

Kidz Newz

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

July 2009



Hold Onto Your Hard Hats!

It's an Entirely New Kind of VBS Experience for Families to Share

Event Specifications

WHEN:

Saturday, August 1

TIME:

8:30 a.m.-4:45 p.m.

WHERE:

HPF Building (morning)
Various Community Locations (afternoon)

WHO:

Parents and their children ages 5-5th grade (plus older and younger kids at parents' discretion).

BABYSITTING:

Provided during morning activities at the building for kids under age 5.

DONATE THESE ITEMS BEFORE THE EVENT:

- bottled water
- liquid laundry detergent
- canned fruit
- canned meat
- canned tomatoes/sauce
- jelly
- shampoo
- bar soap
- toothpaste
- diapers
- dish detergent
- snack crackers
- bandaids
- adult clothing

BRING ON THE DAY OF THE EVENT:

- baked goods for sale

Get ready for a fun-filled, faith- and family-building experience you and your kids will never forget! Roll up your sleeves and work side-by-side as you learn about God's heart for caring for the orphans, the widows, the sick, and the poor.

The scriptures will be brought to life through songs and puppets, and then Bible stories will be transformed into reality for families working together to fulfill God's commandments in a fun and practical way! Think of it as VBS meets "Faith in Action" for families.

The day begins with a rousing time of worship with Ms. Patti and our puppet friends. Next, families will rotate through four different stations, where they will participate in hands-on projects such as preparing care packages for the homeless and cooking a meal for residents of a children's home. They'll also attend a storytime and learn about raising funds for missions and other special causes.

After lunch, which will be served on-site, families will board a bus and hit the road together to live out biblical service in the community by doing things like visiting a nursing home and cleaning up a park. For the grand finale, families will return to the building for a time of worship and celebration of what God has done!

Many volunteers are still needed to make the day a success. Please consider helping in one of the following ways. Sign up in the HPF lobby or online, or contact Robin Jennings at rocknrobin10@sbcglobal.net:

Crew foremen - lead "crews" from one mission project to the next.

Lunch crew - help set up, prepare, serve and clean up.

Babysitters - watch kids under five during mission rotations.

Camcorder operators - record events and tape interviews.

Helpers - keep an eye on kids whose parents cannot accompany them to the event.

Register your family online or in the church lobby today!

Schedule:

Registration

8:30 - 9:00 a.m. Check-in

Worship Time

9:00 - 9:25 a.m. Songs & Puppets

Learning/Mission Project Rotations

9:30 - 10:15 a.m. 1st Rotation

10:20 - 11:05 a.m. 2nd Rotation

11:10 - 11:55 a.m. 3rd Rotation

Noon - 12:45 p.m. 4th Rotation

Lunch

12:45 - 1:20 p.m. Lunch Served

Community Service

1:35 - 4:15 p.m. Bus Ride

Worship Celebration

4:15 - 4:45 p.m. Songs & Testimonies



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1st-3rd Graders Play and Learn at Reunion Ranch



Left to right: Sheridan McLain, Olivia De La Garza, Grace Hager, Amber Adkins, Hannah Casteel, Beau Watson, Karynna Allan, Kendall McLain, Holden Ovalle and Myles Villanueva.

Ten HPF kids—and their brave adult chaperones—spent four days at Reunion Ranch Day Camp in Georgetown, where they learned about the Bible and participated in numerous outdoor activities. Kids swam; rode paddle boats, ponies and zip lines; made crafts; played putt-putt; splashed down water slides; climbed on enormous wooden playscapes; and more!

Despite the extremely hot temperatures, the kids thought camp was really cool! Next year's camp (for kids who've completed 1st-3rd grades) is scheduled for July 12-15, so mark your calendars now, and make plans for your child to join in the fun!

No Greater Joy: Teaching Toddlers



Sometimes they laugh. And yes, sometimes they cry. Still, there is no sweeter ministry at HPF than working with the toddlers. Teachers and helpers are needed in both the 2- and 3-year-old classes at the 9:30 and 11:00 services.

Short, easy-to-teach Bible stories and craft activities make preparation time minimal. Your main job is to welcome the children with open arms, give them your love and attention, and

Jesus called a little child over to him. He had the child stand among them. Jesus said, "What I'm about to tell you is true. You need to change and become like little children. If you don't, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Anyone who becomes as free of pride as this child is the most important in the kingdom of heaven. Anyone who welcomes a little child like this in my name welcomes me."

Matthew 18:2-5

share your joy in Christ with them!

Consider being a part of this amazing ministry! Contact Andy@hpf.org to find out when and where you can best serve.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Sunday, August 9

Free Financial Peace University Preview

Join us for a free preview of Dave Ramsey's FPU, a FUN, life-changing, 13-week course (\$90) that will provide you with a solid financial education based on biblical principles. Get motivated to make a difference in your family's finances—forever!

2:00-3:00 p.m., Worship Center

Sunday, August 16

D-Group (3rd-5th Grades)

A time of Bible study, food, friendship and fun.

For more information, contact Andy@hpf.org.

2:30-4:30 p.m., Children's Worship Center

Sunday, September 10

Operation Christmas Child "Wings Up" Sunday

The annual kick-off event for the OCC shoebox gift collection program.



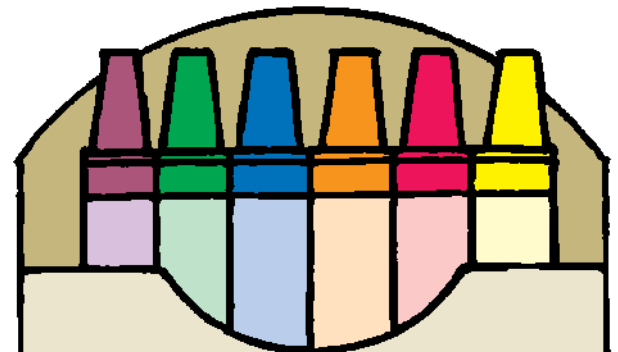
Local School Start Dates:

Mon., August 17 - Sterling Classical School

Wed., August 19 - Summit Christian Academy

Mon., August 24 - Leander, Liberty Hill & Austin

Tue., August 25 - Round Rock & Lago Vista



While Back-to-School Shopping, Remember Operation Christmas Child!

Now's the time—while school supplies are abundant and inexpensive—to stock up on goodies for your Operation Christmas Child shoebox gifts! The following items are perfect for boxes:

- pens
- pencils
- pencil sharpeners
- crayons
- markers
- stamps/ink pads
- paper
- small notebooks
- solar calculators
- coloring books