

January 4, 2018

Dear Parents and Children,

Would you believe that our spring semester is here, and even summer is right around the corner? I know that I have mentioned trying to get better on the communication front in the past, and now it is decided– 2018 is it! Communications, away! With that being said, my hope is that this letter is the first of many announcements of our upcoming kids events for this spring! I also wanted to give a heads–up on summer dates, as well.

With the communication plans, my goal is to send updates through a few different avenues, with many being accessible through your phone/computer. A big “discovery” for me recently has been text messages! In the past, I didn’t consider how responsive many of us are with texts– I may check my email a few times a day, and *might* get a few chances to respond to emails, but I cannot count how many times a day I check and respond to my text conversations! And with group text settings now, I am really looking forward to sending quick texts for updates, website links, or just the occasional praise or need to be shared!

All this to say, I am excited to spend the upcoming spring and summer semesters working alongside your kiddos and getting in the Word with them! I have a feeling it will sure be a great close to the “Year of Attitude” and a great, LACED UP SUMMER!

I have included a list of our scheduled events with this letter, with some descriptions to follow. I encourage you to make plans to have your kids participate in as many things you can during this spring, and summer.

Please don’t hesitate to ask for more details.

Here they are...

Spring Semester Dates: January – April

January

- 1/3 Wednesday night Missions Kids Starts up @ 6:30 PM
- 1/21 Spring Discipleship and Kids Praise starts @ 6:00 PM
- 1/28 Kids Camp Deposit of \$25 due to Miranda (1st out of 4)

February

- 2/17 Parents Night Out @ 5:00 - 9:00 PM
- 2/25 Kids Praise AM Performance *with a warm-up @ 8:45 AM*
- 2/25 Kids Camp Deposit of \$25 due to Miranda (2nd out of 4)

March

- 3/4 VBS Volunteer Pep Rally @ 6:00 PM
- 3/5 Last day to sign up & pay for SB Campout
- 3/11 **Spring Break begins, No PM Activities**
- 3/14-17 Spring Break Campout @ Huntsville St. Park
- 3/25 Kids Camp Deposit of \$25 due to Miranda (3rd out of 4)
- 3/31 Parents Night Out @ 5:00 - 9:00 PM

April

- 4/15 **Easter Sunday, NO Children's Church or PM Activities**
- 4/22 VBS Lead Roles Lunch Meeting (after AM service)
- 4/29 Kids Camp Deposit of \$25 due to Miranda (4th out of 4)
- 4/29 **5th Sunday, NO Children's Church**

May

- 5/13 **Mother's Day, No PM Activities**
- 5/16 Pre-Teen Camp Parent Meeting in the Kids Auditorium (7:30 PM)
- 5/19 Kids Praise Rehearsal (10:00 AM—noon)
- 5/20 Kids Praise Musical @ 6:00 PM
- 5/20 Last day to pay for Pre-Teen Camp
- 5/26 Parents Night Out @ 5:00 - 9:00 PM
- 5/27 **Memorial Day, NO PM Activities**
- 5/31 CBC Kids Awards & Talent Show @ 6:30 PM

Spring Event Descriptions:

Pre-Teen Camp Deposits and Parent meeting:

On Wednesday, July 11th through Saturday, the 14th, we will be taking a group of our 1st – 5th graders to Pre-Teen Camp at the Lake Lavon Camp and Conference Center in Princeton, Texas. This trip will be geared for any child who has completed the 1st grade, is leaving the 5th grade this summer, and all kiddos in between. It will cost \$100 total, per child.

I have provided deposit dates for parents who may want to spread out payments of \$25 each, which will be due on the last Sunday of the month in January, February, March, and April. Please hand in any money designated for “Pre-Teen Camp” to me, directly.

For more information on signing up your kids or paying for camp, please talk to me. And please mark your calendars for our camp parent meeting on May 16th, at 7:30 PM in the children’s auditorium. Stay tuned for required forms to participate, a what-to-bring list, and a travel schedule.

Spring Break Campout:

Wanna send your kiddo on a Spring Break Quest, where your child will camp out and be immersed in creation at Huntsville State Park? Well, look no further! Any child in 1st - 5th grade are welcome to come camp-out on Thursday, March 14th through Saturday, the 17th! Our group will sight-see, hike, camp in screened in shelters, cook outdoors, and learn from scripture on "How to Train Your Attitude!"

The plan for our group is to spend some time hiking, cooking outdoors, playing games, and more! We have also arranged for our group to visit the Sam Houston Memorial Museum during our trip, too! To help cover lodging, meals, and all the fun, it will cost a total of \$50 for each child to go. For all paperwork and payments, the goal is to have everything turned in by March 5th. I am looking forward to having as many of our kids go as we can. Stay tuned for required forms to participate, a what-to-bring list, and a travel schedule.

Kids Awards & Talent Show:

Our kids have worked hard at memorizing verses and serving in different areas of our church. This year, we will honor them as they grow and showcase their accomplishments that they may not have shared with the larger church body! We will have a award certificate portion and talent portion during this night. Parents, would your child like to share their favorite scripture, play/sing a song, or show off some artwork they have made at school? Or maybe there is something else they would like to share! Let me know if you want to add them to the agenda for the night!

