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## From my heart to yours

I think I must have one of the most interesting jobs on the planet! There is nothing more fascinating to me than to see the Gospel come alive in the eyes of a child. It's so amazing to see them learn new things for the first time; it's even more amazing to see them remember the old things that they have learned and put them into practice. Recently I was eavesdropping on some of our children's conversations while I was tiding up our classroom. While talking about a particular Bible story, one child commented how something sad happening to the Israelites, the people of God, didn't seem fair. The other child responded, "No, maybe it's not fair, but God will take care of all of the unfair things one day." This statement may not seem like much to you, but this seemed pretty profound to me. Our children often seem to have a better grasp on the things of the Lord than we do. How many times in life have we thought that things weren't fair? We've all experienced moments of frustration and we often think that because we serve God, that things in our life should always turn out fair, only to face the disappointment when we realize that they don't. The truth is that I have a difficult time finding Scripture that indicates that every circumstance in our life will be fair; is it fair for a Christian to develop cancer, to lose their child, to experience devastating events while others who do not serve God seem to prosper? No, it certainly isn't fair. On the other hand, I am able to find where Scripture says that God is just. Our circumstances may not always be fair, but God certainly is. Psalm 111:7 says, "The works of His hands are faithful and just; all His precepts are trustworthy." Recently I explained to our children that sometimes unfair things happen in life; sometimes referees make bad calls, sometimes grown-ups mess up, sometimes good friends move away; but I encouraged them that the Lord, is Just, and is Faithful will one day make all things right and all things new. Nothing that you've went through will go unnoticed by God. He hasn't forgotten about you, or any situation you've went through, and He is the record holder. Be encouraged today as you keep in mind that one day "God will take care of all of the unfair things" in life. Be blessed!

## Girl's just wanna have fun!

Twenty-two of our special young ladies will be attending Girl's Jamboree at the state office on May 20<sup>th</sup> 2016! This is a day jam-packed with fun events: swimming, carnival games, outdoor games, crafts, yummy treats, a shopping 'mall,' and lots of fun fellowship with other like-minded young ladies who have a passion for Christ! We will load up the van at the church at 8:00 a.m. sharp! Each girl is encouraged to create and fill their own offering container. Containers should be decorated with a Carnival theme in mind. If you have any questions, please see Ashley Rutter for more details or visit:  
<http://vacog.publishpath.com/default.aspx>



## Let's go Camping!!

Don't forget to register for Summer Camp! Early registration fees are due by April 29<sup>th</sup> @ 4:00 p.m.

### Adventure Camp:

Ages 9-11 July 4<sup>th</sup>-July 8<sup>th</sup>

\$150.00 fee if registered by 4/29

### Discovery Camp:

Ages 6-8 July 11<sup>th</sup>-July 14<sup>th</sup>

\$140.00 if registered by 4/29

## Vacation Bible School

If you came to VBS last year, you already know what a huge success this was!! We are looking forward to having a blast again this year June 5<sup>th</sup>-June 9<sup>th</sup>. Bring a friend! There will be classes for ALL ages. If you are interested in volunteering to work at this event, please see Ashley Rutter to sign up. You won't want to miss VBS! It's a blast!



## Coming Soon!!!

Soon your 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grader will have the opportunity to earn reward points! We will begin a new loyalty/reward program for our students. Children will earn reward points for attendance, bringing their Bible, offerings, their Birthday, inviting a new friend to church, good behavior, etc. Students will then have an opportunity to redeem those reward points once a month at our 'store.' In order to prepare for this, we need to stock up on store/prize items. If you are able to donate towards this project, here are a few items that would work well in our store: sidewalk chalk, bubbles, hot wheels cars, nerf guns, stickers, candy, gift cards in small mounts (\$5-10 which will be for a larger prize), bouncy balls, nail polish, glitter, school supplies, etc. Any donation is GREATLY appreciated! This will be a huge incentive for the kids and is something for them to look forward to!

## 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Graders

The Gospel Project continues! We are continuing to work our way through the Bible. We have just completed our Promised Land Unit and we will be embarking on Unit 9: God Judges His People. Pray for our class as we begin our study of the books of Judges, Ruth, and 1 Samuel. During this unit, our lessons will focus on:

The First Judges, Deborah and Barak, Gideon, Samson, Ruth and Boaz, Eli and the boy Samuel, Israel demands a King, God rejected Saul as King, David was anointed and fought Goliath, and how David and Jonathan became friends. Encourage your child to share with you what they have learned in class!



Our Pre-K/Kindergarteners warm our hearts as they worship the Lord!

