



Children's Ministry Summer Plans

What's going on in Children's Ministry this summer?

I want to share with you Children's Ministry's plans for the summer. This promises to be a restful yet really exciting time for our church. We've been working to craft lessons and activities that will allow us all to come together in unique, creative ways that will strengthen relationships with our families and each other.

The summer is a time when many people are moving into the area and looking for a new church. When they visit, we want them to see our church family as vibrant, active, and alive for the Lord. We hope that the many activities we have planned will make them feel welcomed and connected. We want them to call Cherrydale, home!

Please take time to read through everything below. I would greatly appreciate hearing from you if you have any questions, thoughts or concerns!

In Christ,
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June

Our regular schedule for Sunday School will run through Sunday, June 25.

It has been a wonderful time learning about our God through the Old Testament in the books of Genesis and Exodus. It is always astounding to see the ways the Old Testament foreshadows the coming of our Savior and points to our redemption through His death! Our children have dug deep into scripture, been challenged, and grown tremendously throughout the year.

Will children move up to their new grade at the end of June?

No. All children will continue in Children's Ministry at their current grade level through the end of the summer. **They will move up in grade on the starting date of Sunday School in September.** Please know that this decision was handled with care and discussed with input from all ministries.

July

We will host a Family Sunday School for the weeks of July 2, 9, 16, 23, 30.

What does a Family Sunday School look like?

This is something new for Cherrydale! Children will not be dropped off in individual classrooms for Sunday School as we usually do. **All families, PreK - 5th grade, will meet in The Well.** We are asking that parents join their children as we learn, worship, and enjoy our God! We hope that by bringing everyone together in a new way it will really strengthen our relationships as a church family.

This is a tremendous opportunity for parents to share and experience lessons together with their children.

We have had a wonderful year learning about God through the books of Genesis and Exodus. We'll continue using our Gospel Story Curriculum during this time as well. Each week we will have different teachers leading families through lessons, activities, and worship in fun and exciting ways! God has so much to say to us through scripture, and this summer will be no exception!

In addition, Joy Petrie will be sharing a missions lesson with our families on July 30. Throughout the year, Joy has introduced our missionaries and their work to our children every 5th Sunday! Our children have spoken to missionaries out in the field. They've asked questions and heard firsthand of the challenges faced and the triumphs witnessed for the Lord! We're excited to continue this through the summer!

August

Joy's missions lesson in July is the perfect segue into Cherrydale's August plans. The Missions Committee will be hosting a month of activities and events for our church. Many of our missionaries will be in the country visiting family, resting from their work, and reaffirming their calling from God. Each week, your family is invited to spend time with a different missionary or short-term team that Cherrydale supports to hear more about their time abroad.

We are a church that is committed to spreading the news of who Jesus is and what He's done for us to the ends of the Earth! Don't miss out on each of the opportunities to support and uplift our missionaries during their time with us!

Just as with our Family Sunday School, the missions events will be open to all families. As these dates get closer, the Missions Committee will provide more information and registration forms for each event.

September

One final missions event will be held on Sunday, September 3 before returning to our regular schedule of church-wide events.

Sunday School starts on September 10, 9:00am.

Kids Club starts on September 13, 6:30pm.

Will the Nursery, PreK - K childcare, and Children's Message still be available?

These three programs play such an important role, ensuring that our children and families are well cared for every Sunday. We plan to continue them through the summer.

If you have not served with one of these programs throughout the year, we ask that you serve during the summer at least one Sunday. This is a great opportunity for us to care for each other and our church body. Many of our regular volunteers have graciously given of their time and need rest. We want them to have time away so that when they return, they are refreshed, refilled with the Spirit, and are ready to use their gifts in new ways to reach our children.