

# Newsletter

September 2011

**SUNDAY  
MORNING**  
**Middle School  
Ministry**  
**IS MOVING BACK  
TO 9:00 AM.**  
**SUNDAY,  
September 11th**  
**We will meet in the  
Student Center  
(Room 1-1)**

**MIDDLE SCHOOL FUN DAY**  
**Montezuma's Castle**  
**Saturday, September 17th**  
**9:00 am - 6:30 pm**  
**Meet at the Church**

*Explore the Castle, head over to the Well, eat lunch, play at a nearby park, stop in Anthem for dinner at the Food Court.*

**Cost:** \$3, sack lunch, **water bottle**, and money for dinner.

**Sign up before September 11th**

## *News from Nicole*

I have been doing a ridiculous amount of reading (a sickening amount, actually) of all different sorts of books: Dietrich Bonhoeffer's biography; *The Book Thief*; *The Help*; *The Return of the King*; *The Cost of Discipleship*; three books by Timothy Keller; *The Westminster Catechism*; *Uglies*; *The Throne of Fire*; *God Grew Tired of Us*; *The Spirit-Filled Life*; *The Heart and the Fist*; *The Heidelberg Catechism*; *Pretties*; and *The Penderwicks at Point Mouette*.

Ridiculous, I know.

The thing is, no matter what I am reading, there always seems to be this whispering of a couple questions weaving throughout the writing.

"What *is* the whole point?"

and

"What do I *really* need?"

I believe that sometime during the middle school years, students begin whispering those questions for themselves for the first time. And that is why we will be doing the Sunday Morning series, "Great Story of God", and hear what God has to say about Himself. And that is why we are going to take up the challenge and "Dig Deep" in small groups and look at what exactly we are standing on.

What would it look like if the whole point is Knowing God? What would it look like if underneath things are solid and I have just what I need?

I love Middle

School and can't wait to be together!



## *Wednesday Night Small Groups*

**Small Groups Begin**  
**September 7th**  
**7:00-8:45 pm**  
**ODF**

The first three Wednesdays of each month will be small group night. The last Wednesday of each month will be an "Adventure/Outreach" night.

**Parent Meeting**  
**September 14th**  
**7:00-8:45 pm**  
**Student Center**

Please join us to learn about the plans we have for the year, ways you can volunteer, and ask any questions you may have.



## ***Sunday Mornings: The Great Story of God***

*And this is eternal life, that they know you the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.*

John 17:3

From before the beginning, God has been telling His story. Through creation, through the Bible, through His Son, through His church, through human history, and through your own life, He is revealing the truth about who He is. And then inviting you to know Him, and to participate with Him in His plan, in His story.

AND then, the more you know Him, you find yourself trusting Him, and you find you can't help yourself...you want to worship, you want to go where He goes, you want to do what He does, you want to give your life away.

Are you ready? Not "Once upon a time..." but "In the beginning, God..."

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***"The secret is to not dream...The secret is to wake up. Waking up is harder. I have woken up and I am real. I know where I come from and where I am going. You cannot fool me any more. Or touch me. Or anything that is mine."***

***The Wee Free Men by  
Terry Pratchett***

## ***Wednesday Small Groups: Down Deep***

*"...like a man building a house, who dug deep and laid a foundation on the rock..."*

Luke 6:47

"I am a Christian."

So what? What does that mean? Why do I feel so wobbly? What do I believe? What is Underneath? We are going to spend the year discovering, discussing, exploring, pondering, considering, finding

out what is underneath, what is our firm foundation in Christ, and what it can look like to build our lives and relationships on Him.

Oh, and we are also going to be having an AMAZING, HILARIOUS, INCREDIBLE time creating a safe place where all of us get to be known.

## ***2nd Annual Back to School Blues Night Fun***

