

FYI

**Good News Clubs in Pequea Valley**

CMBC will be sponsoring several Good News Clubs (GNC) again this fall. At GNC, children in the public school are able to hear a Bible lesson, a missions story, and a presentation of the gospel. The fall semester of GNC will be held October 19—November 27. The clubs will meet on Mondays at both Paradise and Salisbury Elementaries. Both clubs will meet from 3:15 to 4:45 PM. If you are interested in volunteering as a leader for either of these clubs, please contact Heather Ensslen.

**Parent and Child Dedication**

A Parent/Child Dedication Service will be held during the second worship service on October 11, 2009. If you would like to be involved in this service, please complete the "Application for Dedication of a Child" card that is available at the literature table closest to the main office and return it to the church office drop box. Contact the church office for more information (717-442-8161).

**Energy to Praise!**

*Ways to get your preschooler singing, dancing, and shouting for the Lord*  
By Victoria Carrington

What squiggles, squirms, are loud, in constant motion, and full of joy and passion from the time they get up in the morning to the time they fall asleep at night? That's right: preschoolers! Any parent of a preschool-age child knows his energy is boundless. This constant whirling may make it seem like your child is too young to learn daily routines that encourage him to build and sustain a relationship with God. In fact, the opposite is true. With your help, your child can use that endless energy to celebrate the Lord's love.

**Get your groove on**  
*"Sing to the Lord a new song..." (Psalm 149:1).*

Praise and worship music can be incorporated into everyday life. Your child's day can begin and end with musical routines that incorporate positive and uplifting images of God. As your child gets dressed, eats breakfast, or does simple chores, he can listen to and learn songs that make him excited about God and God's love.

Once your child knows the words, you may often hear him spontaneously singing songs that will uplift

you and all around him. Music can be used not only to teach basic scriptural truths, but to teach memory verses as well. There may be certain Scriptures that you want your child to learn and be able to draw on in a time of need before he can even read. Having a Bible verse set to music makes memorizing easy and fun. Scripture tapes and CDs are commercially available, or you could make your own. Don't worry about the quality of your singing voice. Your children will love you anyway!

**Speak for the Lord**  
*"I will extol the Lord at all times; his praise will always be on my lips" (Psalm 34:1).*

Encourage your child to speak God's words as found in the Bible. Dramatizing a Bible story is a fun way to get family and friends involved in teaching your child religious truths. Give each person a part to learn in a simple Bible story, and with a few props, costumes, and proper lighting (just turn the lights down everywhere except near the "stage") you can produce your own preschool drama.

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**Awana Update**

**Sparks Outing to the Esbenshade Turkey Farm:** On October 17 at 1:00 PM, the Sparks will enjoy games, fall snacks, and a hayride around the farm! All Sparks clubbers and their families as well as Sparks leaders are invited to attend. Questions? Contact Amanda Mellinger at 518-586-2451.

**Specials Calendar:** A list of the nightly specials for T&T and Sparks is located on the church website. Visit [www.calvarymonument.org/awana](http://www.calvarymonument.org/awana) and click on "Current Awana Specials."

**Awana Online Resources:** Awana has a wealth of helpful resources on their website. A few highlights are below:

- ★**Day Light Calendar:** "Family time with God" daily calendars ([awana.org/athome/resources.html](http://awana.org/athome/resources.html))
- ★**Bookwalks:** Bookwalks take you through your child's Awana handbook section by section to help you help your child. The Bookwalks remind you to encourage your child, suggest options for teaching the verse, and give you simple hints for helping your child. Available for all T&T and Sparks handbooks ([awana.org/athome/resources.html](http://awana.org/athome/resources.html))

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### Medical Information and Permission Forms

Parents of children under 18 should complete a form for each of their children that attend any CMBC ministry (nursery, preschool Sunday School, Awana, etc.).

Forms are available on the literature table. Please return the complete form to the church office ASAP.

### Praise continued from front

Storytelling allows a child to demonstrate his knowledge of a Bible story that has been read to him. After reading the child a story, ask him questions. Then, encourage him to tell his version of the story. You may be surprised at what you hear.

Reciting short verses from the Bible will help your child with his memory and language skills while encouraging his love of God and God's Word. Colorful mini-posters that have Scripture verses written on them make learning a verse more fun. They can be purchased or created at home and are useful as props for review.

On a regular basis, at least three times per week, read the verse aloud to your

child. Read with emotion and emphasis, enunciating each word clearly. Then, say one phrase at a time and ask your child to repeat each phrase after you—he can even shout it if he wants. The best time for this exercise is early in the morning when the kids are rested and ready for concentrating. The more often you repeat this exercise (up to once daily) the faster your child will learn.

### Share the fun

"Let the saints rejoice in this honor" (Psalm 149: 5).

Children love playing with other kids, and what greater way to reinforce what you are teaching your child at home than to have her share some spiritual fun with other children? Attending or or-

ganizing a weekly or monthly play group with like-minded Christian families or enrolling your child in a well-rounded Christian preschool teaches her that group worship and praise can happen on days other than Sunday.

As you begin to incorporate some of these principles into your preschooler's life, you may very well find benefits to the rest of the family as well. It will be hard for everyone to resist all that singing, dancing, and storytelling. Before you know it, yours will be a household overflowing with joy and the love of the Lord.

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## You are Invited...

- **To serve in Children's Ministry!** Pick up a copy of the "Volunteer Opportunities Booklet" to read about the many ways you can get involved. The booklet is available on the children's ministry bulletin board in the main lobby Contact Heather Ensslen if you have any questions and to fill out a volunteer application.
- Current open positions include: Nursery Caregiver; Early Service PreSchool Room volunteers; PreSchool Teachers/Assistants; 1st and 2nd Grade Girls Sunday School Sub; Junior Church leaders; Puggles, Cubbies, T&T Leaders; T&T Girls Game Leader.

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