

Welcome to our Stepping Stones Newsletter!

This newsletter will be published monthly to keep you informed of what's going on in the Children's Ministry. Our standard columns will be:

- A Word from Cindy...
- How Things Work
- Book / Media Suggestion
- Upcoming Events

Initially, we will have hardcopies located in the Children's Wing. However, we want to encourage everyone to begin viewing the newsletter online at

www.livinghopewired.com/42046/

Our website provides lots of good info and our hope is that parents will begin to utilize this wonderful resource on a regular basis. It not only provides a wealth of wonderful information but it helps save paper and postage.

As we launch the newsletter, we will be emailing a web link to parents of Hope Babies through 5th graders. **If you have not yet updated your contact info with us, please do so ASAP so you don't miss out.**

If you have any suggestions of how we may serve your family better, do not hesitate to contact us. The door is always open :-)

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A Word from Cindy...

Summer is right around the corner and I would like to invite you to consider SERVING IN JUNE!! We are so excited about our outreach opportunities scheduled during the month of June and I hope you and your family will prayerfully consider joining us!

June 9-11th – Living Hope Vacation Bible School



God of Wonders

Preschool thru 5th grade
9:00am-11:30am

Needed: Bible teachers,
science teachers, guides,

crafts helpers, snack helpers, craft preparers, etc.

June 14-17th – Hope House Backyard Bible Club with Christ Fellowship Church

Target audience – preschool thru elementary kids

When: Evening—6:00-7:30pm or 6:30 – 8:00pm

Needed: Families to serve together – come tell Bible stories, play games, sing songs, help with crafts, talk to people, show the love of Jesus, talk about what God has done in your life!!

June 21-24th - Hope House Backyard Bible Club with Forest Park Baptist Church

Target audience – preschool thru elementary kids

When: Evening—6:00-7:30pm or 6:30 – 8:00pm

Needed: Families to serve together – come tell Bible stories, play games, sing songs, help with crafts, talk to people, show the love of Jesus, talk about what God has done in your life!!

We need LOTS of volunteers for all three!!

Please go on-line today to register

www.livinghopewired.com/vbs

What a way to begin the summer by starting with a FAMILY OUTREACH ADVENTURE!

How Things Work

VOLUNTEERING

You may have noticed recently that we are recruiting volunteers for the Preschool Ministry. In case you are still wondering what all that involves, let us provide you with some useful info.

HOW OFTEN WILL I SERVE?

The answer to this question depends on how you want to serve. We offer three ways:

1. Weekly/Permanent Volunteer—serve consistently every Sunday in an assigned classroom.
2. Plan B Volunteer—serve one or two Sundays per month to fill in for a weekly volunteer that is out. You will commit to a specific Sunday each month and serve in various preschool areas as needed.
3. Summer Sub—serve during June & July to fill in for vacationing volunteers. You can serve every Sunday or just a few.

WHAT IF I CANNOT SERVE ON A SUNDAY?

We expect consistency with our weekly / permanent volunteers. (A familiar face goes a long way in the preschool classrooms). However, we know things come up that prevent a volunteer from being here every Sunday. In the event you cannot be here, you will fill out a sub request card or contact our office so we can get your spot covered by a sub.

If you cannot commit to serve consistently every Sunday (with a few absences here & there), perhaps you can serve once or twice a month as part of our Plan B team.

HOW DO I GET STARTED?

Contact our office TODAY!!

- We will send you a Volunteer Application to complete. The application process involves a background check and is required in order to serve in the Preschool or Children's Ministry.
- Once we get the application and background check processed, you can begin serving!

If you would like to serve or have a few more questions, contact Michelle at mtaylor@lhb.org or by phone 843.9462 ext 112. We'd love to have you join our team!



Book/Media Suggestion

“Does Satan Exist?” - Nightline Face-Off

“Does Satan Exist” was a recent “Face-Off” series on Nightline that debated the existence of the devil. One of the speakers was Deepak Chopra—a well-spoken man who claims that Satan is a mythical figure. His advice: “Be done with Satan and confront your own issues”.

A follow-up post on the Shepherd Press Newsletter website briefly discusses the debate that occurred and goes on to stress the importance of equipping our children “ahead of time to meet the Deepak Chopras of the world”. Here's the link for that blog: <http://www.shepherdpress.com/blog/apologetics/healthy-people-dont-need-satan.php#more>

The blog article and the Nightline series are great resources to prompt conversations with your children. This series may even provide a platform for a small group study.

Our hope is that after viewing this series parents will be challenged in their thinking and encouraged in equipping their children to realize that not everything we hear is truth. Instead, everything we hear must be filtered through the truth of God's Word.

To watch the “Does Satan Exist?” series online, go to www.abcnews.com/Nightline/Faceoff

Upcoming Events

One Great Way to Serve—

Saturday, May 9th—4th & 5th grade families.

Mom & Me Tell a Story—

May 15th 6—7:30 pm

Children 3yrs thru pre-k and their moms are invited to be a monkey for the night in the story of "Caps for Sale." We will build a tree, make a cap and monkey masks. Then your little "monkeys" get to act out the story for you! A light snack will be provided. Please RSVP to dfarmer@lhb.org

Strings & Beans—

Sunday, May 17th 5 pm

The Mission Meal will begin in Fellowship Hall at 5pm followed by a Gospel Singin' in the Worship Center. Save this date and watch for details in the church bulletin.

Opportunities

VBS— Three Opportunities to Serve!

See “A Word from Cindy”

Volunteer Registration has started!!

We are recruiting volunteers for all three programs!! Lots of them!! Get details and online registration at

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