – Jesus Calms to Storm  
 Matthew 8:23-27  
 Take Home Point: Jesus is Powerful
- 5/12 Mother's Day  
 John 2:1-11  
 Take Home Point: I can help my mom.
- 5/19 Jesus Heals the Blind Men  
 Matthew 20:29-34  
 Take Home Point: Jesus can heal.
- 5/26 Jesus Feeds 5000  
 Matthew 14:15-21  
 Take Home Point: Jesus helps people.

#### Four's & Five's

- 5/05 Seven Chosen to Serve  
 Acts 6:1-7  
 Take Home Point: We are God's church –We take care of one another.
- 5/12 Mother's Day  
 Isaiah 66:13  
 Take Home Point: Our mother's care for us –Jesus cares for us too.
- 5/19 An Ethiopian Believes  
 Acts 8:26-40  
 Take Home Point: We are God's church –We teach about Jesus.
- 5/26 Peter's Miraculous Escape  
 Acts 12:1-17  
 Take Home Point: We are God's church –We pray for each other.

### Adventure Department

Grades K-2  
 Ministry Leader: **Laurie Guidry**  
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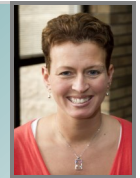


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| <p><b>Kindergarten</b></p> <p>5/5 What Disciples Do<br/>       Acts 2:42-47<br/>       I Am A Disciple</p> <p>5/12 A Mother Shares Her Faith<br/>       2 Timothy 1:5<br/>       Families Share Jesus' Love</p> <p>5/19 Saul Believes &amp; Tells Other<br/>       Acts 9:1-20 &amp; 26:13-18<br/>       I Will Tell Others About Jesus</p> <p>5/26 Lydia Listens &amp; Believes<br/>       Acts 16:13-15<br/>       I Will Be Kind to Others</p> | <p><b>1st &amp; 2nd Grades</b></p> <p>Paul &amp; Silas Set Free<br/>       Acts 16:16-34<br/>       God Sets You Free</p> <p>Timothy's Mother &amp; Grandmother<br/>       Acts 16:1-2 &amp; Tim. 1:5<br/>       God, Thank You For Moms</p> <p>The Berean Church<br/>       Acts 17:1-14 &amp; Psalm 119: 1-16<br/>       Meet God in the Bible Daily</p> <p>There is But One God<br/>       Acts 17:15-34<br/>       The True God</p> |
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*1st & 2nd Grade May Bible Verse*  
**"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men."**  
 Colossians 3:23

### Challenge Department

Grades 3-5  
 Ministry Leader: **Debbie Ellinger**  
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- Discussion Questions:**
- Review the Ten Commandment book mark that was sent home with your child.
  - As a family, challenge each other to memorize the Ten Commandments. Perhaps play a game and involve prizes.
  - What is an idol? Can idol be anything?
  - What are some idols we have in our daily lives?
  - Give examples of idols from Bible times?

Here are a couple links for fun Ten Commandment games:  
<http://www.pemptousia.com/2012/12/bible-game-the-ten-commandments/>  
[http://www.ehow.com/way\\_5435294\\_commandments-activities-elementary-age-kids.html](http://www.ehow.com/way_5435294_commandments-activities-elementary-age-kids.html)

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### - FaithKids Values -

Bible Based \* Secure \* Creative \* Nurturing  
 Relevant \* Family Focused \* Prayerful

### Upcoming Events...

Love & Logic Seminar..... June 1  
 5th graders move up..... June 2