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Dylan Franklin

Welcome

I hope you're having a great summer! Vacation Bible School in early June was so much fun – more than 700 kids spent an exciting week with us learning about Jesus! In this issue, we've recapped VBS with plenty of pictures taken by Second member Catherine Burns.

You'll also be introduced to Kirsten Kirkpatrick and MJ Keasling, who have taken Area Coordinator positions within our ministry, and hear from Patti Cicalla about the joy she's found through volunteering for nearly 50 years.

With about a month left before school starts back, drop by The Growing Place Library for summer reading material. Mo McGuirt provided a list of recommendations in this issue!

Finally, please save the date for our Family Ministry Banquet on Friday, August 16 at 6pm in the Gym. This will be great time of fellowship for all families with children ages 3 to 12th grade, and our staff will give some insight about what to expect during the upcoming ministry year.

Dylan Franklin,
Director of Children's Ministry

Volunteer Spotlight

An Interview with Patti Cicalla, PreK Sunday School Secretary



Patti Cicalla

Why do you volunteer in the area you volunteer in and what do you do?

I have always loved children. At 3, 4 and 5, children are still discovering simple things. Sometimes I think that I am the one being "taught". I set up the rooms so that as the children arrive, there are activities waiting. I take roll, so I help greet the children and I play the piano for music.

How long have you been volunteering?

I have worked with children either in choir, extended session or Sunday School (sometimes all areas) for 45 years. And I have never regretted a moment.

Do you have a funny story with one of the children?

I do not have one particular story, but find myself laughing quietly sometimes - especially when one of them has made a "discovery."

What have you gained or learned by volunteering?

If you do what God calls you to do, the blessings are too many to count! I know that for now - God has called me to be right where I am.

What surprises you by volunteering?

It surprises me that more people do not volunteer!

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Meet our New Staff

The Children's Ministry staff is excited to announce the addition of two new part-time staff members. They will serve as Area Coordinators to help serve our three areas of children—Nursery, Early Childhood, and Elementary. The Area Coordinators will recruit and serve the families and volunteers in their area.

Kirsten Kirkpatrick: Birth-SK

Kirsten has been involved in many areas of student ministries at 2PC. She has served as a PreK SS volunteer, soccer and basketball coach, and VBS volunteer. She recently graduated from the University of Memphis with a degree in Education and SPED. She is looking forward to combining her love for children and ministry by serving our little ones.

MJ Keasling: Grades 1-5

MJ has been serving as the interim Children's Ministry Assistant Director for the last year. She has also worked at PDO, been VBS Chair, and Women's Retreat Director. She has a degree in Early Childhood and is excited about ministering to 2PC children and families.

Please join us in welcoming Kirsten and MJ when they start in July.

2PC Western ROUNDUP

A Look Back

Vacation Bible School was an exciting week of cowgirls and cowboys learning that, “Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever.” (Hebrews 13:8). The Lord moved as children were introduced to Him and accepted Him into their hearts.



“It was a joy to serve again this year with the Pre-k kids at VBS. I was amazed and excited to see them soaking up God’s Word, learning fun songs, and doing creative crafts. What a special week!”



Grace Knight

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The campus was full of energy as 725 children, 185 volunteers, and 110 teens entered the doors each day.



“Working with children gives me an opportunity to let them know how important they are to me and a chance to show and receive love beyond measure.”

Sandra Flatt



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"Greeting kids and parents at the church doors during VBS was a thrill of energy and excitement! what a blessing to see such smiling faces."

Pastor Gerry Peak

The missions project raised \$5022 for sewing machines for the Kachhwa Transformational Ministries in India and equipment for children with disabilities. Children had lemonade stands and earned money throughout the week to support this worthwhile cause.

Thank you to all who were a part of VBS!



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Summer Reading

Mo McGuirt of The Growing Place Library provided the following list for your child's summer reading fun:

AGES 0-2

My First Look At Sizes by Dorling Kindersley
Cat the Cat Who is That? by Mo Williams
The World God Made by Donna D. Cooner
Ten Little Caterpillars by Eric Carle
The Very Busy Spider by Eric Carle
The Very Hungry Caterpillar by Eric Carle
Any of our board books

AGES 3-4

For God So Loved the World by Dandi Daley Mackall
What I Like About You by Colleen Ludington
God is Like...Three Parables for Children by Julie Walters
Every Which Way to Pray by Joyce Meyer
You Are Very Special by Su Box
Junior's Colors by Phil Vischer
Bob and Larry's ABC's by Phil Vicher
Let's Be Polite by P.K. Hallinan
Christopher is not Afraid... Anymore by Craig Burris
Mud Pie Annie by Sue Buchanan

AGES 5-7

Big Thoughts for Little Thinkers Series by Joey Allen
I'll Love You Anyway and Always by Bryan Chapell
God Gave Us Heaven by Lisa Tawn Bergren
What is God Like? by Mary E. Erickson
God's Wisdom for Little Girls by Elizabeth George
God's Wisdom for Little Boys by Jim & Elizabeth George
Ivy's Icicle by Gary Bower
Tessa's Treasure by Gary Bower
The Berenstain Bears Series by Stan and Jan Berenstain
The Flyaway Kite by Steve Bjorkman
The Princess and the Kiss by Jennie Bishop
The Slam Dunk Series chapter books by Tess Eileen Kindig
The Story Girl Series chapter books by L. M. Montgomery
Max Lucado's Juvenile Books by Max Lucado
Joni's Story by Jone Eareckson Tada

AGES 8-9

Pictorial Pilgrim's Progress by John Bunyan
Little Pilgrim's Progress by Helen Taylor
Christiana's Journey by Christopher Wright
Wait Until Then by Randy Alcorn
The Chronicles of Narnia Series by C.S. Lewis
Black Beauty by Anna Sewell
Ten Girls Who Didn't Give In by Irene Howat
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The Little House on the Prairie Series by Laura Ingalls Wilder
The Secret of the Fourth Candle by Patricia M. St. John
Bizarre Bible Stories by Can Cooley
The Tale of Despereaux by Kate DiCamillo

AGES 10-12

The Lost Books Series by Ted Dekker
The Hobbit by J.R.R. Tolkien
The Heroes of the Faith Series by various authors
Soul Sister: The Truth About Being God's Girl by Beth Redmen
The Viking Quest Series by Lois Walfrid Johnson
The Runaway by Patricia M. St. John
Around the World in Eighty Days by Jules Verne
The Wormling Series by Jerry B. Jenkins & Chris Fabry
The Passport to Danger Series by Mary Reeves Bell
A Daring Adventure by Peter Reese Doyle
Tales of the Not Forgotten by Beth Guckenberger

AGES 13-16

Everyday Saint Rejecting Sin, Choosing Love by Jim Hampton
A Young Woman After God's Own Heart by Elizabeth George
The Lord of the Rings Series by J.R.R. Tolkien
Treasure Island by Robert Louis Stevenson
The Redwall Series by Brian Jacques
At the Back of the North Wind by George MacDonald
What the Bible is All About for Young Explorers by Frances Blankenkaker
Crazy Love by Francis Chan

Library Hours

Monday - Thursday 10am - 3pm
Friday 10am - 3pm
Sunday 9:30am - 10:50am

Visit www.2pc.org/resources/growing-place-library to learn more.

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Important Dates

AUG
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PDO Begins

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Family Ministry Banquet

6:00pm in the Gym

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Promotion Sunday

AUG
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Nursery Open House

After the 8:15am service

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MidWeek Begins

Wednesdays • Dinner at 5:30pm

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