



TOADally Awesome Times

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Children's Spring Musical:

Oh, Jonah!

Sunday, May 11th

Mother's Day

11:15am worship service

This frolicking, fun-filled musical tells the story of Jonah's deep sea adventures and the serious biblical message of responsibility.

It's not too late to join the RPC children's choirs and participate in this annual event!

Auditions for speaking parts and solos will be held on March 5th and 9th.

More choir news on page 2!

Vacation Bible School

June 15-19

Check-in and opening ceremonies:

Sunday, June 15th, 9:45-10:45pm

Schedule:

June 16-19, 9:30am-12:30pm

Cost:

\$15 per child (\$45 max per family)

No fee for youth or adult volunteers

Age Requirements:

3 years old (as of 9/1/07) through 4th grade; a nursery is available for children of volunteers age 2 and under, with crafts & activities for 2 year olds

Registration:

Registration forms available at www.roswellpres.org.

Register now!

RPC Children's Ministry

A Letter to You

Dear RPC Friends,

After almost five years of wearing the hat as a "Childcare Coordinator" or "Children's Ministry Coordinator", it is time now to hang up that hat and let someone else wear it for a while as they stand behind the Blue Desk or patrol the nursery and preschool halls on a Sunday morning or Wednesday night. I selfishly held that hat tightly on my head because it brought me such joy and satisfaction to wear it and came at a time in my life when I needed it most. Wearing that hat allowed me to meet and really get to know soooo many wonderful families, and most especially soooo many dear, sweet, cuddly, precious babies and children. It was not (and still is not) uncommon for me to know every child's name that came into our building on the preschool hall... but not necessarily the parent's. Several times, as many of you can attest, I ended up calling the parents by the child's names.

Wearing that hat permitted me to get to know a child as an infant in our nursery, watch them grow on a weekly basis and to now see them singing in the church choir or walking by themselves to Sunday school or standing in front of the church reciting their memory goals!

Wearing that hat also granted me access into the hectic world of our church staff, for which I am truly grateful for all of their support, help, encouragement and patience.

Wearing this hat has helped me to be quite humble as I have worked closely with staff, elders and volunteers who work countless hours and make great sacrifices to keep our church and programs not only running smoothly, but also in keeping up with steady growth and lots of change. I am in awe of the dedication, enthusiasm and hard work all of these folks put into serving God.

Finally, wearing that hat has brought me so much personal and spiritual growth for which I am truly thankful. I feel that God brought me to this church and this hat and made sure I used His gifts to wear it as He saw fit. I feel very strongly that He now has someone else in mind for that and something else in mind for me. I know another big hat that I will now be wearing is that of wife to my husband and mom to my own three dear children... (and eventually perhaps that of VBS volunteer, KIDS Club table parent, Sunday school teacher....:-))

I want to thank each of you for sharing your children, your time and your lives with me. I look forward to many more opportunities to still share all of those things, only now as a church member or volunteer instead of a staffer.

In His Service,

Kelley



Basketball Camp

July 21-24
Ages 7-12, Boys & Girls
9:00am-12:00pm

Cost : \$65
Includes ball & t-shirt!

Special session for ages 4-6:
July 23, 1-4pm
Cost: \$25

Camp Director:
Coach Ben Lee
Jr. Varsity Basketball Head Coach
Lexington High School
Lexington, SC

Space is limited. Register now!
For more information, contact Sally
Heneghan at 770-649-4527.

F2



Footprints

Our next F2 event is tentatively scheduled for **Sunday, May 4th** and we are planning to go bowling (around 1:00pm). Watch for more details on this to come!

Also, our 5th Grade Frenzy is scheduled for **May 18th at 4:00pm**. Until then, be cool and come to Sunday school!

F2 is a ministry for 4th and 5th graders.



Choir Update

This edition of the TOAD is loaded with tons of super important choir information, so grab your calendar and a cup of java and write it all down!

