

## welcome to... **THE GROVE!**

Children's ministry is excited about our new space and curriculum. Sunday School for kindergarten through sixth grade now meets in Fellowship Hall, in what we are calling **The Grove**. The children experience a high-energy presentation of God's Word through songs, skits, and technology. We welcome you to join us during assembly and see what your children are experiencing. Stop by the parent information desk to pick up your weekly "parent cue". This allows you to interact with your children during the week and help reinforce the virtue and Bible story. Another great resource is the website of the curriculum we use: [www.OrangeParents.org](http://www.OrangeParents.org). It is a great way to discover what your children are learning each Sunday and has helpful parenting tips.

**Great News for Preschoolers!** They now have their own assembly time led by Kristen Coleman. Special thanks to Miss Kristen for sharing her time and talents with our little ones!

## **Imagine That! Creativity**

A few years ago at the Orange conference, a well-known speaker and author made this statement: "A leader speaks something into nothing." My initial thought was, "That's beautiful!" And then, "Is that even possible? Can anyone *except* God create something new or unique?" But

everywhere I look, the world around us *needs* fresh creativity and those of us who believe in a big God to show them a different way of living and loving others.

That's why I'm so excited about October and our journey to discover where true creativity comes from. The first week, we're going back to the beginning to explore the original Creator and it's no surprise that there we find a very imaginative God. He really did speak something into nothing! So where does that leave us? In Genesis' description of the Creation process, the Bible says specifically that we are created in God's image. We were made out of God's imagination. The bottom line is that "You were created so you can be creative." In fact, we'd go so far as to say that Christians have unlimited potential to be the most creative people on earth!

Later, the apostle Paul says it this way (in what will be our monthly memory verse): "*We are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.*" (Ephesians 2:10, NIV).

We are created by a creative God in His image, but unfortunately the older we get, the less we believe that we are creative and the more narrow our view of creativity becomes. So this month, we're discovering a variety of ways to *be* creative. The second week, we'll expand our definition of creativity to include the idea of how God empowers *us* to solve problems and lead in out-of-the-box ways. The bottom line is "Use your imagination to think BIG." We'll discover noteworthy

examples in Miriam and her mother as they work together to save baby Moses for the future God intended, even though it seemed impossible at first.

And then in week three, we'll learn about how we can creatively express ourselves through our words, music, art and more to point people to God. We'll study the life of David, one of the most creative examples in God's big story. Did you know that in one Biblical translation David is described as living his life as a poem back to God? David was more than an artist- he used not only his natural creative gifts, but his learned skills and other life experiences to lead others and show God's goodness. So the bottom line is "Use your imagination to make your mark."

But there's more to creativity than just problem solving and expressing ourselves. God created us to reflect Him and be the type of light that helps others see Him more clearly. We can do that when we learn more about what Jesus shared in His Sermon on the Mount about salt and light. Remember God promises that He has big plans for us in the world! Bottom line: "Use your imagination to do more good".

In fact, to take it even a step further, we can make *more* of an impact when we get creative and share our resources. Bottom line: "Imagine what could happen if everyone used their gifts together." It's such a timely faith skill to focus on this fifth week of October—what worshipping with your life looks like—praising God and giving generously every day with other believers.

# Upcoming Events

## PEANUT ISLAND CAMPOUT October 7<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup>

All 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> graders, and their parents, are welcome to join us for this annual Peanut Island camping adventure. We rented the whole island for our group and have planned many fun activities including swimming, fishing, snorkeling and scavenger hunts. Join us for the whole weekend or even just for the day. Meals are included in the price of the trip.

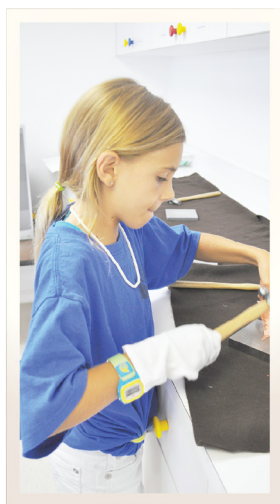
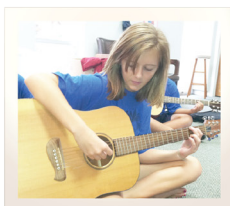
Be sure you pick up a brochure from Cary Koepke or Kath Doerr about the trip. Come and make some memories with your family and friends at 1st Pres!

