



Kids in Christ Children's Ministry Summer Sunday School



It's summer and school is almost out --- but Sunday School is still happening! Our Summer Sunday School program for kids finishing 3 year preschool thru 5th grade begins Sunday, June 8 in the Children's Education Building.

Since folks go on vacations, to camps, and to visit families during the summer months, our numbers tend to be a bit smaller. Therefore, we will combine our classes into one preschool class, one K-2nd grade class, and one 3rd-5th grade class. We will need a minimum of 6 volunteer co-teachers per week.

Our summer curriculum will be fun! The preschoolers will be working with a curriculum featuring Boz the Bear! And the elementary kids will be using an in-house curriculum with Bible stories, games, puzzles, and crafts!

Be sure to join us each Sunday that your family is in town for an exciting time in the Kids in Christ Summer Sunday School! If you have any questions about Summer Sunday School, or if you would like to volunteer to help co-teach 3 times this summer, please call Mary Coleman in the church office or email mcoleman@garberumc.com

Attention Adults:

Most of our adult classes will continue to meet thru the summer months! Please join in with any of the classes on the Sundays that you are in town! For a list of all the classes and their current summer studies, please see page 6.



As the Referrals Coordinator for Stephen Ministry, I have the privilege of assigning care-receivers with Stephen Ministers. When I become aware of a need - through a request, the church prayer list or a weekly discussion with David Banks - I pray about the situation first. Then I call or visit potential care receivers, explain Stephen Ministry and offer a Stephen Minister. I explain that a Stephen Minister meets with that person to listen, care, encourage, pray and provide emotional and spiritual support.

Some people will accept immediately while some will want to pray about the offer. Some people think that Stephen Ministers are only for very serious health issues, and they hesitate because "there are so many people that need it more than me." I explain that we do referrals for those issues, but also for people with career changes, moves, relationship issues, and even the joy of an impending birth. Stephen Ministry is offered because we care and want to "be there" for you.

There was a best seller book from the '90's that asserted that each gender can be understood in terms of distinct ways they respond to stress and stressful situations. I am very aware of this when those referral calls or visits are made. Men are more reluctant than women to accept a Stephen Minister, even though our senior pastor asked for and received a Stephen Minister when he was newly appointed to Garber (see career changes and moves above!) I have been told by a very special leader at our church that women talk about feelings while men talk about junk.

Whatever the style of communication, it's the one-on-one relationship between Stephen Ministers and care-receivers that allows caring to be offered and healing to take place. Please remember that Stephen Ministry is for everyone - women and men - and the Stephen Ministers - women and men - want to "be there" for you.



Gail Gardner



FYI: Debt Reduction

You may or may not have heard, but we have a mortgage. It was undertaken to pay for the construction of our Ministry Center and Morris Hall. It's present balance is \$4.2 million, and we service it at \$26,000 each month. That loan will need to be refinanced in September 2015.

A Debt Reduction Committee is at work developing plans and materials to begin a formal debt reduction campaign later this summer. The first phase and goal is to reduce the debt by a \$1 million dollars prior to refinancing. The second phase follows and seeks to retire the debt. The focus is on sacrificial giving, and the theme is "Sacrifice for a Purpose." You will hear more of the details later on as we approach the kickoff.

We are asking that you start praying about this endeavor and listen for God's direction as He guides us in the decisions we make to sacrifice for His work.

Beth Moore Living Proof Live Simulcast
Saturday, September 13, 2014
Event venue: Temple Baptist, New Bern

Ladies, mark your calendar now for this one day live simulcast with Beth Moore! Tickets will go on sale in August and will be \$15 per person (includes breakfast, lunch and snacks!).

Garber is partnering with other area churches to help with this event which will be held at Temple Baptist Church. Heather French will be representing Garber on the planning committee, but she will need lots of help when we are given our "assignments" for the event – things such as decorating, food, advertising, ticket sales, etc. If you are interested in helping make this simulcast event a great one, please contact Mary Coleman in the church office or at mcoleman@garberumc.com to express your interest.



Letters to Russia!!

My name is Mary B. Doty, and I am the new Sponsorship Coordinator for Garber's Russia Mission. After visiting our two sponsored orphanages in Makariev and Kovolyova in April, I saw first hand what our letters mean to our children. You might not think that taking three minutes out of your day to write a letter addressed "Dear Friend," would mean so much to a child over 5,000 miles away. But after meeting these kids, I can tell you that the impact those simple letters have on them is extraordinary. Letters to an orphan make them feel loved. Letters encourage them and make them feel special, like they are not forgotten. Just think what we could do if the entire congregation was involved!

