

Summer Explosion

Summer Explosion at the Kirk is a summer school, but it has the feel of a Vacation Bible School! A loving, experienced staff is ready to demonstrate the truth of God’s Word as they lead their smaller classes through plenty of fun, enriching academics with lots of arts & crafts, music, and recreational play. Two classes are also available for students with learning disabilities. Every Friday, we begin with a special Chapel Service followed by fun-filled field trip experiences!

Academic Skill Review and Enrichment

Date: June 16 – July 11, 2003
Time: Monday – Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.
Who: Children who have completed Kindergarten – 6th Grades
Tuition: \$250.00 (10% discount if registered by May 15th)

The program will focus on review and reinforcement in language art (reading and writing) and math skills. Each week will include arts & crafts, music, and recreation activities. Special Chapel services and weekly field trips each Friday. Class size limited to fifteen students each.

Learning Disabilities Remediation & Enrichment

Date: June 16 – July 11, 2003
Time: Monday – Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.
Who: Children who have completed 1st – 6th Grades
Tuition: \$250.00 (10% discount if registered by May 15th)

Two classes will offer continued remediation of basic skills for students with significant learning needs. Individualized instruction in reading, written expression and math will be complemented by time in arts & crafts, music, and recreation activities. Special Chapel services and weekly field trips each Friday. Class size limited to eight students each.



The Writing Academy

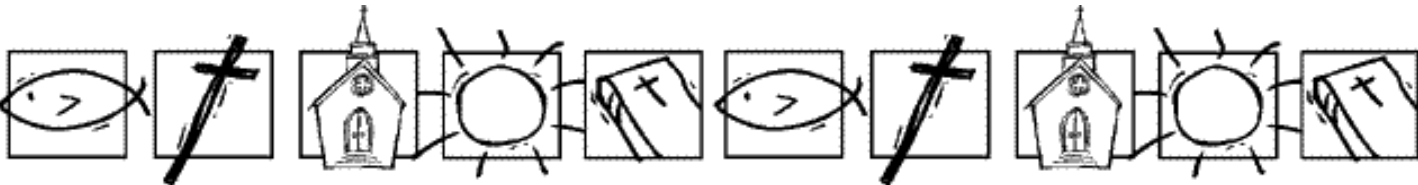
Students entering 2nd Grade are invited to attend the creative writing class. Each child will experience the writing process as they write, illustrate and present original poems and stories. Reading, writing, and speaking skills will be enhanced, as the students become authors!

Monday – Friday, July 21-25
9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Cost: \$80.00
Class taught by Cathy Hickel

Next Stop - 1st Grade

Come for a week of fun activities designed to prepare your child for 1st Grade. We will enjoy reading, writing, math, literature, and outdoor play. We’ll even sit in desks and eat lunch together!

Monday – Friday, July 14-18 or July 28-Aug. 1
8:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon
Cost: \$80.00
Classes taught by Cathy Hickel



JAM Camp '03



Our theme for this *two-night* camp will be *A Fruit-filled Life* with our theme verse coming from John 15:5, “I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing.” **Jesus And Me** Camp is designed for rising 3rd and 4th graders and will be held July 31 - August 2 at Camp Trinity. Camp gives children the opportunity to be in a place where they can grow in their personal relationship with God and also be involved in such activities as swimming, canoeing, campfires, and crafts. Grab a flyer in the church office and sign-up for camp!

Stack 'em UP Day Trips

It’s summertime – let’s get out and about!

- 3’s – 5’s: June 25
Morning @ Love Park
Crafts, games, snack
9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Cost: Free
- K-1: July 21
St. Louis Zoo
9:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
Cost: \$10.00
- 2-3: July 25
St Louis Science Center
9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Cost: \$7.00
- 4-5: July 23
Six Flags
9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Cost: \$23.00



Sunday Night Vespers

Vespers is an evening worship service that traditionally consists of songs, prayers, Scripture readings, and Bible study.