## WORSHIP CLASS Sunday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>

All first graders and their parents are invited to attend a Worship Orientation Class in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>, during the regular Sunday school hour, 9:30-10:30 am. This special class will include information about what

is available to children and parents during our worship services at First Presbyterian. Also, Rev. Arnold will discuss the importance of the different elements of the worship services.

Immediately following the orientation, you are invited to attend the 11:00 worship service in the sanctuary. The pews in front of the pulpit will be reserved for you, and you will be recognized and welcomed to worship. Please join us as we live out our Baptismal vows to nurture our children so that they may confess faith in Jesus Christ.



During the week of July 25<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup>, First Pres' campus hosted Fun Arts Camp 2011! Aspiring artists, athletes, and crafters gathered together to try new, exciting activities and enjoy fellowship in Christ's name.

Favorite returning classes included: *Culinary Arts*: taught by Cindy Coleman & Danielle Mignogna, *Beadamania*: Lucinda Shenkman, *Workshop*: Bob Johnson, *Guitar*: Travis Tudor, *Angling for Fun*: Rev. Lucky Arnold, *Lacrosse*: Chris Southard, *Ultimate Frisbee*: Maura Taggart, *Salsa Dancing*: Betsy Ann Isiminger, *Cupcake Decorating*: Susan Slepín, *Silent Praise*: Piper Crisafi, *Toy Hacking*: Tim Thompson and, *Set Design*: Kath Doerr.

Several new classes were added this year: *Quidditch*: Kathryn Doering, *Basketball*: Brit Foshee, *Scrapbooking*: Cary Koepke, *Heavy Metal Work*: Sarah Keith, *Photography*: Rev. Ron Hilliard, *Painting*: Brushes & Bottles and, *Rockets*: Pete Mitchell & crew.

This year's mission focus was "Support our Troops". Each day campers arrived and filled out cards with words of encouragement and gratitude. Also students brought in highly requested, hard to get, items to send to our troops in Afghanistan and Iraq. Support our Troops is often in front of the Dollar Tree on Saturday mornings collecting supplies to send. We are grateful for Susan Slepín who organized this week's mission.

Everyone agrees that it was a fantastic week, and we can't wait until next year! Thanks to all the many amazing volunteers who made this fun week possible.

# FUN ARTS CAMP

June 25<sup>th</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup>, 2011



## FALL FESTIVAL Wednesday, October 26<sup>th</sup>

It's the Creative Costume Bash! October is Creativity month and we're challenging you to come up with a costume that is creative and fun. (Please no scary or bloody costumes.) Prizes will be given for originality, imagination and inventiveness! Join us from 6:00-7:30 pm for games, food, prizes, and fun!

## STEWARDSHIP CLASS Sunday, November 6<sup>th</sup>

On November 6<sup>th</sup>, Stewardship Sunday, Elizabeth Nielson will present an additional parent/child class on money to our 5th graders.

This class offers opportunities for families and children to learn what Jesus has to say about money. It will challenge you to consider how God might shape your finances and empower you to develop some God-honoring and freedom-building money management skills at home.

## BACK TO BETHLEHEM Friday, December 9<sup>th</sup>

Join us December 9<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 pm, and enter a walled city constructed to look like Bethlehem as it appeared 2,000 years ago-- telling the story of Jesus Christ's birth in a fun and interactive way. Don't be surprised if a Roman soldier yells at you to get out of the way or a shop owner in the marketplace tries to hock his wares. Back to Bethlehem is an outdoor event for the entire family. For more information contact Kath Doerr at 561-214-0741.



## BLAST 34

This semester, we are studying the book of Jonah. In a word association game, the likely response for Jonah would be "whale" or "fish." It is miraculous that Jonah was swallowed by a great fish and lived to tell about it. However, the story is really not a fish tale, but is about a reluctant prophet and our merciful God who doesn't give up on his children or plan. Jonah is a short, adventure-packed book. I encourage you to read and discuss it with your children. There is so much to learn about our relationship to God, that in spite of our disobedience and indifference, God continues to love and pursue us.

