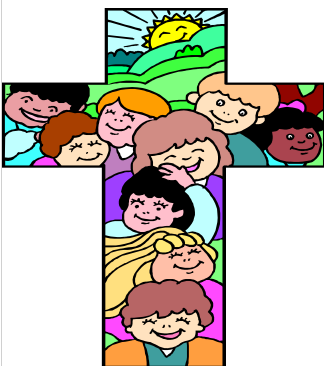


K-NEX

THE CHILDREN'S MINISTRY PUBLICATION OF GFUMC

Gadsden First United Methodist
Children's Ministry

Connecting Children to Christ and
One Another
Equipping Children to serve God in
the World



Be a leader in the
Children's Ministry!

- Opportunities include:
Children's Ministry
Outreach Team Leader
- Easter Egg Hunt Team
Leader
- Spring Picnic Coordi-
nator
- Decorating Team
- VBS Coordinator for
Elementary
- VBS Coordinator for
Pre-School
- Wonderful Wednesdays
Coordinator
- Fall Fest Team Leader
- Movin' On Up Team
Leader
- CM Fellowship Team

NEW! K-NEX Team Meeting

K-NEX is the "all new" Children's Ministry Team that will Connect Kids with Christ at Gadsden First! We will meet on Sunday, January 31 from 4 to 6 PM. This will be an **important** workshop for ALL PARENTS who have children-babies through 5th Grade.

This meeting will include "visioning" for Children's Ministry, the annual mandatory Child Protection Policy Training, formation of CM Teams, Outreach Team development, discussion for Children's Church alternatives, and planning for spring and summer events such as the Easter Egg Hunt, Spring Picnic and Vacation Bible School. It will be a time to share new Children's Ministry ideas, and select our VBS theme for 2010. Come and help build the Children's Ministry for 2010!

Every parent is asked to be present to learn about how the Children's Ministry is changing at Gadsden First United Methodist Church! Your task before the meeting is to recruit a member of the church who is currently not involved in Children's Ministry to come to the K-NEX Team.

Wonderful Wednesdays

"Journey" The Life of Christ

Journey through the life of Christ to the cross and resurrection; lessons for Wonderful Wednesday will teach children to live like Jesus.



Children's Gathering*

Ages 3 years through 5th Grade

Children—Grades 1-5

6 PM Choir

6:30 PM Rotation Workshops

Children—Ages 3 years through Kindergarten

6 PM Cherub Bible Buddies

Children's Table Schedule Celebration Service:



January 17	Kelly Roach	February 21	Carmen McKiven
January 24	Helene Haller	February 28	Shelly Hester
January 31	Christie Knowles	March 7	Ciara Caldwell
February 7	Mary Ann Watkins	March 14	Katharine Stevens
February 14	Hilary Jarecki	March 21	Brenda Copeland

Choir Dates

Dates for the Children's Choir and Cherub Choir to take part in worship will be announced soon.

All of the children will sing at the spring picnic on May 5.

Save the Date

Calendar of Events

- Skating Event:** Date to be Announced
- Education Team:** Thursday, January 21, 10 AM
- KNEX Team:** Sunday, January 31, 4 to 6 PM, Nursery Provided
- Easter Egg Hunt Team:** Wednesday, February 10, 6 PM
- Ash Wednesday:** Wednesday, February 17, 6 PM Worship will follow the Wednesday night fellowship meal.
- Education Team:** Thursday, February 18, 10 AM
- Education Team:** Thursday, March 11, 10 AM
- Spring Break:** March 17 (no Wonderful Wednesday)
- Easter Egg Hunt Workshops:** Wednesday, March 10 and 24, 6PM
- Holy Week:** March 28 –April 3 (No Wonderful Wednesday)
- Easter Egg Hunt:** Saturday, April 3, 2 PM
- Education Team:** Thursday, April 22, 10 AM
- 2nd Grade Bibles:** Sunday, May 2
- Last Wonderful Wednesdays:** Wednesday, April 28
- Spring Picnic:** Wednesday, May 5
- VBS 2010:** June 14-17



Recreation Monitors

Wednesdays, 5-6 PM

Jan 20	Kelly Roach
Jan 27	Katharine Stevens
Feb 3	Carmen McKiven
Feb 10	Ciara Caldwell
Feb 17	Jody Sizemore
Feb 3	Helene Haller
Feb 10	Mary Ann Watkins
Feb 17	Hilary Jarecki
Feb 24	Brenda Copeland
Mar 3	Bethany Phillips
Mar 10	Christie Knowles
Mar 17	<i>Spring Break</i>
Mar 24	Beth Day
Mar 31	<i>Holy Week</i>
April 7	Shelly Hester
April 14	Walter Waid
April 21	Laura Edwards
April 28	Debbie Leach
May 5	<i>Spring Picnic</i>



Gym Guidelines

** The gym is open for recreation from 5:00 to 5:45 PM during the family fellowship meal. Recreation leaders are needed to be available in the gym to monitor the youth and children during this time.

- Guidelines:
- Assist with equipment
 - Monitor outside equipment (no baseballs or bats permitted.)
 - Only *nerf* footballs are permitted.
 - No kicking balls.
 - Only 5th grade and below are permitted on roller boards.
 - Generally, ½ gym is used for youth and ½ for younger children.
 - Keep in mind safety of younger children.
 - Do not play on stages or other equipment on side of gym.
 - Balls and other items may not be thrown up on Walking Track.
 - Youth and children are not permitted on Walking Track without an adult on third level.