Summer Semester Dates: June – August

June

- 6/3 Summer Bible Champs Starts Up @ 6:00 PM
- 6/6 Jump Night (6:30 PM - 8:00 PM)
- 6/12 Big Tuesday (9:00 AM—6:00 PM)
- 6/6 Preschool J.A.M. (9:00 AM—2:00 PM)
- 6/18 **Father's Day, NO PM Activities**
- 6/24-28 Vacation Bible School (6:00 pm—8:30 pm)

July

- 7/4 **Independence Day, no PM Activities**
- 7/11-14 Pre-Teen Camp @ Lake Lavon
- 7/17 Big Tuesday (9:00 AM —6:00 PM)
- 7/20 Preschool J.A.M. (9:00 AM—2:00 PM)
- 6/24-27 CBC Kids Soccer Camp
- 6/29 **5th Sunday, NO Children's Church**

August

- 8/14 Big Tuesday (9:00 AM —6:00 PM)
- 8/17 Preschool J.A.M. (9:00 AM—2:00 PM)
- 8/29 Jump *into* Fall Night (6:30 PM - 8:00 PM)

Summer Event Descriptions:

Summer Bible Champs:

On (almost all) **Sunday and Wednesday nights**, we will have Summer Bible Champs available for children preschool aged through 5th grade. There will be games, fun activities, and time for your child to dig in to scripture, and hopefully, memorize a few verses over the course of the summer. This gives your family a great opportunity to read scripture at home, at your child's best pace, in the midst of a busy summer schedule. Lead your child to learn God's truth in His Word this summer, by helping them become Bible Champs!

Jump Nights:

At the beginning and the end of the summer, all preschoolers - 5th graders are welcome to come to Jump Night, and to invite friends! From **6:30 pm to 8:00 pm**, we'll have a jump castle, water games, hula hoops and jump ropes, out in our side parking lot for kids to enjoy! It is a great time for visiting families to have some free and safe fun, and to also hear about our summer and fall events!

Big Tuesdays:

Once every summer month, all 1st—5th graders are welcome to participate in a "Big Tuesday". It will be an all-day FREE adventure, from **9:00 am to 6:00 pm**. The kids will get hands-on with a missions project in the morning, eat lunch around noon, and then go on a surprise field trip in the afternoon.

Each time, your child will need to bring a light backpack/bag with a water bottle, some sturdy shoes, and any other items your child would need in order to do some sight-seeing, water play and walking outdoors. All kids will need to be picked up and dropped off in the fellowship hall, unless otherwise arranged, and each child must have a signed medical release form for 2017 to participate.

Preschool J.A.M.:

Once every summer month, all 3 year olds - Kindergarteners are welcome to join our FREE preschool "J.A.M.," meaning "Jesus and Me!" It will be an a few hours of play and worship from **9:00 am to 2:00 pm**. Kids will get hands-on with all kinds of large group play activities, then eat lunch around noon, and then have a worship-led activity in the afternoon!

Each time, your child will need to bring a light backpack/bag with a water bottle, some sturdy shoes, and any other items your child would need in order to play, craft, and move! All kids will need to be picked up and dropped off in the fellowship hall, unless otherwise arranged, and each child must have a signed medical release form for 2017 to participate.

Summer Events, Continued...

Vacation Bible School:

Vacation Bible School is a free summer event for kids on **June 25th-29th, from 6:00 to 8:30 pm.** At VBS 2018, all child participants that are 3 years old (and potty-trained) through 5th grade will gear up, and get in their GAME ON! Invite friends, family and neighbors for a great summer event where kids will have fun, and discover how to gear up for life's big game!

Pre-Teen Camp:

On Wednesday, July 11th through Saturday, the 14th, we will be taking a group of our 1st – 5th graders to Pre-Teen Camp at the Lake Lavon Camp and Conference Center in Princeton, Texas. This trip will be geared for any child entering the 1st grade or leaving the 5th grade this summer, and all kiddos in between. It will cost \$100 total, per child.

I am looking forward to the opportunity for many of our kids to go to summer camp, and for quite a few of ours, for the first time ever! For more information on signing up your kids, please talk to me, and attend our camp parent meeting on May 16th, at 7:30 PM in the children's auditorium.

Kids Soccer Camp:

On Wednesday, July 24th through Friday, the 27th, we will host our very own FREE soccer day camp at the church for children preschool-aged through 5th grade. This camp will be from **9:00 am to noon for preschoolers, and for 1st through 5th graders, the camp will be from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm.**

Any interested athletes that want to learn how to play soccer, or harness their skills at the game are sure to have a blast at our soccer camp! Stay tuned for how to sign your child up, a what-to-bring list, and be sure to invite a friend!

Well there you have it, parents! That is our Year of Attitude, and our LACED UP Summer, in an overview. Again, if you have any questions, or would like to get your kids involved with any upcoming events, please let me know!

In Christ,



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