

FIRST KIDS

Spring Newsletter 2023



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Dear Parents,



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I absolutely love Spring! I have been teaching my kids that every time a bird chirps, it is saying "Spring is coming!" I love the anticipation and joy I feel as I watch everything being made new! This quarter, as our kids continue to study Jesus' life and ministry, they get to experience the truer anticipation and joy of seeing Jesus live, die, and rise again for our salvation! Through Christ's perfect sacrifice, we can all be made new! We have seen numerous baptisms recently. Praise God! Baptisms provide the most perfect picture of what happens when Jesus' story changes our kid's stories - they are "buried with Christ in baptism and raised to walk in newness of life!"

(KidMin Goal #1 - Introduce children to our God and His story.)

Spring brings with it the celebration of Easter. Easter is a special time in the life of the Church and our families! I want to encourage you to take advantage of this sweet season to focus on the death, burial, and resurrection of Christ. We want to help you make this Easter Season intentionally Christ-focused! At our Annual Easter Egg Hunt, we will be providing family devotions for the week leading up to Easter. Be sure to take one home and share with your kids what the Gospel means to you! We are also inviting our 4th - 6th graders to an Easter Egg Hunt After Party with a glow-in-the-dark egg hunt and a deeper look at the Gospel led by our youth.

(KidMin Goal #2 -Support families as they seek to live intentional, Christ-centered lives.)

This Spring, we will also emphasize church as a key aspect of discipleship! We want our children to value learning from their church family and look for ways to lead within their church family. Help your kids make it a priority to be in Life Group and BLAST regularly to learn from some amazing teachers who truly love them! Help your kids find somewhere to lead! We will not have a specific Kids Ministry service project, because we want to encourage our kids to plug into the many wonderful things already going on at our church right now. Maybe your child could serve at a VBS workday or make a special effort to invite friends to the Easter Egg Hunt or VBS. Perhaps your older kid could serve with you in the preschool hall during worship. Maybe your family could partner with the Men's and Women's Ministries on various service projects coming up. Each of your kids has unique gifts with which to serve our church and, by extension, our community!

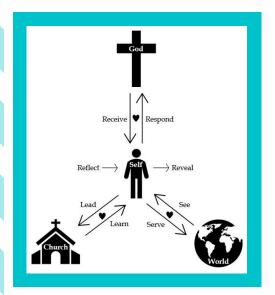
(KidMin Goal #3 - Help children develop thriving relationships with God, His Church, and His world).

I will be praying for your families this Spring!! Thank you for leading your kids to Jesus each and everyday!



Parents of our littlest First Kids -Don't miss Spring Family Dedication on April 16th If you would like to participate, please sign up by April 2nd.

If I ever miss a birthday, please let me know.



Spring Focus

Social

Easter Egg Hunt - April 2nd

Service

Serve with our church!

Scripture

John 3:16 -21

Spring Discipleship Plan!

Set some goals to grow...



+ VBS is almost + VBS is almost here, so get ready! here, so get ready! Sign Up + Invite Friends

God

Receive:

How will I receive from God the truths that He intends to share with me?

Respond:

How will I respond to the truths that God is sharing with me?



Church

Learn:

How will I put myself in a position to learn from my church family?

Lead:

How will I embrace opportunities to lead within my church?

World

See:

How will I see the needs of the individuals, community, and world around me?

Serve:

How will I serve in order to meet some of the needs of individuals, community, and world around me?

Self

Reflect:

How will I take time to reflect on the ways I am growing?

Reveal:

How will I reveal through my words and actions the ways I am growing?

Wild about the Word Wednesdays will be back this summer!

This summer we have the opportunity to dive deeper into God's Word using the National Bible Bee Summer Study. The summer study is available for students ages 5 to 18 and provides a Discovery Journal to help children and youth study the Bible and memorize scripture throughout the week!

Register your child online to receive access to the Bible Study materials!