Here are some tips if you want to write a letter to a child in the Makariev or Kostroma Orphanage:

- Tell them about your hobbies, interests, activities, job, school, and family.
- Share your walk with Christ with them.
- Share your dreams for your future.
- Tell them about interesting places your family has visited.

Once written, the letter can be dropped off (no stamps needed!) to the Russia mailbox in the Sanctuary Narthex or at the information desk in the Ministry Center. Why not write once a week???

If you have any questions or suggestions, please contact me at marybd23@gmail.com or 252-671-2146

Coming soon: Individual child sponsorship opportunities!!!!

Mary Bennett Doty
Garber's Russia Mission Sponsorship Coordinator



Mosaic News

Our final trip to Camp Don Lee until the fall was wonderful! Though we would have liked to have had more participation, eight seniors enjoyed a day by the water: we fished, canoed, sailed and played several rounds of corn hole. Dot Morrison got the first two bean bags in the hole, but after a "neck and neck" battle, Sara Harrison's team won the game 10 to 8. The devotional time was led by an intern who had just arrived at the camp and was doing her internship with Penny Dollar. She did an awesome job! Of course, lunch was outstanding! Thanks to Dick Rice for driving us safely there and back.

The summer months will be spent planning activities for the fall and reorganizing the MOSAIC supply closet, cleaning out old files and setting up new ones. Consider joining us for our monthly luncheons and trips beginning in September 2014. We really do have a great time together in Christian fellowship!

Please remember to put this on your calendar and sign up before June 30, 2014:

Garber Women's Retreat: September 8, 9, 10 at the Trinity Center in Salter Path.

Women of all ages invited!

Theme: *On Eagle's Wings*

Speaker/Leader: Catherine Ritch Guess
(Composer, author, missionary, and Methodist Conference Leader)

Cost: \$150.00

A deposit of \$50.00 is due by June 30 if you plan to attend.

Contact Sue Webb at swebb@garberumc.com or call the church office 637-4022



Matthew's Minute

We are launching a new ministry this August in order to improve our welcome to Garber members and guests. We will be providing a golf-cart shuttle between our two campuses to assist those who may have difficulty walking.

This ministry will involve shuttling worshippers and guests between the two campuses during three different Sunday morning times somewhere in the range of: 9:00-9:30; 10:30-11:00; and 12:00-12:30.

If you are interested in serving, you must be age 25 or older (because of insurance). Please contact Beth Hicks in the church office at 637-4022 or email: bhicks@garberumc.com or Sara King at: macandsara@suddenlink.net

We will place your name on a list and will contact you at the end of June.

Look What's Happening In Children's Ministry!!!



We need YOUR help with
VBS Decorations

Wednesday, June 11
from 7:00 pm—8:00 pm.

Come join us for an evening of
learning and fun!!!

- We will have a sample of all the different projects we need completed by VBS week! Stay and help or take a project home and bring it back when you finish. No one is too young or too old to help!

Together we can make VBS a huge success!!!

Water Works

Adventure Camp 2014
July 7th – 11th, 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. daily

Join us as we learn important Bible truths in super fun ways...water wars, slip and slide, fishing, games, and more!!!

Registration forms can be found on the Garber website,
www.connect2garber.com

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Contact Laura Wilkins,
laurawilkins02@gmail.com to sign up today!



Summer Park Parade



Schools out and summer has begun!!!

Join us
Tuesday, June 10th, at Meadows Park
in Trent Woods as we meet up and play
with our Garber friends!

We will gather from 9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
for playtime and a light snack.

Come join in the fun!!!

Our students today have a lot on their plates, and this month I would like to ask that you pray for them. Please pray for. . .

- All the middle school students and high school students finishing school and exams
- For all the students going to Kingsfest this year on June 26 - 29.
- For the Appalachian Service Project mission trip in July and those who are participating
- For our students to make good and wise decisions
- Our seniors who are graduating and moving on to the military, a job or university

Paul wrote in Colossians 1:9 “And so, from the day we heard, we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding.”

May this be your prayer for our students this month and always, and I hope that they are a constant prayer to our awesome and mighty God.

Andy Mannes, Student Ministries Director



Check out our Adult Sunday School Classes!

