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Children's Ministry Newsletter

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Child Protection Policy & Training for Children's Volunteers

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A Community with Heart

At BCOB, we are committed to creating a safe environment for your children. As part of this commitment, the Child Protection Policy was created to ensure that all volunteers who work with your children are properly screened and trained. This policy also helps keep our volunteers aware and protected.

If you'd like to volunteer with children in any capacity (*Sunday school, Wednesday nights, summer camps, Vacation Bible School*), you will need to complete a training session and have a background check on file with the church. For your convenience, we will be hosting the training (*Stewards of Children*) on several dates listed below. Simply pick one of these dates and notify Jeff Spargo at: jspargo@bcob.org or by phone: 524-3197 to sign up!

Saturday, Feb. 4: 9am – Noon
Saturday, Mar. 24: 9am – Noon
Saturday, April 14: 9am – Noon
Saturday, May 19: 9am – Noon

Thank you for helping us make BCOB a great place for children!

Interest meetings, Parent's Night Out, training sessions, Ash Wednesday, new Wednesday night block schedule – February is here and it is shaping up to be a busy month! There will be many opportunities for you and your children to be involved. Here are some highlights for February:

Sunday, February 5th, immediately following the second worship service, there will be a meeting for parents whose 3rd – 6th graders are interested in attending Passport Camp this summer. We will meet in the sanctuary.

Also, mark your calendars for Friday, February 10th from 6-9pm as we will host a Parent's Night Out! For only \$10 per child, parents can drop off their children at church for fun activities, allowing parents a quiet evening out to celebrate Valentine's Day! You can find out more on page 2 of the newsletter.

It's truly an exciting time at BCOB! – Jeff Spargo, Minister to Preschoolers/Children

USING POSITIVE LANGUAGE

In James, chapter 3, we are reminded that the tongue may be small, but it can do an awful lot of damage. Unfortunately, name-calling, cursing, bickering, whining and putdowns all find their way into most homes. Yet our words also have the power to heal, to mend rifts, to encourage others and to praise God. Proverbs 25:11 compares well-chosen and well-timed words to "apples of gold in settings of silver."

For children to learn to use positive language, they must experience it first from their parents. Kids are always listening, so pay attention to your own language and model appropriate talk – even when you think little ears can't hear you. Remember to always take time to teach children to apologize for hurtful words. Words cannot be unsaid, but sincere apologies can often help. Offer examples of how...*continued pg. 2*

This year, children will be involved in worship on a more regular basis. From reading scripture and responsive readings, to saying prayers, it is our goal to offer these opportunities every month for children to lead in worship. Mabrey and Phoebe started us off in January and they were terrific! If your child would like to lead in an aspect of worship as Mabrey and Phoebe did, contact Jeff Spargo.

February Schedule

Saturday, Feb 4: CPP Volunteer Training 9am-Noon Room B204

Sunday, Feb. 5: Passport Camp interest meeting for parents of 3rd-6th graders! We will meet in the Sanctuary at 12:30pm immediately following worship.

Friday, Feb. 10:

Parents' Night Out – This event is intended to allow parents an evening out to themselves for Valentine's Day. Available for children Birth – 6th grade from 6:00-9:00pm. Children need to have had supper before coming, only snacks will be provided. Cost is \$10 per child. All money collected will go to help send children to Passport Camp this summer. Parents of children going to Passport will help that evening.

Wednesday, Feb. 22: Ash Wed. Service – All families are invited to attend this special service to recognize the beginning of the Lenten Season as we prepare ourselves for Christ's death and to celebrate His resurrection.

Wednesday, Feb. 29: New block schedule begins. Be on the look-out for more information soon!

to say sorry and remember to seek your children's forgiveness whenever you mess up. Also, help children understand that it is important to think about other people's feelings before saying something hurtful. Explain to children that saying something mean can sometimes hurt people's feelings so much they may not want to be his/her friend anymore.

