

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/

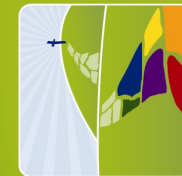
Our website provides lots of good info and our hope is that parents will begin to utilize this wonderful resource on a regular basis. It not only provides a wealth of wonderful information but it helps save paper and postage. You can even register for events online.

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

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A Word from Cindy...

I would like to recommend 2 new storybooks for children that present the unfolding plan of God. One book, The Big God Story, by Michelle Anthony begins with creation and leads us to Christ through the lens of God's love and intentional purpose. The second book by Sinclair Ferguson, The Plan, answers the question, "How did God get the world ready for Jesus?" This is a fascinating and well-written Christmas book as Ferguson shows the powerful hand of God directing the events before, during and after the first Christmas. The book ends with the Gospel told through John 3:16. both of these books are brightly illustrated, easy to listen to, and can be read at one sitting.

Thought provoking...

"He who is has God and everything has no more than he who has God alone."

Renovation/New Space—

We are very excited about our newly renovated space and our fast approaching the completion of our new learning space. We hope to move our preschool children into their new space on January 9th. The school age children will move into their space later in the month once the sound system is installed and ready. Here are some descriptors:

- We have a walk through that connects the Stepping Stones ministry area to the Student Center.
- The Stepping Stones learning areas are self contained and secure. Traffic patterns have been routed AROUND our learning areas.
- We have room for growth in all age group areas.
- In our new space there are wider halls allowing for smoother passage.
- There are lobbies in each area for gathering and conversation.
- There is an additional kitchen on the 2nd floor.
- The CM office space will be on the 1st floor in the new area.
- The 2/3 grade children will move into a new large group area along with a new shepherding room in the new 2nd floor area.

We are VERY excited and incredibly grateful. Detailed information will be forthcoming after the 1st of January as to classroom assignments, etc.

Upcoming Events:

Wednesday Nights are for Families!

The 1st Wednesday night of each month will be a Family Night Worship Service. This is traditionally an interactive, energetic service with components geared to all ages. Living Hope preschoolers through Senior Adults worship and learn together. This year's theme will be "God's Big Picture" a study of biblical characters from Adam to Christ.

Kids STEPS (for older preschool – 3rd grade) is a new program that will meet **the 3rd Wednesday night** of each month after worship and prayer in WNW. Kids STEPS will include teaching, mission moments, small group conversations and take home activities. Many hands are needed to volunteer for a successful program. Teachers, artists, actors and those that love kids are needed.

First FNW in 2011! January 5 from 6:30-7:30 is our first Family Night Worship of 2011. We will be studying the life of Adam, learning about Niger and singing "My God is so Big!". **Directly following the service we will prayer walk the new Children's Area to celebrate God's Provision.**

SNS begins

Our Sunday Night programming will begin on January 16th and continue through March 13th. SNS is a mission driven, music and elective filled program for children 3 through 5th grade. Preschoolers enjoy mission friends and music while school age children learn about missions, music, and experience an elective of their choice. Would you like to be part of our volunteer team? Assist with missions or music? Maybe you have an elective idea? We would love to have your help – our children need adults to help them learn and grow. Contact Lisa or Dawn in the CM office to volunteer.

Stepping Stones Slugs and Bugs Concert

We are so excited to host a Slugs and Bugs concert on February 12 at 4pm. Tickets go on sale early January for \$5/adult and kids free with an adult chaperone. This is an easy event to invite your non-Christian family and friends. Fliers are available in the Children's Ministry office to share with your schools, workplace and friends. CDs are available now for \$15ea. Visit our website at www.livinghopewired.com/slugs for a concert preview.

MOPS

Every third MONDAY of the month our MOPS group meets in the Middle School Room (formerly Fellowship Hall). MOPS is an outreach ministry designed and directed for Mothers of Preschoolers – moms who have children that have not yet begun kindergarten. This is a very small window in the life of a mom and this ministry is designed to offer encouragement, community, laughter, and a special night with YOU in mind. Won't you consider coming and joining us? We would love to build a strong group within our church family so that we can have a strong outreach to MOPS within our community. For more information you can contact the CM office or Karen at bbuchanon846@bellsouth.net.

Children's Membership Class

February 27—12:30-2:00

2011 Camp details and registration online

3rd grade weekend camp, June 10-12. Early bird rate \$125. 4th/5th grade week long camp, June 20-24. Early bird rate is \$240.

Registration will end February 15 with limited spots available. Register online at www.livinghopewired.com/childrenscamp. For more information contact Dawn Farmer at dfarmer@lhb.org or call 843-9462.

Give the gift of Camp for Christmas!

Register online for either the 3rd grade weekend camp or the 4th/5th grade week long camp, pay a \$50 deposit and we will give you a certificate to wrap for Christmas. Great gift idea for grandparents. Register at www.livinghopewired.com/childrenscamp. For more information contact Dawn Farmer at dfarmer@lhb.org or call 843-9462.

Tedd Tripp (August 26-27, 2011)

It has taken us almost 2 years to book Tedd Tripp, author of Shepherding a Child's Heart. Dr. Tripp will be here on August 26-27, 2011 for a Friday night/Saturday morning parenting seminar based on his book. There will be more details in the future, but we are so excited about this opportunity that we don't want you to miss this!! Mark your summer calendars now and plan to be in town for this event.

Hope House needs:

Soups, Sugar, Peanut Butter, Jelly, Rice, Baking Mix (Bisquick), Saltine Crackers, Spaghetti Sauce and Noodles, Canned Proteins (Tuna, Salmon, Chicken)