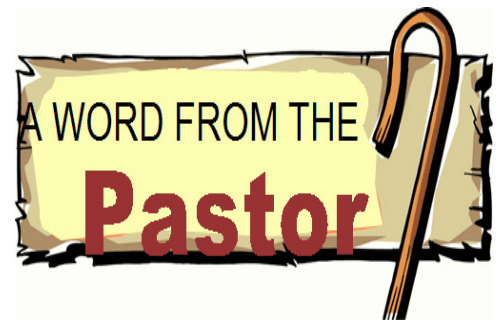
Summer studies are as follows:

AGAPE Class	<i>Disciple Bible Study</i> Sanctuary Campus Asbury Room
BASIC Class	<i>Once Upon A Time</i> by Andy Stanley MC Room 301
Bridges Class	<i>Fasten Your Seat Belt</i> by Andy Stanley MC Room 218
Motley Class	<i>Genesis to Revelation Series: The Minor Prophets</i> MC Room 223
TIE Class	<i>Bible Studies for Life Series</i> MC Room 215
Wesley Class	<i>1st/2nd Thessalonians</i> MC Room 311
Searchers	<i>For college/young adults</i> Weekly Topics MC Room 224
Family Matters	<i>The Book of James</i> MC Room 310
FFITT Class	<i>Not Meeting this Summer</i> <i>See you in late August!</i>
H2O Class	<i>Not Meeting this Summer</i> <i>See you in late August!</i>

For more info: www.connect2garber.com



“Is it better to tithe and begrudge the gift, or not to tithe and not begrudge it?” Such was the question asked as the Tuesday Men’s Bible Study was moving into Genesis 32. Jacob was coming home, and 20 years earlier he had promised to tithe if God brought him back. Now the Bible study member raises an excellent question. What is to be the correspondence between what we do and what we feel about what we do?



I have heard similar questions before. I remember visiting an elderly lady who had missed worship. Since I expected her, I dropped by her house on my way home to check on her. She said, “I decided not to attend today because my heart was not in it. Since my heart wasn’t in it, I thought I would be worshipping for the wrong reason. Isn’t it wrong to worship for the wrong reason?”

Correlation between decision and emotion can be a challenge. Many Christians are concerned that action and motive be unified. We sing the hymn *Dear Jesus, in Whose Life I See* which speaks of the division between our dreams and actions. The hymn then prays for help from Him “whose deeds and dreams were one.” To be like Jesus, then, according to the hymn writer, is to have a perfect correspondence between motives and action. One would then do good because one feels good; one who feels good then does good.

At the same time, does this not present a problem. Would we not be disturbed with a parent saying to his toddler that there was no meal because it would be wrong to prepare a meal if my heart was not in it? We would be equally outraged if one did wrongly, and it was justified because he “felt” wrongly, i.e. he found joy in doing wrongly, therefore, he acted rightly in doing what was wrong. Such justifications of wrong doing are abhorrent. Who gave such power and authority to feelings and emotions in determining a right or wrong course of action? The Apostle Paul would answer that it was sin deceiving us (Romans 6 and 7).

John Wesley reminded us in his *General Rules* that it is always right to do the right thing, and one is not excused from doing the right thing just because his/her “heart not be in it.” Emotions should not be the final arbiter over right and wrong. Emotions must be led, guided, and taught to love what God has willed and commanded. We must train our emotions not to master us, but to serve us. This we do by choosing to do what is right regardless of how much fuss is raised by our feelings.

It is true that “God loves a cheerful giver.” It is also true that no one ever learned cheer in giving by refusing to give. The way to cheerful giving is by obeying God’s command and learning to love it.

Blessings,
David A. Banks

Kingswood "By the Numbers"

Our Kingswood After School Program has ended for this school year! Here's a look back at Kingswood 2013-2014!

14	Amazing Kingswood Kids
56	Regular volunteers
13	Kingswood Subs
125	Days of Kingswood this year
1750	volunteer hours in the Kingswood program
125	Bible stories
875	miles driven in the van
3	dedicated van drivers
3500	snacks (give or take a few!)
96	games of kickball, dodge ball or soccer
14	birthday parties
1	garden planted
78	pies made
1	child sponsorship in Haiti
65	placemats made for RCS
4	Kingswood "graduates" who will be off to Middle School next year
98	days until Kingswood starts again!
1	Garber family to love on the Kingswood Kids
1	Awesome God who makes all things possible.



Thank you, Garber, for your amazing support and love for the Kingswood program!



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