



# Kidz Newz

What moms and dads need to know about happenings in the HPF children's ministry!

June 2007

## MOVING ON UP...

### Kids to Celebrate Promotion with Splash Day Picnic on June 3



On Sunday, June 3, HPF will have a Splash Day Family Picnic to celebrate the end of the school year and the promotion of students to the next grade. Kids will also attend their new classes at HighPoint for the first time on that day. In previous years, children didn't promote until school began in the fall, and kids spent the summer yearning to move on to the next level. It was also confusing to guests, who weren't sure which classes their children should attend, so the children's ministry team made the change hoping to address those issues.

The picnic will begin on the church's front lawn after the 11:30 a.m. worship service. The event will kick off with a catered barbecue meal and will be followed by a promotion ceremony in which students will sing a few songs for parents. Afterward, families can enjoy inflatables and sprinkler-type water games. Kids are encouraged to wear swimsuits under their clothing until after the promotion ceremony.

**Please dress your children modestly.**

The meal will be provided free-of-charge, but families who can are encouraged to donate some money to help offset the costs of the food.

**Q** When should I promote my toddler?

**A** Toddlers may move to the next level on their birthdays, whenever they occur during the year.

## New Class for 4th/5th Graders to Begin June 3

The HPF children's ministry will launch a new Sunday-morning class on June 3 for students who will be in fourth and fifth grades during the 2007-08 school year.

Parents, teachers and the kids themselves have long seen a need for this age group to have more in-depth Bible study and opportunities to build relationships with their peers. In addition to age-appropriate lessons and activities, the class will include a worship time featuring singing and a communion service for baptized believers.

The new class will meet in Room 123 at 10 and 11:30 a.m. and will last through the entire adult service time. (Fourth and fifth graders who attend at 8:30 are still welcome to participate in children's worship.)

Mike and Jenni Seymour, who have a wealth of experience in children's ministry, are taking the lead in developing a team to teach this fourth and fifth grade class. For more information about this exciting new opportunity, contact the Seymours at 260-8815 or [mikejenseymour@yahoo.com](mailto:mikejenseymour@yahoo.com).

## Need Some PRACTICAL Ideas for Parenting Your Preschooler? Don't Miss the 'Love and Logic' Seminar June 9 at HPF

Love and Logic is an easy-to-learn parenting method that allows moms and dads to be happier, empowered and more skilled in interactions with their children.

HPF will host a "Parenting Preschoolers with Love and Logic" Seminar on Saturday, June 9, from 9 a.m.-Noon at the HPF building.

Learn practical "love and logic" tips for things like setting boundaries, establishing meaningful consequences, and raising responsible kids.

Love allows children to grow through their mistakes. Logic allows children to

Saturday, June 9

9 a.m.-Noon

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live with the consequences of their choices. Love and Logic is a way of working with children that puts parents back in control, teaches children to be

responsible, and prepares young people to live in the real world, with its many choices and consequences.

This seminar will focus specifically on ideas for kids ages 2-6, but the techniques can be applied to children of all ages. One hour will be a question-and-answer time.

Preregistration is not required, but childcare will be provided, so please RSVP to Daina Sitgreaves at 250-0285 or [SitMD@austin.rr.com](mailto:SitMD@austin.rr.com) so she can be sure to have enough sitters available.

# Words of Wisdom

## Sage Advice from Parents Who've 'Been There'

Ron and Janet Reynolds have six children, but mom and dad have always made it a priority—"if not always in practice, at least in theory"—to put their relationship ahead of the kids.

They do that by setting aside "couch time" each evening when Ron gets home from work. After briefly greeting the kids, mom and dad have time to sit and talk with minimal interruptions from the kids. They also put regular date nights on the calendar. "When one falls through," says Janet, "we get another one on right away."

To understand how to give each child what he/she needs, Ron and Janet pray for discernment. "When they demand equal treatment, I tell them we gave their sibling what he/she needs and we will give them what they need, whether it pertains to things that we buy them, or bed times or food rules or whatever."

Loving their kids unconditionally is one of the best things the Reynolds feel they have done as parents. Another is this: "We allowed God's church to both shape us as parents and play a significant role in shaping our kids through their relationships with other godly adults."

But they have also learned a few things about parenting along the way. If they could start again, Ron and Janet say they would spend more time praying with their kids and concentrating more on "what's going on inside the heart than on what the behavior looks like on the outside." Instead of attempting to control kids' behavior, they would look for opportunities to help them learn self-control.



Ron and Janet Reynolds

### FAMILY FACTS

- Married 26 years
- Six children: Elizabeth, 25; Amy, 23; Carolyn, 21; David, 16; Rebecca, 13; Daniel, 10
- Homeschoolers
- Ron and Janet are shepherds at HighPoint

## HighHopes Preschool News

- HighHopes is currently taking applications for teachers and teacher aides for the 2007-08 school year.
- There are also a few openings for students in the Pre-K (4-year-old) program.

Please contact director Barbara Oliver at 260-5922 if you are interested.

## Memory Verse For June - Daniel & the Lions' Den:

*"Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go."*  
Joshua 1:9 (NIV)

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

### Sunday, June 3

#### Promotion Sunday Family Picnic

Celebrate the end of the school year with food, fun and water games for the whole family. Kids will officially be "promoted" to the next grade level in their Bible classes.

Following the 11:30 service on the HPF Grounds

### Saturday, June 9

#### Love & Logic Parenting Seminar

Get practical parenting tips that will really make a difference in your household! Babysitting is provided. RSVP to Daina Sitgreaves at SitMD@austin.rr.com.

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### Sunday, June 17

#### HPKidz Devotional (2nd-5th Grades)

A time of Bible study, food, friendship and fun. For more information, contact Kelley Jo Stone at 698-4936 or kelleyjostone@yahoo.com.

2:30-4:30 p.m. Vista Ridge Community Pool

### Saturday, July 7

#### 777 Music Festival

On 7/7/07, HPF will have an all-day-and-into-the-night music festival on the front lawn of HighPoint. Great for youth, families, music lovers, worshippers and everyone else! Bring lawn chairs, blankets and your friends along to hear the HPF worship band, Sons of Korah, Tyler Murphy's band, Andice and more.

HPF Front Lawn

### Sunday, July 15

#### HPKidz Devotional (2nd-5th Grades)

A time of Bible study, food, friendship and fun. For more information, contact Kelley Jo Stone at 698-4936 or kelleyjostone@yahoo.com.

2:30-4:30 p.m. Location TBA

## Ark Under Construction in Children's Worship Area

"It takes a long time to build an ark!" reads a sign now hanging on the entrance to the children's worship area. "Construction" on a new room design began after Easter and will continue through the summer.

The HPF children's ministry team removed the Garden of Eden-themed decorations after insurance inspectors deemed some of the decor as a fire hazard. A design team led by Robin Jennings (who also played a large part creating the previous scene) has envisioned the children's worship area as the inside of Noah's Ark.

The new design will feature lots of 3-D creatures and other exciting touches that will make the story come alive for our children. The base coat of paint is now finished and in coming weeks, the walls will be painted to look like wooden planks.

If you see Robin, be sure to give her a big hug and tell her thanks for using her amazing gift of creativity to bless our kids!