Auditions:

Auditions *for speaking parts and solos* in the spring musical will be held on **Wednesday, March 5th** during regular choir rehearsal and on **Sunday, March 9th** from 5:00-7:00pm. Auditions are open for all children 2nd grade through 5th grade. You do not have to be a current choir member. Come for an audition and join us for spring rehearsals! There is no charge for choir and you can participate in choir without being a part of KIDS Club. If you prefer to audition on Sunday, March 9th, please email Ann at etude4@gmail.com to let her know.

Rehearsal Schedule:

Wednesday, March 12th—Choir rehearsal during KIDS Club**
Wednesday, March 19th—No KIDS Club, choir rehearsal 5:00-5:45pm
Sunday, March 30th—Rehearsal for speaking parts only, 5:00-6:30pm
Wednesday, April 2—Choir rehearsal, 5:00-5:45pm
KC Family Picnic and Award Celebration, 5:45-7:00pm
Wednesday, April 9—No choir rehearsal, Happy Spring Break!
Wednesday, April 16—Choir rehearsal, 5:00-5:45pm
Wednesday April 23—Choir rehearsal, 5:00-5:45pm
Sunday, April 27th—Rehearsal for speaking parts only, 5:00-7:00pm
Wednesday, April 30th—Choir rehearsal, 5:00-5:45pm
Wednesday, May 7th—Choir rehearsal, 5:00-6:00pm
Saturday, May 10th—Dress rehearsal, 9:00am-12:00pm

**During KIDS Club, choirs rehearse as follows: 5 Year Olds from 5:25-5:55pm in the Multipurpose Room (Preschool Hall); 4 year Olds from 5:55-6:25pm in the Multipurpose Room; 1st-2nd graders from 5:30-6:15pm in the Adult Choir Room; 3rd-5th graders from 5:30-6:15pm in the Children's Choir Room. You do not have to participate in KIDS Club to join the choir.

Singing in Worship:

Sunday, March 16th, 11:15am
Sunday, April 20th, 11:15am
Sunday, May 11th, 11:15am Spring Musical *Oh, Jonah*

Choir Directors:

Cherub Choir (4 and 5 year olds): Kristy Baker
Carol Choir (1st and 2nd grades): Mary Fullerton
Chorister Choir (3rd—5th grades): Ann Crouch

Questions About Choir:

If you have any questions about our children's choirs, please contact **Ann Crouch** (for 1st grade and up) at **770-633-6268** or etude4@gmail.com. For questions about cherub choir (4 and 5 year olds), contact **Kristy Baker** at **770-642-8538** or kristyjbaker@charter.net. We depend on email communication, so please make sure your child's choir director has a current email address for your family. Thank you!



Dear Kelley,

We will miss seeing your sweet face at the Blue Desk every Sunday! You have the best smile!!!

XXXOO,

Babies and children of RPC

Childcare News: For Parents of Little Ones (4 & under)

Reservations needed!!! PLEASE don't forget to make childcare reservations if you need childcare for ANY event that is coming up... including WEF, midweek Lent services, etc. or if you will need childcare for Bible study, meetings or other activities. Please call the front office to make reservations: 770-993-6316 or email Pepa Nikolova at nikolova@bellsouth.net.

Donations needed! It's a new year and a new budget! We like to be good stewards of our money... please help us by making donations to the nursery! We can always use: AAA, C or D batteries, disinfecting wipes/spray, tissues, baby wipes, snack crackers, gently used toys, baby swings, high chairs, blankets, children's books & media (CDs, DVDs, etc.). Just drop items off at the blue desk with your name taped to them.

Are you registered? We are now registering children for childcare. This helps us with our parent volunteer schedule and gives us important safety information. Please pick up a registration form at the blue desk if your child uses childcare at all for any reason! Completed forms can be turned in at the blue desk also.