Is there a Scripture song you always wanted to sing? A favorite hymn? Have you wanted to join in congregational prayer? Join us this summer beginning June 1 for *Sunday Evening Vespers* from 7:00 p.m. – 7:45 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

Bring the whole family for this traditional, yet informal, worship service. (Nursery will be provided from birth up to 3 years.)

Salt & Light '03: Living in the Presence of God

This week-long overnight camp for rising 5th and 6th graders will be held August 3-8, 2003, at Lake Williamson Camp Center.

Being a pre-teen can be a difficult task with all the pressures of the world. However, our God has overcome the world and made us wonderful promises based on His character. One of these promises is that ‘...the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go.’ At camp, we will learn what it means to live in the presence of God according to the truth of His Word.

But this is also summer camp, so there will be a variety of activities, including a climbing wall, water balloon fights, paddle boats, hiking, volleyball, swimming, crafts, night games, basketball, obstacle courses, putt-putt golf, and very messy games....to name but a few! Grab a flyer in the church office and sign-up for camp!

Parent Information

- Grade level for *Summer Events* represent grade *completed*, unless otherwise noted. Detailed flyers for specific events are available in the church office.
- Some activities have group size limits, so please sign-up your child early to reserve a spot. Other events do not require a sign-up, but your reservation will be helpful for planning purposes.
- Parents are strongly encouraged to participate as chaperones, helpers or teachers.
- Please be respectful of our volunteers' time, and remember that parents are responsible for dropping off and picking up their children **on time**.
- Most of the events this summer are free. However, some programs do charge a fee for supplies and curriculum. Our desire is for your child to participate in **any** program they choose. If finances are needed, scholarship funds for all activities are available, simply contact Pastor Barksdale.
- All activities begin and end at the Kirk, unless otherwise noted.

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Sunday School - It's a King Thing

Summertime means enjoying the great outdoors; fresh air, exercise, great fun with friends.

It's a King Thing! is our exciting new summer children's ministry program. SERFS will be on hand to lead our kids around Israel as we listen in on royal conversations, spy out danger and match wits with great kings. We'll meet Saul, David, Ahab, Esther, Rehoboam, Hezekiah, Agrippa and more.

As we bow and curtsy our way through a royal summer, we'll pray together, sing together, munch together, make some cool crafts, play some fun games and explore God's wonderful world of science.

When does all this happen? Here's the scoop:

Where: Kirk of the Hills
When: June, July, and August

It won't be the same without you!



Vacation Bible School It's a Kid Thing...

Join us the week of June 9-13 for an adventure through the Bible meeting boys and girls who placed their faith in God and were used by Him to do amazing things. Along with Bible study, there will be plenty of games, crafts, singing and snacks.

Here's the scoop:

Where: Kirk of the Hills Presbyterian Church
When: June 9-13; 9:00 am – 11:30 am
Who: 3 year olds – completed 3rd grade

Make your reservations by calling Pastor Barksdale in the church office, and do not forget to make a reservation for the friends in your neighborhood.

Parents, and older siblings, if you would be interested in helping at VBS, please call Jean Bronson in the church office, ext. 333.

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." Matt. 19:14



Calling All Hands

Do you remember how startled Jesus' closest friends were the night He wrapped a towel around His waist and washed their feet – a job that none of them wanted to take on? Do you remember what He said to explain His actions to them – and to us?

"You call me Teacher and Lord, and it is right that you do so because that is what I am. I, your Lord and Teacher, have just washed your feet. You, then, should wash one another's feet. I have set an example for you, so that you will do just what I have done for you" (see John 13:13-15).

The children of the Kirk have a need for adults to guide and teach them about faith in God - Adults who care, adults who seek to know and follow God in today's world.

We have many opportunities for you to *"test the water,"* to be part of a team that works together providing support and encouragement for each other as we *"pass on the faith to the next generation."*

Recognizing that God is the giver of many different gifts; we are asking you to prayerfully consider God's call to you. If you feel called to this ministry, please give Pastor Barksdale a call at the church office (314-434-0753, ext. 248).