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newsletter

Welcome to our Stepping Stones Newsletter!
This newsletter will be published monthly to keep you informed of what's going on in the Children's Ministry.

Initially, we will have hardcopies located in the Children's Wing at the front lobby welcome center. However, we want to encourage everyone to begin viewing the newsletter online at

www.livinghopewired.com/42046/

Our website provides lots of good info and our hope is that parents will begin to utilize this wonderful resource on a regular basis. It not only provides a wealth of wonderful information but it helps save paper and postage. You can even register for events on-line.

If you have any suggestions of how we may serve your family better, do not hesitate to contact us. The door is always open :-)

Renovation Updates:

If your child is in the Hope Babies or Hope Two learning area, please enter through the Smallhouse Road entrance (marked by the awning) to drop off your children. If in addition, you have an older preschooler/school age child, you may use the CM elevator or stairs to get to the 2nd floor, and then enter the sanctuary from the 2nd floor.

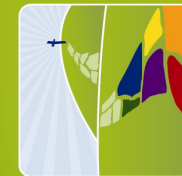
If you have an older preschooler (3-5) and/or a school age child, please enter through the Westen Avenue entrance (at the far end of the building closest to the ROC construction) and go directly upstairs to the 2nd floor to drop off your children.

How do you get to the Hope Babies/Hope Two area if you can't use the preschool yellow hallway?

You have 2 options:

1. If you enter through the Westen side, go upstairs, walk through the adult/preschool area into the Children's area and take the stairs or elevator down to 1st floor. Turn right off the elevator and enter the Baby/Two area.
2. If you are coming from the worship center, stay on the first floor, make a left at the double doors near the bathrooms. Go down the steps, turn to the right and then to the left. Follow the glass hallway around to the Baby/Twos area.

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A Word from Cindy... Resolve

"To this end we pray for you, that our God may make you worthy of His calling and may fulfill every resolve for good and every work of faith by His power, so that the name of our Lord Jesus Christ may be glorified in you, and you in Him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ."

II Thessalonians 1:11-12

To resolve is to set a goal for good; to establish a priority; to intentionally work to accomplish something. Often we make resolutions at the new year and this year let us resolve to pray this verse for each other....

- That we would fulfill every work of faith by the power of God
- That Christ would be glorified in and through us
- That we would grow in our understanding of grace
- That we would resolve to hold fast to what is good
- That we would resolve to walk by faith in obedience to the truth of God's Word
- That we would resolve to encourage one another to fulfill every resolve

We are never worthy but by the blood of Christ, and even then as we think on His sacrifice we are deeply humbled by His love for us. Resolve to live for Him; to train your children in His Word; to fellowship to His glory; to sacrifice so that others will see Christ in you.

A great idea...

I read this great idea in the recent [Family Fun Magazine](#). I will paraphrase...

"Our son is allergic to many sweets so to keep him from feeling left out we decorated a large glass jar with horizontal tape lines designating different dollar amounts. Each time he gets a treat that he can't eat, he throws it into the jar. When the jar is filled, he cashes out and takes a trip to the store."

Although this is especially appropriate for food allergy children, this strategy could be adapted for many situations as we teach our children that we often give up to be able to get something else or give away to another.

Gift for Christ Challenge

Our Gift for Christ offering is always in November. This year why don't you set a goal now and use some the strategies that we suggested in our November newsletter to save money for your Gift for Christ offering. How much easier and exciting it is to actually have a plan for giving – setting aside an amount each month that is specifically designated for GFC...OR giving up something each month and saving the difference...or saving all your change or a dollar bill denomination for a specific set of time and giving that to GFC.

Imagine if each month you had a different savings plan to meet your GFC challenge!! This would keep missions in the forefront of your mind all year!

Volunteers needed

We are in need of extra volunteers at the 11:00 Sunday school hour in both preschool and school age. In addition, we have spots for 4-6 volunteers on Sunday night. As our adult electives grow on Sunday nights so do our children's classes. Both preschool and school age would greatly benefit from some extra hands. Sunday nights run from 5:30-7:00. This is a great way to make new friends and become involved in the lives of children.

Creating a Renovation Community

Thanks to all for your patience as we have processed Phase 1 of our renovation plan! Our Tool Time Toddler hall monitors have been outstanding and the maps and signs have helped us get where we need to be! Please be extra aware of visitors and guests during this time – it is difficult to not get frustrated and a helpful smile would be so encouraging! I want to challenge all of us to create a caring renovation climate as we live through these changes together.

Please feel free to contact me with suggestions.

Summer plans

Our renovation schedule will not allow us to have an on-site VBS this year. Instead, we are in the process of planning a number of Backyard Bible partnerships. We are very excited about this outreach as we design and implement a "Backyard Blitz in a Box" campaign where YOU will connect with your neighborhood and WE will provide all that you need to host a Backyard Bible Club. Begin praying and thinking right now how YOU can be involved. Watch for more information coming SOON and join us as we BLITZ THE BACKYARDS OIF BOWLING GREEN!

Mark your calendars

- **Wednesday, February 3, 6:30 pm**
Family Worship Service

We know you have probably already heard about this event, but we would like to personally invite you to attend. This will be a night designed for multi-generational worship and interactive learning and participation. All ministry areas will play an important role in this new interactive worship service. Music, Monologues, Take home components, Interactive learning, and a Message from God's word are also included. Childcare is available for babies through preschool children only, however older preschoolers are welcome in the sanctuary.

- **Friday, February 19, 6:00 pm**
Dad and Me Drive-In

Dads mark your calendars for Friday, Feb. 19, and start working on your cardboard box car design skills. All preschool kids who were 3 by Oct. 1, 2009 and their dads are invited to this fun event. Watch for details to come.