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Dear Parents,

The floors are polished at school, the last minute supplies have been purchased and the new shoes are still shiny - school is in session! We are excited to see how God works in your family's life this year as you seek to grow like Jesus - in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and all the people (Luke 2:52, NLT). We are privileged to partner with you during this season of growth for your family! As always, please contact us if you have any questions or concerns - we are here to serve!

[The Family Ministries Team](#)

Sunday School Kick-Off September 12th



It's move up day on Sunday, September 12th. If your child has previously been enrolled in the nursery or a Sunday school class, they should already be registered for 2010-2011 classes. Please check them in at one of the check-in kiosks located downstairs. If your kids have not previously attended,

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FM Calendar



September 6 - Labor Day
(church office closed)

September 7 - School begins!

please see our Visitor Check-In area across from the Resource Area.

Computerized Check-in for All Kids!



Many of you have already been checking your kids in on Sunday mornings. Here's a couple of tips to make your check-in time fast & easy:

1. Check ALL your kids in at the same kiosk (nametags will print out for all the kids/classes you indicate)
2. Check the BOX before your child's name (yellow in our sample above) **AND** the CIRCLE for the service attending (red in our sample above).
3. Check the ROOM NUMBER on your child's nametag - this is where they will be attending (we'll make any adjustments needed in the first few weeks of classes).
4. While you can check in your family at any kiosk, we still ask parents of preschoolers and younger to take a pager from either the nursery area or Visitor Check-In Area in case you need to be reached.
5. Please be patient - it's usually a fast, easy process, but it's still new to most of us. If you have trouble, please see one of our Kids Check-In Team Members, or come to the Visitor Check-In Area across from the Resource Area downstairs.

Nursery Schedule

The new nursery schedule will be starting on September 26th and will be arriving in mailboxes the week of September 12th. If you are interested in serving in our nurseries as a nursery volunteer or as a Team Leader, please email [Leanne](#).

Room Name Changes

Please note that our "Hopper" nursery will now be called the **Toddler** nursery. It will continue to be in the same location. Also, our "2 Year Old Sunday School Class" will now be called the **Explorer** class. The **Explorer** class is for children who are *two by September 1, 2010*, and offers a more structured time than the Toddler room. It is offered both services, but is limited in space. Please arrive early



September 8 - FLOOD & Overflow Kick-offs

September 12 - Sunday School Move Up Day

September 17 - Twins Game (FLOOD & Overflow)

September 22 - See you @ the Pole

Oct. 27 - Flood & Overflow Reverse Trick or Treat

October 29 - Great Pumpkin Party

October 31 - Great Pumpkin Project

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on Sundays to ensure your Explorer can join in the fun!

Our "3 Year Old Sunday School Class" will now be located in the main nursery area and will be called the **Discoverers** class. It is also offered during both services for children who are *three by September 1, 2010*.

Bible Presentation September 19th

Our Family Ministry Team values putting God's Big Story into the hands of kids. On Sept. 19th, (previously planned for Sept. 12th) we're giving all kids in 1st-3rd grade Sunday school classes a copy of the Hands-On Bible. Parents should join their 1st-3rd grader in the Fuel Café between services (10:15-10:30 am) that day to see all the cool features this "tool" has for your elementary student. Can't wait to see you!



Tell Your Kids A Story

Our son Matt - AKA Skittles - turned 17 recently and I started thinking back to when he was younger. He and his sister used to love when I'd tell them stories about funny things that had happened to me or other family members as children. If any story ended with someone getting a spanking it seemed to be all the more interesting to them. To read more, [click here.](#)



Author: More teens becoming 'fake' Christians

By John Blake, CNN
August 27, 2010 8:57 a.m. EDT



(CNN) -- If you're the parent of a Christian teenager, Kenda Creasy Dean has this warning:
Your child is following a "mutant" form of Christianity, and you may be responsible.
Dean says more American teenagers are embracing what she calls "moralistic therapeutic deism." Translation: It's a watered-down faith that portrays God as a "divine therapist" whose chief goal is to boost people's self-esteem.

[Read the full article.](#)

Fall Kickoff 2010

This Wednesday, September 8th (6:30 - 8:00pm) we are having our Fall Kickoff for all Middle School and High School Students. They will get to enjoy a night of food, fun, prizes and a live band! Doors open at 6:15pm. So just because school started doesn't mean they can't have any fun! Looking forward to seeing them!



One Month To Live

This fall we will be partnering with the church on the One Month to Live journey. This series will challenge/encourage students to find their God-given passion and purpose and to start living it today. This series will be loaded with challenging questions, action steps and tools to help them check their relationship with God and with others, to find their unique passions and gifts, and to live according to God's unique purpose for their lives!

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