We devote a good portion of our lesson time to Bible memorization. I hope you will join us by including the reading of the verses with bedtime prayers or as a part of your dinner table

discussion. By doing this, you'll help your child be successful in class and most importantly, to grow spiritually and obey the imperative; *"I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you."* (Psalm 119:11)

### Memory Verses:

**Ch. 1:** "Blessed is the man who always fears the LORD, but he who hardens his heart falls into trouble." – Proverbs 28:14

**Ch. 2:** "In my distress I called to the Lord, and He answered me... Salvation comes from the Lord." – Jonah 2:2, 9c

**Ch. 3:** "For the word of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword...Nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight..." – Hebrews 4:12-13

**Ch. 4:** "The LORD is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and rich in love." – Psalm 145:8

## CLUB 56 spells FUN!

### Fun Unusual Nights

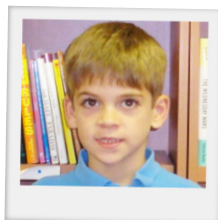
- C** – Come every Wednesday night! We meet at 6:30 pm in Hawkins Hall for games, fellowship, fun and learning.
- L** – Learn Bible truths in interesting ways.
- U** – Understand Scripture through lessons that meet you "where you are".
- B** – Be part of a group that is designed especially for you.
- 56** – If you are in 5th or 6th grade – *THIS* group is for **YOU!**

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## Children's Library needs your photo!



We have a wonderful wall in the library filled with your smiling faces... but you have changed so much! I've heard some of you say that you don't even recognize yourself! Please come in after Sunday school to have a new photo taken and help me update our room.

Beginning in October there will be a Story Time for 2s, 3s, & 4s! Also, we now have DVDs, CDs, and so many beautiful new books! Thank you to our many generous contributors! There is now a special area in the library filled with Reward Books for participating in the newest Reading Challenge.

For each five books that you check out and read from our amazing library...you will receive a very special book of your choice...to keep! Do we owe you a book from last year? Just let me know. The library is open each Sunday from 10:30 to 11:00 am.

I was chatting with Miss Gracie the other day and she told me that all of you are doing a fantastic job memorizing the new monthly Bible verses! Come to the Library, I would love to hear you recite them! Be sure to stop by soon and wear your biggest Sunday smile because I'll have my camera ready!

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FRIDAY

SATURDAY

**Gratitude:** Letting others know you see how they've helped you.

*"Give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."*

1 Thessalonians 5:18

**1**

Children's Committee Meeting

**2**

Wed. Night Dinner, 5:30 pm, & Kid's Programs, 6:30 pm

Look for Circles Day

**3**

**4**

King Tut Day

**5**



**6**

Stewardship Sunday  
Parent/Student Stewardship Class

Daylight Savings

**7**

**8**

Election Day

**9**

Wed. Night Dinner, 5:30 pm, & Kid's Programs, 6:30 pm

**10**

**11**

Veteran's Day

**12**

Birthday Blessings at the Ranch

**13**

World Kindness Day

**14**

**15**

America Recycles Day

**16**

Wed. Night Dinner, 5:30 pm, & Kid's Programs, 6:30 pm

**17**

World Peace Day

**18**

**19**

**20**

Universal Children's Day

**21**

World Hello Day

**22**

**23**

Thanksgiving Service (no classes)

**24**

Thanksgiving

**25**

Black Friday

**26**

**27**



**28**

**29**

**30**

Wed. Night Dinner, 5:30 pm, & Kid's Programs, 6:30 pm



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Ephesians 2:10

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<p><b>2</b></p> <p>World Communion Sunday</p> <p>Name Your Car Day</p>	<p><b>3</b></p> <p>Child Health Day</p>	<p><b>4</b></p> <p>Children's Committee Meeting</p>	<p><b>5</b></p> <p>Wed. Night Dinner, 5:30 pm, &amp; Kid's Programs, 6:30 pm</p> <p>World Teacher Day</p>	<p><b>6</b></p>	<p><b>7</b></p> <p>Club 56 Peanut Island Campout</p> <p>World Smile Day</p>	<p><b>8</b></p> <p>Club 56 Peanut Island Campout</p>
<p><b>9</b></p>	<p><b>10</b></p> <p>School Holiday</p> <p>Columbus Day</p>	<p><b>11</b></p> <p>It's My Party Day</p>	<p><b>12</b></p> <p>Wed. Night Dinner, 5:30 pm, &amp; Kid's Programs, 6:30 pm</p>	<p><b>13</b></p>	<p><b>14</b></p> <p>National Dessert Day</p>	<p><b>15</b></p> <p>Sweetest Day</p>
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<p><b>23</b> <b>30</b></p> <p>23: 1st Grade Worship Class</p> <p>30: Storytime with Miss Barbara</p>	<p><b>24</b> <b>31</b></p> <p>31: Halloween</p>	<p><b>25</b></p> 	<p><b>26</b></p> <p>Fall Festival</p> <p>Wed. Night Dinner, 5:30 pm, &amp; Kid's Programs, 6:30 pm</p>	<p><b>27</b></p>	<p><b>28</b></p>	<p><b>29</b></p>