Summer childcare. Weekday childcare for the school year ends on May 23rd. If you need childcare for the summer for a class you are offering or an event during the week, please let us know! Call the church office at 770-993-6313 or email Pepa Nikolova at nikolova@bellsouth.net.

Sunday school drop-off. Sunday school parents, please remember Sunday school drop off begins at 9:30am and class ends at 10:45am. Please drop off and pick up your children promptly!

Lost and found. Lost and found is in the room next to the church office. If you have lost anything in childcare or preschool, please check the lost and found.

Washcloths Needed for Guatemala

Spring is here and once again our KIDS Club children will be packing school and hygiene kits for our friends in Chichicastenango, Guatemala. We need multi packs of washcloths for the hygiene kits. (These are available in a 12-pack at Target, Wal-Mart and similar stores for around \$4.00). There are collection bins located outside the Fellowship Hall. Thank you for supporting this wonderful cause.

Questions? Call Canita Flint at 770-992-8964.

Important Sunday School Dates

March 9th

Bible Sunday!

Three year old classes receive Bibles at 9:45am service. Third graders receive Bibles and recite memory verses at 11:15am service.

March 16th

Fourth graders recite memory verses at 11:15am service.

April 20th

Fifth graders recite memory verses at 11:15am service.

June 1st

5th graders transition to youth group!

WE NEED YOU!

We are seeking Sunday school teachers for the next school year (beginning in August 2008). No special skills are required; we provide the materials and training. Most teachers work on a rotation schedule so they do not teach every week. Sign up with a friend or spouse or sign up by yourself (and we'll find you a great co-teacher). Please consider serving in this important role. It is an opportunity to show our children what the love of Christ is all about. For more information, contact Lyndsay Slocum in the church office.



Flea and Thee

**Saturday,
April 19**

Need to clear out the clutter in your basement, garage, playroom, closet, etc. etc. etc.?! Here's your chance! The RPC Presbyterian Women are holding a giant "flea" market on Saturday, April 19th. Please hold your items until the week of the sale.

For more information, contact Canita Flint at canitabuzz@gmail.com or Kristy Baker at kristyjbaker@charter.net.

RPC Children's Ministry Calendar of Events

MARCH:

- 5 - KIDS Club (Spirit Night), 4:45-7:15pm (Auditions for musical to be held during KC)
- 9 - Bible Sunday! 3 year olds receive Bibles at 9:45am service; 3rd graders receive Bibles and recite memory verses at 11:15am service; Auditions for musical, 5:00-7:00pm
- 12 - KIDS Club (St. Patrick's Day), 4:45-7:15pm
- 16 - 4th graders recite memory verses and children's choirs sing, 11:15am service
- 19 - No KIDS Club (Holy Week), Choir rehearsal, 5:00-5:45pm
- 26 - KIDS Club (Luau), 4:45-7:15pm
- 30 - Choir rehearsal for speaking parts only, 5:00-6:30pm

APRIL:

- 2 - KIDS Club End of Year Celebration (Spirit Night)!
Choir rehearsal, 5:00-5:45pm; KIDS Club Family Picnic and Awards, 5:45-7:00pm
- 9 - No choir rehearsal (Spring Break)
- 16 - Choir rehearsal, 5:00-5:45pm
- 19 - Flea and Thee (hosted by Presbyterian Women)
- 20 - 5th graders recite memory verses and children's choirs sing, 11:15am service
- 23 - Choir rehearsal, 5:00-5:45pm
- 27 - Choir rehearsal for speaking parts only, 5:00-7:00pm
- 30 - Choir rehearsal, 5:00-5:45pm

MAY:

- 4 - F2 Bowling Event, 1:00pm, Brunswick Zone in Roswell
- 7 - Choir rehearsal, 5:00-6:00pm
- 10 - Choir dress rehearsal, 9:00am-12:00pm
- 11 - *Oh, Jonah!* Musical presented by children's choirs, 11:15am service
- 18 - 5th Grade Frenzy, 4:00pm