Remember to praise God throughout day. Talk with your child about the goodness of God. Ask your child what made them happy each day and together, you can thank God for that blessing. Using language to praise God, to be kind to others and thinking before we speak are all wonderful ways for children to learn to use positive language. –Based on *The ParentLink*

POSITIVE CHALLENGES: On index cards, write statements that challenge you and your family to use positive language: "Say something nice to someone who looks sad," "Tell someone about a good thing in your life and tell them you are thankful God has given it to you," "If someone is rude or mean to you today, do not speak the same way back." Place these index cards in a bowl by the front door. Cover the index cards with potpourri and whenever a family member is on the way out the door in the morning, he/she can reach into the bowl and draw a card without seeing what is written on it. At the end of the day when the family is together, ask what each card said and ask if they were able to complete the challenge during the day.



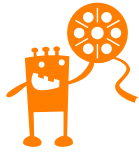
Children, Cellphones, & Church?

In today's world, everyone seems to carry a cellphone...even our children. Cellphones are certainly a great way for parents to keep tabs on their children and they provide parents with a peace of mind, especially if an emergency were to arise. Today's cellphones offer an array of activities for children – from texting, to gaming, to surfing the web – which are wonderful for long car rides and for keeping kids occupied while on errands with parents.

However, cell phones can also be a major source for distraction. Children who bring their cellphones to church often use them during Sunday school lessons, Wednesday night activities and even during special church events.

To ensure that each child gets the most out of their time at church, we are asking parents to discourage their children from bringing cellphones on Sunday mornings and Wednesday nights. If your child must have a cellphone with them, the phone must remain in a pocket or a bag at all times. If a child is seen pulling out their cellphone for texting, games or internet during activities or lessons, the teacher will take the cellphone for the remainder of the class time.

It is our hope that this will help us to create an environment free from distraction where your children can learn more about Christ's love and be able to fellowship together in person instead of through a phone. Thank you for your cooperation in helping us to make BCOB's Ministry to Children so wonderful!



MEDIA MADNESS



MOVIES

Movie: *Big Miracle*

Genre: Drama, Romance

Rating: PG (for language)

Cast: Drew Barrymore, John Krasinski, Kristen Bell

Synopsis: This film is based on the 1989 book *Freeing the Whales*. An Alaskan reporter and a Greenpeace volunteer work to save a family of gray whales trapped in ice in the Arctic Circle.

Our Take: Nature lovers and fans of *Dolphin Tale* will likely enjoy this movie. It can spark discussion about people's responsibilities to care for God's creation.



MUSIC

Artist: Kari Jobe

Album: *Where I Find You*

Artist Info: Jobe, a 30-year-old worship leader in Texas, knew her career path by age 10. Her self-titled debut album from 2009 was accompanied by a Spanish-language version, *Le Canto*.

Summary: Jobe uses music to bring people to Jesus, where they find peace, life, and healing. In her hit single "We Are," she reminds Christians that we "impact people's lives in everything we do."

Our Take: Jobe's voice and message shine in her pop tunes and acoustic ballads.

GAMES & SITES

Title	Content	Rating & Platform
<i>National Geographic Challenge</i>	Players can brush up on geography, science, and history as they answer questions and complete puzzles. Best for kids ages 8 and up.	E; Xbox 360, Wii, PS3
<i>YourSphere</i>	This kids-only social-networking site offers blogging, games, social interaction, and more. Parents can view all their children's online activity.	YourSphere.com is appropriate for preteens.
<i>iSock</i>	A sock puppet's mouth mimics your speech as you talk. Young children—and their parents—will have fun being creative with this app.	Requires a smart phone with sound; 99 cents at iTunes.

This page is designed to help educate parents and isn't meant to endorse any movie, music, or product. Our prayer is that you'll make informed decisions about what your children watch, listen to, and wear.



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A Look Ahead...

Friday, March 16:

Island Playground – Children in grades K-6 are headed to *Island Playground* in Hilton Head! This is an indoor playground with large, inflatables including slides, mazes, obstacle courses, and bounce houses! We will leave church by bus at 4pm and will return no later than 8:30pm. Cost is \$15 and a pizza supper is included! You can find more info at online at: <http://www.island-playground.com>

Wednesday, March 28:

Winter block schedule ends.

Saturday, March 31:

Egg Hunt and Festivities – Children 3 years old - 2nd grade are invited to our Easter celebration from 9:30 – 11am! There will be an egg hunt, activities, the Bible story, and more! A light snack will be provided.

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