

Trinity UMC Playschool Newsletter February 2010



February Birthdays



One year old

Preston Snipes - February 2nd

Two years old

Jack Massey - February 17th

Kendall Garvin-Ramos - February 18th

Jack Doty - February 28th

Three years old

Caleb Kidd - February 11th

Paige Rudisill - February 12th

Austin Brown - February 17th

Antonia Foster - February 26th

Four years old

Tyson Poppen - February 26th

Five Years old

Preston Allman - February 3rd

Gracy Foy - February 7th

Samantha Hill - February 16th

Alex Jackson - February 24th

DATES TO REMEMBER

Feb. 10 - In House Registration

Feb. 14 - Valentine's Day

Feb. 15 - **Playschool Now Open**

Feb. 17 - Sibling and Church Members Reg.

Feb. 22 - Cookie Fundraiser Kickoff
(Information Coming Soon!)

Feb. 24 - Registration Open to the Public

COMING SOON

Mar. 4 - Trinity's Famous Bar-B-Q 11am-until

Mar. 5 - Cookie Fundraiser Orders/Money Due

Attention Parents

1. Make sure you **register your child** for the coming school year and summer sessions before Feb. 17th, which is the starting day to register siblings. If you need enrollment forms for siblings or friends, you may pick them up in the playschool office. Also, don't forget about the incentive coupons that will credit your account **\$50** for every new child outside your family you refer to register between February 24th and April 30th. If you need additional coupons come by the playschool office!
2. **Parent Surveys** are now on the web. You may visit:
<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/QVJT92W>
to fill one out. If you already turned in your paper copy, we really appreciate it! Please fill out one if you haven't done so. We would love to have 100% participation.



Altered Playschool Pick-up

Trinity UMC's Bar-B-Q will be held on Thursday, March 4th. Due to increased traffic in the parking lot, we will use the same pick-up instructions as last year. If you were not here last year or forgot, we will send out instructions for you to follow. Basically, we will use a "big school" pick-up that day. We will have you drive around to the playground and teachers will load your children into the car for you. You will enter the church grounds from the back driveway (it is the entrance at the graveyard that is normally blocked off.), circle around to the playground and exit the same way you entered. We will have your path clearly marked on the 4th and more instructions will soon follow.



**Monday, February 15th for
a SNOW Make-up Day!**

With Love From Ms. Claudia

Thanks to all the parents who turned in their parent surveys. We really take seriously all of your remarks. At the start of a new school year, one of our main goals is that of communication. And each year, you the parents let us know in the survey that you want more. Out of our desire to communicate what is going on during your child's school day, the School Newsletter, "Life in the Classroom" column and Classroom newsletters were started.

As I read the surveys I realize there was still a problem when one of the parents of a one year old put the remark "unsure" in the category of music. These children sing, dance and play instruments every day, just about all day. They sing their prayer, sing when they clean up and sing all the favorites: Jesus Loves Me - Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star - The Itsy Bitsy Spider - If You Are Happy and You Know It. The problem with their singing and communication is that they can't sing all the words of the songs aloud yet.

I'll never forget about 15 years ago I went to have dinner at Long Creek Fish House. I looked over and saw one of our families across the room. The older one year old was serenading the restaurant. She would babble a few lines of baby talk, throw her fist up in the air and shout to the top of her lungs, "A-N". Of course, I knew instantly she was singing, "If You're Happy and You Know It", a song sung in every age level at Trinity, which goes:

If you're happy and you know it...Clap your hands
(Clap,Clap)

If you're happy and you know it...Clap your hands
(Clap,Clap)

If you're happy and you know it ..Then your face
will surely show it

If you're happy and you know it ..Clap your hands
(Clap,Clap)

Next you say: ..Stomp your
feet

(Stomp, Stomp)

Last verse: .. Shout Amen
(with fist in the air **A-men**)

I walked over to the table and started singing with Serena. She beamed and looked at me as if to say, "Finally!" someone understands." Tears were running down her mother's face. She told me what the family had been through the last few weeks. Serena had been raising her fist and shouting **A-N** to everyone she came in contact with outside of playschool trying desperately for anyone to join in her song.

Music is also a part of every other class's day. All the childhood favorites like "Farmer in the Dell", Bible story favorites like "Peter, James, John in a Sailboat" and songs which teach phonetic sounds, numbers and colors are used. The children regularly use rhythm instruments and the four and five year olds play hand bells once a week.

Teachers realize so much happens in a day that the children aren't sharing with you. One thing the teachers are going to try and do is mix up the schedule for the last 15 minute slot so as you pick them up you can see their music, math work, story time. This will only work if the children will let them. Kids love the routine of story- time always follows snack and so on.