Parents are asked to remind their children to listen to the gym monitors instruction and follow all rules for the use of the gym. Children and youth who do not abide by the rules will be asked to sit on the bleachers and a parent will be contacted if needed.

“Journey: The Life of Christ”

Rotation Workshop Schedule:

Rotation I- January 13, 20, 27

Jesus Grows Up
Jesus Calls the Disciples
Jesus Calms the Storm

Leaders

Jami Grimes
Shelly Hester
Sheila Freeman

Rotation II- February 3, 10, 24

Jesus Raises Lazarus
Jesus Feeds the 5000
Jesus Teaches Love

Hillary Jarecki
Jody Sizemore
Kelly Roach

Rotation III- March 3, 10, 24

Jesus Enters Jerusalem
The Last Supper
The Crucifixion

Jami Grimes
Shelly Hester
Sheila Freeman

Rotation IV- April 7, 14, 21, 28*

Jesus is Risen	Hillary Jarecki	Art	Sheila Freeman
The Great Commission	Jody Sizemore	Computer	Kelly Roach

*2nd Grade “Learning to Use My Bible” -Special Study



Child Protection Policy

All teachers and volunteers who work with children or youth must review and be familiar with the GFUMC Child Protection Policy. All parents and volunteers with children must sign an acknowledgement of the policy. New volunteers must fill out the Volunteer Application Form prior to beginning work in the Children's Ministry.

Please note:

On Sunday afternoons and evenings the Chestnut Street entrance will not be open. Please use the Portico (6th Street) entrance when arriving for all children and youth activities, events, and UMYF.

Stay in Touch

News and important information on volunteer rotation schedules, dates, events, and choir notes are shared in the following ways:

- Children's Ministry Newsletter** (Given out on Wednesday nights or mailed out to families who do not participate at Wonderful Wednesdays.)
- Church Website:** Announcements and events are posted @ www.fumcgadsden.org - You can also print a copy of the CM Newsletter from the church website.
- Notes-** Reminders are sent home periodically on Wednesday nights to make sure that everyone is up to date on the latest news. Ask your child each week if they received a note!
- Facebook Group-** Special events are announced through the GFUMC CM Group on Facebook. In addition, messages and reminders are posted. Read the CM Group Wall Posts and post some notes and pictures if you would like!
- Church Bulletin-** Weekly reminders of important events and announcements are placed on the Children's Ministry Corner in the Bulletin.
- Call or email** Sheila @ 256-490-5018 or sheila@fumcgadsden.org

Cherub Bible Buddies and Choir

Cherub Bible Buddies and Choir is for ages 3 years through Kindergarten at 6 PM @ Wonderful Wednesdays. Children will learn Bible stories, memory verses, play, fellowship, and simple Bible truths in a loving environment. Cherub Bible Buddies is led by *Helene Haller, Holly Whitt, and Bethany Phillips*. Following Bible Buddies, the children take part in Cherub Choir led by *Joni Smith* and accompanied by *Kelly Carr*. The children learn to share God's love and the message of hope in Jesus Christ through simple songs. The Cherub Choir takes part in worship services throughout the year.

Share a copy of the Children's Newsletter with a friend!

Tell everyone about the wonderful things that are happening at Gadsden First

United Methodist in the Children's Ministry!

Additional copies available at the children's table in the portico!

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**Volunteer to be a teacher, craft
helper, or recreation leader for
Wonderful Wednesdays!**

*If you know someone who would like
to be included on our mailing list,
please call Sheila in the church office.*



**Children's
Ministry**

Consider how you can connect Kids to Christ! Come to KNEX to find out more...

Opportunities for service in the Children's Ministry for 2010 include being a team leader or a member of one of the teams that will coordinate the activities, events and outreach for CM. Below is a description of the different areas. Please be in prayer about where you are being led to serve.

- **Outreach Team:** Be a part of the team that welcomes visitors and new members into the Children's Ministry of Gadsden First, coordinate invitations to CM Events, and develop outreach ministries for GFUMC-CM.
- **Easter Egg Hunt Team:** This team coordinates and hosts the annual Easter Egg Hunt! This team will plan activities, choose prizes, coordinating youth and adult volunteers, and coordinate the hunt. Planning starts soon for this big event!
- **Spring Picnic Team:** Children's Ministry hosts the annual Spring Picnic as our finale for Wonderful Wednesdays. This team will coordinate plans for the picnic with the Fellowship team including planning activities for children, decorating tables and coordinating set-up, and coordinating volunteers for the picnic.
- **Decorating Team:** Plan and coordinate the painting of backdrops and other decorations for VBS, Children's Musicals, and other CM events.
- **Vacation Bible School Coordinator**— Preschool and Elementary: Coordinators for VBS will assist in planning the curriculum and schedule for VBS and help with Volunteer Recruitment and Training for VBS.
- **Wonderful Wednesdays Coordinator**—Preschool and Elementary: Coordinators will assist with planning the spring and fall semesters of WW and plan Wacky Wednesday events.
- **Fall Fest Team:** Plan and coordinate the annual Fall Fest.
- **Movin' On Up Team:** This team plans and hosts our Promotion Sunday event that takes place the first Sunday in August following the beginning of the school year.
- **Acolyte Team Coordinator:** This coordinator schedules the acolytes for service, assists with Acolyte training, and helps to plan and coordinate special events for the Acolyte Team.
- **CM Fellowship Team:** This team assists with fellowship opportunities for the CM. This includes the annual Skating Party, Wacky Wednesday events, Movin' On Up, Happy Birthday, Jesus Reception, and other special events in the CM.