

NEW CHRISTIAN EDUCATION YEAR BEGINS AUGUST 23

"You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; and to be made new in the attitude of your minds, and put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness." (Ephesians 4:22-24 NIV)



The new Christian Education Year is an exciting time in the life of a congregation. It is a time of new beginnings, new opportunities, and new focus. One of the objectives of the Christian Education programs is to help motivate persons to put into action what they believe. As we meet together with others in a small group settings to read scripture, pray, and share our faith, we grow in our understanding as to how we can live out that faith in our everyday lives.

Because the new Christian Education Year is a time of newness, it is also a time to enter, or re-enter, into the Christian Education programs. If you are not part of a Sunday School class or haven't attended one in a while, now is the time to make the decision to be part of what is happening here in Christian Education. If you need help in making the selection of a class, you may call Fran at the church, or Karen Samples, chair of the Christian Education Committee and we will be happy to assist you.

Our theme, "**In the Beginning God Created . . .**" was especially selected as a theme for our younger children to give us the opportunity to add to the scientific education that is received in school by allowing the children to more fully understand the part God played in this creation. We will also focus on seeing ourselves as God's creation and how we have responsibility to care for our world. Let us join with our children and see how we can live out what we believe in relationship to God's creation.

Always becoming,
Fran

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A SPIRITUAL JOURNEY FOR OUR CHILDREN

As our children begin their spiritual journey, this year's theme for our Sunday School Christian Education year is very appropriate—"**In the Beginning God Created.**" Our Sunday School kickoff will be on August 23, and on the second Sunday of each month our classes will be emphasizing this theme. This year will be divided into four quarters:

September/October — Plants

November/January — Animals;

February/March — People

April/May — Earth

Plans are for a guest speaker each quarter and you will be seeing and hearing more about the plans in the weeks ahead. Our classes will continue to use the regular curriculum—"Seasons of the Spirit." Put August 23 on your calendar and be in prayer as we move into the Christian Education year.

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

The church rummage sale this past weekend was a tremendous success. We were able to raise over \$2,500 to be given to the Denominational Center as part of Beaver Creek's monetary commitment. We will have a final total in a few weeks. All items left over were donated to Powell Community Chest, Lost Sheep Ministries, Serene Manor, and numerous families in Appalachia. It is so rewarding to see how many lives are being touched through this effort.

A big thank you to everyone who donated items, sorted clothing, set up tables, organized and priced items, shopped, worked the day of the sale, cleaned up, loaded trucks, and delivered leftover items. The number of volunteers was overwhelming! A big church raffle coming soon! Details in next week's newsletter.

OUR STEWARDSHIP PICTURE - AUGUST 9, 09

<u>9:00 Worship</u> 173	<u>Sunday School</u> 175	<u>11:00 Worship</u> 98
2009 BUDGET	\$534,303.00	C.P. Denominational Center 200.00
Needed Weekly	10,275.06	Technology Committee 20.00
Given August 9, 09	6,195.50	Elevator Fund (FLC) 75.00
Needed by August 9, 09	287,701.68	Library 200.00
Given by August 9, 09	265,955.14	FLC Connector 100.00
<u>UNDER</u> Budget	21,746.54	Capital Improvement Fund 100.00
		Youth Fund 200.00

VOLUNTEERS SERVING AUGUST 16, 2009

USHERS: **9:00 A.M.** Mac Brister, Jay Ferry, Larry Johnson, Ted Shown
 11:00 A.M. Barry & Chellie Jones; John & Penny Evans

ACOLYTES: **9:00 A.M.** Rena Dabney & Nicholas Moore **11:00 A.M.** Dominic Thompson & Jacob Woodson

NURSERY: **9:00 A.M.** Karen & Caitlin Mann **11:00 A.M.** Tara Woodford

VIDEOGRAPHER: **9:00 A.M.** Gregg Dabney **11:00 A.M.** Wesley Kirkland

TECHNOLOGIST: **9:00 A.M.** Angela Whaley **11:00 A.M.** Mike Hill

FLC VOLUNTEERS: **August 18:** Ted & Sandra Shown **August 20:** Jim Lee

ALTAR FLOWERS: Linda Neubert

LECTIONARY: 1 Kings 2:10-12; 3:3-14; Psalm 111; Ephesians 5:15-20; John 6:51-58

BUILDING & GROUNDS COMMITTEE will meet on Wednesday, August 12, 6:00 p.m.

ALPHA CIRCLE will meet on August 18, 6:30 p.m., at the home of Margaret Morgan for a salad supper. Anyone not involved in a circle presently is cordially invited to join us.

YOUTH SECTION

A THANK YOU NOTE

"All of your cards and words of kindness meant so much to me. I am also thankful and humbled by your generous gifts. I will always treasure the memories of working as the Director of Children's Ministries." . . . Kelli Fly

BACK TO SCHOOL BLOCK PARTY!



The youth will be helping serve at **Water Angels Ministries 4th annual Back to School Block Party** On Saturday, August 15, 2009 from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. We will meet at the church at 8:00 a.m. (We will be back around 2:30 p.m.) Their goal is to provide over 600 new backpacks and school supplies to the children in downtown Knoxville. This is an awesome opportunity to meet some special children downtown, and meet an important need of theirs by providing new backpacks & school supplies, but also a fun day in Jesus' name. Approximately 100 volunteers are needed to make this run smoothly in areas such as setup, carnival games, registration, school supplies, water slides, dunking booth, snow cone machine, contests, prize table, lunch, trash control, security, and clean up. Adults and youth, if you would like to give financially or with your time please contact Billy soon! (For more info, check out the website—thewaterangels.com).

ATTENTION UPCOMING 6TH GRADERS - The change for upcoming 6th graders to move to the 6th grade Sunday School class will be August 23 and the first Wednesday night youth meeting will be August 26.