Parents, remember that Trinity has an open door policy. You are free to visit your child's classroom or any classroom. Help the teacher out by telling them what kind of things that you want to know about your child's day. Our dream is someday having the money for Webcams so you could visit on your computer and peak into your child's world at school. We would love to share the wonders that we see with your children each day.



Safety Reminder:

Parents (especially moms) please make sure that you leave no valuables including pocketbooks in your cars in the morning or afternoon. A therapist that works with our school had her car broken into last week in the church parking lot. Please ensure that this doesn't happen to you by remembering to bring valuables into the building with you during drop-off and pick-up. If you have any automotive accessories like portable GPS, it is probably a good idea to remove it from sight while you are in the building as well. We wished that this was not the case, but it is better to be safe.

Life in the Classroom

with Ms. Kim and Her Boys

Miss Kim's 3 year old class is just busting with excitement and activity. We have all settled in for a terrific year. The boys are all getting along great with each other.

Having a room full of boys there is never a dull moment. In the morning it is all race cars and dinosaurs (and a bit of cooking ☺). Circle time we are always learning new things, but through singing and playing games. I have learned with boys you don't sit at circle for too long or it will turn into a wrestling match. (friendly of course)

After a quick snack, we do some music & movement and my boys love the movement part. Whether we are playing hot potato or pretending to be snowflakes, they are constantly on the move.



And of course, there is outside time. Believe it or not, the boys stick together for this part of the day too. They really like the tire swing and you can hear their giggles all the way across the playground.

After coming in and sitting on the carpet, we work on our letter sounds. Sometimes we play a memory card game with the letters or say them very loudly for the entire school to hear. They are all doing very well on their sounds!

Then, it is time for moms and dads; the end of our busy day. All the boys are very excited to go home, but in the morning the same excitement is in their faces when they walk into class and start all over again.

God Bless Little Boys!

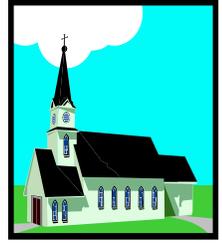
AFTERSCHOOL ADVENTURES AND SUMMER CAMP



Afterschool Adventures is pleased to announce that we will be offering a full time Summer Camp for children Rising Kindergarten thru Rising 6th grade. Hours are Monday – Friday 7:30 am – 6:00 pm. The cost of full time care is \$90 per week. Part time rates are also available upon request. A host of exciting activities have been planned along with several field trips. Please contact Afterschool Adventures at 704-399-1684 ext 14 for more information.

About Our Church

We invite your family to be a part of our family each Sunday.



**Early Contemporary Service:
9:00AM
in the Family Life Center**

**Sunday school: 10:00AM
(for all ages)**

Traditional Worship Service: 11:00AM

Kids Join us Sunday nights for youth group.
We have programs from 5pm-6:30pm
for ages K-12th!



Penny War

Our 3 year old classes have been raising money for a donation to Haiti. The classes started last week and have seen some success in this meaningful endeavor. The children are bringing in spare change they find or earn around the house.

We would now like to “kick it up a notch” by turning this into a school-wide competition. We are asking that you consider joining in on the fun of a “Penny War,” with the War emphasis being on hunger and devastation that the Haitian people are facing daily in the wake of the recent earthquakes. All proceeds will be given to Samaritan's Purse which will go a long way in helping the Haitian's in their greatest time of need.

The directions for a Penny War are this. Each classroom will get a container to accept spare change. All pennies collected count for one cent as usual. However, other classes can bring in silver change to disperse to other classes containers. The face value of any silver change or paper money subtracts that amount from the class total. So, it just makes things more interesting.

We hope to get a chart up on a bulletin board to track each class's progress. Please join in the fun. The Penny War will take place from Monday, **February 8th** through Friday, **March 5th**.

**51st ANNUAL
BAR-B-Q
Thursday,
March 4, 2010**

“In loving memory of Scott Penninger”

Serving 11:00am - until

Plate or 3 Sandwiches

\$8.00

One Pound

\$7.00

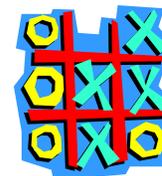
Extra Slaw - \$1.00

Desserts - \$1.00

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**Afterschool Adventures
and
Summer Camp**

Afterschool Adventures and Summer Camp is seeking donations of board games and books appropriate for children aged Kindergarten through 5th grade. If you have any games or books that you would like to donate please contact Margie O’Shields at 704-399-1684 ext 14 to arrange drop-off or pick-up.



Thank you,

Margie O’Shields

Assistant Director Afterschool Adventures

[Check out our NEW Playschool Blog!](#)



You can find it online at the following address:

trinityplayschool.blogspot.com

Here you will find some interesting things that have happened at Playschool. We hope you enjoy the pictures!