

# Kids' Konnection

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FYI

## Good News Clubs in Pequea Valley

CMBC will be sponsoring several Good News Clubs (GNC) again this spring. At GNC, children in the public school are able to hear a Bible lesson, a missions story, and a presentation of the gospel. The spring semester of GNC will begin March 22. The clubs will meet on Monday afternoons from 3:15-4:45 PM at both Paradise and Salisbury Elementarys. If you are interested in volunteering as a leader for either of these clubs, please contact Heather Ensslen.

## Awana Games/Sparks-a-Rama

The Awana Games and Sparks-A-Rama are sports activities in which clubbers compete with other area Awana clubs in Awana games practiced throughout the year. Both events will be held on March 13 at Mount Calvary Church in Elizabethtown, PA. The Sparks-A-Rama will begin at 1:45 PM. The Awana Games will begin at 3:00 PM. Admission is \$2.50 for adults and \$1.25 for students (K-12).

The following is the continuation of the article that appeared in February's *Kids' Konnection*. To read the first part of the article visit the *Kids' Konnection* section of the CMBC Children's Ministry website.

## Providing Water and Sun-shine

Both water and sunshine are essential to the growth of any plant. Our spiritual lives need nourishment, too, and the best food is God's Word. My children also love to hear great stories of faith from other Christians, whether they come from books, visiting speakers at our church, or extended family members. Prayer nearly always plays a part in the dramatic stories of the heroes of our faith. These ideas can help you offer your children spiritual sustenance:

**Seek out faith stories.** The Bible, missionary biographies, and books about the great revivals in the church are packed with thrilling stories of people who bravely sought God through prayer. Their examples can speak volumes to young children.

**Invite a missionary to dinner.** There are real living heroes of the faith right in your church, so get to know them. If you can't find a missionary, ask your pastor, a lay leader, or an elderly person from the church. Ask them to tell you about their life with God and how prayer has helped their faith.

## Watching God Produce Growth

No matter how much time and effort I put into my garden at the beginning of the season, it will only grow with continued attention and care. If I ignore it, it's only a matter of time before the weeds take over and my beautiful plants whither.

For prayer to remain an essential part of your family life, you'll need to keep tending to the weeds of busyness and boredom that can easily take over. When our prayers start to feel rote, or we find that we've gone a few days without a mealtime blessing, we've found that we can quickly get back on track with a creative

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## CMBC Missions Conference

The CMBC Missions Conference will be held March 7-14. During the Missions Conference, there are special sessions designed just for children. For a complete schedule, please visit [www.calvarymonument.org](http://www.calvarymonument.org) or pick up a Missions Conference Brochure.

Elementary Children will be able to meet a different missionary guest at many of their sessions, which will be held throughout the week. On Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday evening, additional children's electives will be held to give the children an opportunity to do several hands-on projects. Children are also invited to attend the banquet on Sunday evening and the Picture Reports. Each child (kindergarten-sixth grade) who attends the Missions Conference will receive a "Missions Conference Suitcase." This suitcase will list all of the events that are available for the children. Children will receive a stamp for each session they attend and will be able to earn a special incentive for completing the activities in the suitcase. Preschool children will be able to meet missionaries on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and both Sunday evenings. Missionaries will also attend each of the Awana clubs on Wednesday evening.



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### CMBC Children's Ministry Website

Check out the CMBC Children's Ministry website! This website contains information about our ministries, as well as resources for parents to use as they lead their children in knowing and serving God. One exciting feature of the website will be a sermon follow-up that Pastor Reid will be posting each week following the Sunday services. There is a link to the website from the church's homepage ([www.calvarymonument.org](http://www.calvarymonument.org)).

*Prayer* continued from front page approach to prayer. Here are some ways to pray that our kids have enjoyed:

### Start a photo prayer journal.

Take all the photos you receive at Christmas and put them in a flip photo album. We keep ours near the dinner table and each night we flip to a new family and pray for them before dinner. Not only does the album remind us to pray, it helps us feel connected to far-away friends and family.

### Use Scripture to pray.

The Psalms can become prayers of praise or a proverb can be used to ask for wisdom. Recently, our son got into the habit of using harsh words to express his anger and frustration. We used Proverbs 15:1 ("A

gentle answer turns away wrath.") to guide our prayers asking God to help him. When you aren't sure what to pray, there's no better place to turn.

### BLESS your neighbors.

The organization HOPE suggests using the acronym BLESS to pray for your neighbors. Here's how it works:

- **B**ody—pray for health, protection, and strength
- **L**abor—pray for work, income, and security
- **E**motional—pray for joy, peace, and hope
- **S**ocial—pray for marriage, family, and friends
- **S**piritual—pray for salvation, faith, and grace

**Adopt a leader.** The Bible is clear that no matter how we feel about those in authority, we are to pray for them (1 Tim. 2:1-4). And leaders around

the world certainly need your prayers these days. You can pray for a different leader each day or choose one leader and commit to praying for that person for a time.

I love watching my garden grow. When I stop and look at all that God has made, I am overwhelmed by his creativity. But I know that I had to be willing to commit to planting and tending to those bulbs and seeds for the flowers to flourish. I pray for that same willingness as I nurture the tender shoots of faith growing in my children.

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## Summer Days at CMBC

- Registration for our summer programs will begin soon! Here are some highlights of what is to come:
  - May 19-Aug. 11 (Wednesdays): *Heroes and Veggies*
  - July 11-15: Vacation Bible School
  - August 1-29 (Sundays): Special Sunday School Programs
  - August 2-6: Summer Camp
- Recruitment for our summer children's programs starts on March 7. Begin praying about how you might serve the Lord this summer by ministering to the children of CMBC and our community! For descriptions of the available positions, pick up a copy of the "Summer 2010 Volunteer Opportunities Booklet" from the children's ministry bulletin board in the church lobby or contact Heather Ensslen.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 Awana, 6:45 PM	4	5	6
7 Missions Conference Begins	8	9	10 Awana, 6:45 PM	11	12	13 Awana Games and Sparks-a-Rama, 1:45 PM
14 Missions Conference	15	16	17 Awana, 6:45 PM	18	19	20
21	22	23	24 Awana, 6:45 PM	25	26	27
28	29	30	31 Awana, 6:45 PM			