

# Making Waves

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This month's "life preserver"

## FAITHFULNESS

Being faithful is not always easy. Your lives are busy. It is easy to become distracted by your children, movies, magazines, telephone calls, Internet, to-do lists, social requirements... need I go on?

Being faithful means making conscious choices to follow God. It means standing up when people disrespect your faith to explain why you're a Christian. It means doing what you can to become stronger in your faith and evangelize in a way that works for you. Noah was probably not accepted by his fellow man because he chose to follow God rather than commit great sins. Yet, he found the strength to remain faithful - which is why we are all still here.

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## Happy New Year!

### Another year brings new adventures for our Youth Ministries!



**Junior Church** continues to run every Sunday during the morning worship service for kids through 3rd grade. We're working through a program called, "Sitting On A Rainbow" with weekly mini-sermons and activities. This will continue until June 8, when we celebrate Children's Sunday. We are still looking for volunteers to sign-up to lead Junior Church. It's a rewarding, exciting and challenging way to serve the children of our church! The best part about it, is the kids are **EXCITED** to be there! Sign up sheet is located in the back of the sanctuary.



**Nursery** also continues to be offered weekly during the morning worship service. We have a winter and spring curriculum from "Nursery Time" which allows the nursery children to learn and grow with God. Recently, they've been learning how to pray! The sign-up sheet for nursery is located in the back of the sanctuary.

Our newest **Swimmer's Challenge** has begun! The challenge runs until March 30. The kids will be challenged to learn 6 memory verses. Now don't be fooled, adults are allowed to get in on this challenge too! There is a list of memory verses on the back side of this newsletter to work from. Once the verse is recited to a Sunday School teacher or Junior Church leader, your success will be marked on the board downstairs! And, as usual, the reward will be inviting!

Coming Soon... **VBS!** We've set the date and are working on choosing a curriculum. Mark your calendar for July 14-18 where we will again invite children to learn about the Lord! We had an awesome group of excited kids last year, and we anticipate the same this year!

Our **Youth Group** is excited to announce there will be a Summer Mission Trip planned for this upcoming summer. The destination is West Virginia and the agenda is construction! More information is forthcoming as the trip is fully planned!

We invite you to attend our Program Committee and Youth Ministry meetings. Look to the announcement sheet for dates and times.

### Welcome to 'Making Waves'

Making Waves' is a bi-monthly newsletter written to keep you up to date on what's going on in our youth program.

**Did you know that the kids down in Junior Church take an offering every week? As part of our Youth Ministries mission statement, we work with the kids to be involved in mission programs. They use the money they collect from offering to complete their project.**

**Last year, the kids worked towards the goal of purchasing a goat through Heifer International. They collected the \$120.00 needed, and purchased the goat last fall!**

**This year, the kids have voted to give another gift through Heifer International. They will work towards gifting 5 flocks of chicks through Heifer International.**

**We'll keep you updated on their progress!**



### 3rd Grade through Adult

John 3:16	For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.
Philippians 4:8-9	Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable-- if anything is excellent or praiseworthy-- think about such things. Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me-- put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.
John 13:34	"A new command I give you: LOVE one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another."
Ephesians 4:32	"Be KIND and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you."
Psalms 23	"The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever."
Proverbs 3:5-6	"Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and He will make your paths straight."
Proverbs 16:3	"Commit to the LORD whatever you do, and your plans will succeed."
Philippians 4:13	I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.
Psalms 28:7	The Lord is my strength and my shield. My heart trusts in him and I am helped therefore my heart exults and with my song I shall thank him.
1 Corinthians 13:13	And now these three remain; faith hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.
Deuteronomy 6:5	Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength.
Ephesians 2:8	For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith, and this not from yourselves it is the gift of God.
John 14:1	Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God; also trust in me.
John 14:6	Jesus answered, "I am the way, I am the truth, I am the life. No one comes to the father except through me."
Luke 6:31	Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.
Hebrews 11:1	Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see.
Hebrews 3:12 -	"My friends, watch out! Don't let evil thoughts or doubts make any of you turn from the living God."
1 John 1:9 -	"But if we confess our sins to God, he can always be trusted to forgive us and take our sins away."
Luke 12:34 -	"Wherever your treasure is, there the desires of your heart will also be."
Galatians 5:19-23	The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.

**Pre K through 2nd grade**

John 3:16	God loved the world so he gave his only Son.
Phillipians 4:8-9	If anything is excellent or praiseworthy, think about such things.
John 13:34	Love one another.
Ephesians 4:32	Forgive each other as God forgave you.
Psalms 23	The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.
Proverbs 3:5	Trust the Lord with all your heart.
Proverbs 16:3	Commit to the Lord whatever you do.
Phillipians 4:13	I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.
Psalms 28:7	The Lord is my strength. My heart trusts in him.
1 Corinthians 13:13	The greatest of these is Love.
Deuteronomy 6:5	Love the Lord your God with all your heart.
Ephesians 2:8	It is by grace you have been saved through faith.
John 14:1	Trust in God.
John 14:6	Jesus said, "I am the way, I am the truth, I am the life."
Luke 6:31	Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.
Psalms 95:7	He is our God and we are under his care.
Psalms 118:6	The Lord is with me; I will not be afraid.
James 1:17	Every perfect gift is from God.
Colossians 3:13	Forgive as the Lord forgave you.
Hebrews 13:16	Do not forget to share with others.

