

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.

We will have hardcopies of this newsletter located in the Children's Wing at the front lobby welcome center. However, we want to encourage everyone to GO PAPERLESS and view the newsletter online at

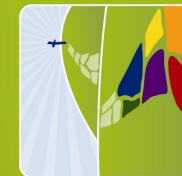
**[www.livinghopewired.com/42046/](http://www.livinghopewired.com/42046/)**

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 :-)

# November Newsletter

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### Thoughts from Cindy...

*"Because the Christian is not his own, but bought with a price, he is to aim at glorifying God in every relation of life. No matter what situation he occupies, or wherever he be, he is to serve as a witness for Christ. Next to the church of God, his own home should be the sphere of his most manifest devotedness unto Him. All its arrangements should bear the stamp of his heavenly calling. All its affairs should be so ordered that everyone entering it should feel God is here". A.W. Pink*

We are entering into a season of thanksgiving - for the many blessings of God, for the Messiah, Christ our Savior. Amidst all of the chaos of this season comes the necessity of the pause. Determine to take time to decorate your home with the marks of Christ. Let others say, "God is here." Christ is our distinctive; Christ is our hope; Christ is the foundation of our lives. It is this treasure - the treasure of Christ - that we must help our children to discover! This season lends itself to becoming a powerful season of learning and praise. I have copies of [Long Story Short](#) - a wonderful family devotional that walk through the Old Testament - that is yours for the asking. In addition, we have recently ordered a great booklet on [Rediscovering Family Worship](#) by Jerry Marcellino for your perusal. Feel free to contact me if these resources are of interest to you.

Cindy



### Sickness Policy

We are once again entering the flu season. Here are some general guidelines:

- It is best for children to be fever free for 24 hours (not tylenol controlled)
- Please do not bring your child if they have diarrhea or have thrown up
- Please do not bring your child if they have a fever
- Please do not bring your child if they have pink eye

There are times when children appear sick and they are not - teething, allergies. In cases like this, just talk to the area director and/or the classroom volunteer and be sure to leave accurate contact information in case we need you. If your child has a rash that you are treating, tell the workers so they simply know how to best take care of your little one.

### Book Recommendation



#### Intentional Parenting by Tad Thompson

This is an incredible parenting book that I would recommend to all of you! It is available through Cruciform books. [CruciformPress.com](http://CruciformPress.com). Here is a brief review from Timothy Paul Jones, Professor of Family Ministry at Southern Seminary:

*Need an introductory text for parents to the topic of discipling children? Here is a clear, simple, book on family discipleship, centered on the gospel rather than human successes or external behaviors."*

You can read this book in an hour, but be inspired and challenged for a lifetime! It is a worthy read.

Speaking of [CruciformPress.com](http://CruciformPress.com)...this is an excellent book-publishing company. Check out their website for more subscription information.

### Gift for Christ—GOAL \$175,000

Gift for Christ is our annual missions giving celebration. This is our offering that goes specifically to support missions around the world. This year GFC Sunday is **November 20<sup>th</sup>**. Let us partner with you in building your child's understanding of giving and missions as you fill your bread bank and bring it back on the 20<sup>th</sup> to offer at the altar.

### Family Advent Celebration

This year our Advent Family Night is scheduled for **Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-7:00 pm in the Student Center.**

Families of all ages and size are invited to share a night together focused on preparing for Advent. Come join us for many craft activities, music and refreshments. Childcare for our youngest children will be available by RSVP to [Charity.Porter@lhbg.org](mailto:Charity.Porter@lhbg.org). If your family does not have an Advent log, some will be available.

### Allergy Awareness

Within the preschool and children's area we try to maintain an allergy-free environment. If your child has a food allergy, it is very important that we have an "Allergy Action Plan" on file in our office. We update these files every year. In addition, if your child carries an epi-pen, the CM office MUST know. A FEW REMINDERS: Please do not bring snacks from home or the 10/40 Café into the preschool or children's Sunday School rooms. Please do not bring sippy cups filled with milk. Both Rice Chex and Kix cereals are gluten and allergy-free. Thanks!

### Memory Verses

("The Word I have treasured in my heart, that I may not sin against you." Psalm 119:11)

This year each class (preschool RED BLOCK – The BRIDGE) is focusing on 6-8 verses or sections of Scripture for memorization. Scripture memory is a very powerful, life changing spiritual discipline. Please join us by supporting this effort at home. Come along side of us and memorize these verses with your children; play games for practice; post the verses on your refrigerator...the Word of God is living and active! Be sure to ask your children's teacher/shepherds what verses they are working on. We are memorizing out of the ESV version of the Bible.

### Family Night Worship

**November 2nd & 16th** – Prepare the Way of the Lord – John the Baptist Learn about John the Baptist – a voice crying in the wilderness.

**December 7th** – Advent – "And He shall be called Immanuel!"

Celebrate Advent with your church family on December 7<sup>th</sup> – this will be a service of songs, Scriptures and the lighting of the Advent wreath.

Family Night Worship is the first Wednesday of the month and Wednesday Night Worship/KidSTEPS is the third Wednesday of the month. Both services are preceded by a Mission Meal that begins at 5:15. The service runs from 6:30-7:30.

### SNS / Bridge remaining 2011 dates

November 6th & November 13th



#### •MOPS

3rd Monday of each month—November 21st

#### •MOPS Preschool Story Time

November 11 and December 9



### Centri-Kid Summer Camp 2012 for 3rd - 6th graders

3rd/4th grade camp—June 14-16, Campbellsville University

- Note: 3rd/4th grade camp is Thursday—Saturday

4th-6th grade camp—June 23-27, Campbellsville University

- Note: 4th-6th grade camp is Saturday-Wednesday

(4th graders can choose between the weekend and week long camp)