

What's happening in Sunday School this month...

The theme for September is "The Beginning of the Story". Stories in Genesis help kids understand God's plan for God's people.

The Bible stories the kids will be hearing are:

- ◆ **The Beginning** (Genesis 2) - Children are about to embark upon a great adventure, a time of growing and learning about the awesome love of the Creator God. As children connect with the biblical story of God's creation of the earth, they will explore what it means to be caretakers in God's world.
- ◆ **Adam and Eve** (Genesis 3) - Children will recognize that God gives us the freedom to make choices, and that choices have consequences. Regardless of the choices we make, God still loves us.
- ◆ **Noah** (Genesis 6:8—9:17) - Noah was one of God's great caretakers of Earth. This story reminds us all that we can trust God's promises.
- ◆ **Tower of Babel** (Genesis 11:1-9) - Emphasis will not be on why God confused all the languages (because we should unite for God's purpose not to become like God) but encourage the children to celebrate the differences we have as people of God's world

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

**SEPTEMBER 4:

NO SUNDAY SCHOOL. Nursery and Toddler Care for those under the age of 3 will be available during the Chapel and 10:45 am service.

**SEPTEMBER 11:

CHORISTERS BEGIN (This is choir for kids in grades 1-6) at 9:45am in Room 13.
GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY

IMPORTANT NOTE: PARENTS WILL BE EXCUSED DURING THE LAST HYMN AT THE 10:45AM SERVICE TO GET THEIR CHILDREN FROM SUNDAY SCHOOL TO ATTEND THE GROUND BREAKING CEREMONY. ALL CHILDREN FROM NURSERY THROUGH SIXTH GRADE WILL NEED AN ADULT TO COME GET THEM FROM CLASS!!!!

**SEPTEMBER 18:

SIGN UP FOR JOURNEYS: an intergenerational Wednesday night program that combines dinner with an education hour for the entire family. Be sure to see separate email that will be sent, grab a brochure at the JOURNEYS bulletin board at the entrance to Vogel Hall, call Jan Ferris, AND COME TO THE JOURNEYS TABLE ON THIS DATE!

**SEPTEMBER 25:

3rd GRADE BIBLE PRESENTATION: Please let Jan Ferris know if your 3rd grader will be participating during the 10:45 am service. If they are unable, a Bible will be held for them in their classrooms. Bibles are prepared for those children whose parents have registered them in the third grade class. See registration at the Children's Ministries table or online at the church's website.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES' GOAL THIS YEAR FOR THE KIDS IS THEMED: "ACTIONS SPEAK LOUDER THAN WORDS". Each month a spiritual trait will be highlighted. Children will have a chance to earn fake money when they demonstrate the monthly trait in their classrooms here at church. They can choose to spend their money on items that will be in the store set up by Children's Ministries in Harper Hall from 11:45—noon each Sunday beginning September 18th.

SEPTEMBER TRAIT: KINDNESS

Children can earn their money by bringing in cans of items listed below to replenish the pantry of **NEEDS** (North East Emergency Distribution Services); thus showing their kindness. Cans must be brought in by September 25th to receive their "cash". **ITEMS NEEDED ARE: canned fruit, canned soup and canned beans (such as pork and beans and kidney beans).**