



# DCPC Faith and Families Newsletter September 8, 2017

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## Letter from Robert

### A Good Start

Dear Friends,

We all know that a great way to achieve success is to make a **good start**. Whether it is getting ready for a school year, a test, a new job, or the big game. Eat a good breakfast. Get a good night of rest. Think through your game plan. Plan through the day and make sure you have everything that you need to accomplish your goals. This doesn't always come naturally and so parents can do a lot to help their children shape healthy habits when it comes to their physical, emotional, and mental health.

Our spiritual health deserves the same attention! And parents are in the best position to help our children get a good start in their Christian Education and Faith Formation.

This Sunday is Rally Day! We are kicking off a great year for children, youth, and adults in faith formation. We are not only learning what the Bible has to say, but we are learning how to read and study it in community, and considering what God is saying to us through scripture about how we are to live our lives.

Being here on Sunday is a **great way to make a Good Start** for your whole family! There is a place for everyone at 9:45 so please come and honor the time and energy that the church staff and volunteers have put into shaping a great year to help you grow in faith and improve your spiritual health!

To God be the Glory!

*Robert*

P.S. If you are unable to join us Sunday please take the initiative to find out what you missed by contacting one of our staff or visiting us at the church sometime soon!

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### **UPCOMING STUFF-SAVE THE DATE!**

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#### **Wednesday Night Live**

Our midweek programs got off to a great start this week! Join us each **Wednesday for Kid's Club, Children's Choirs, and Wednesday Night Live Dinners and Devotion!** It is a great way to spend your Wednesday evening. This year, children of all ages can benefit from **homework help** from Davidson College Students. [CLICK HERE](#) to RSVP for dinner! We can't wait to get started! See you then!

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#### **September is Hunger Action Month!**

During the month of September the Community & Global Mission Committees want to highlight the importance of our work that seeks to bring an end to hunger and poverty in Jesus' name. Jesus spent much of his time feeding others and eating with others. He modeled the importance of hospitality and of sharing. Take time to learn about hunger in our community and world over the next month. Here is a helpful calendar you can download and put on your fridge or your table. [http://endhunger.org/wp/?enc\\_dl\\_action=process&file=pmyva1tQGpX8ZNUW](http://endhunger.org/wp/?enc_dl_action=process&file=pmyva1tQGpX8ZNUW). Discuss this each day and consider the activity that is mentioned. During the month of September we hope you and your family will get involved in helping to end hunger in our communities through one of the following:

- 1- Give to 10 cents a meal!
- 2- Bring canned goods to place in our "Loaves and Fishes" carts that are located outside of the church each Sunday morning. Faithful volunteers take these food items to Ada Jenkins

Loaves and Fishes food pantry each week to help feed members of our community.

3- Volunteer to serve at the Mooresville Soup Kitchen or at Angels & Sparrows in Huntersville.

4- Glean with us and the Society of St. Andrews on September 23<sup>rd</sup>. We need 20 people to go with us and help clear a field of its produce for a local food pantry.

5- Plan to help out with our annual CROP Walk on October 14<sup>th</sup>!

6- Learn about the ways that our Global partnerships in Kenya and Nicaragua help feed others in those communities through our mission funds. Come to one of our upcoming presentations to learn more.

7- Write a letter to your elected officials encouraging them to support measures that help those who are hungry. Participate in our "Offering of Letters" Sunday on September 24<sup>th</sup> and help change policies that will make a positive difference in the lives of those who are most vulnerable.

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**Sunday – September 10<sup>th</sup> is RALLY DAY!! Let's Get This Party Started!**

We are excited to begin a new year of Christian Education and Faith Formation. Don't miss out on September 10th when we all come together for a Sunday school Kick-Off at 9:45 in various locations and one worship service at 11 a.m. in the Sanctuary followed by our delicious Fall BBQ Lunch at the Congregation House. Hope to see you there! The YOUTH BIG BASH will take place at 5 pm at the Congregation House.

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**WE NEED YOUR HELP!!! Gleaning with Society of St. Andrews**  
**WILL YOU LET ME KNOW THAT YOU CAN HELP??** Would your family be willing to join us for gleaning in the fields to help those who are hungry? We need a minimum of 20 people to help on the morning of **September 23<sup>rd</sup>**! It is about 2–3 hours of your time to work in a field (we do not yet know the crop). It is a family friendly event for all ages. Please contact Robert at [ralexander@dcpc.org](mailto:ralexander@dcpc.org) if you are interested and let him know how many people to expect. Thank you.

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## **New Group for Parents of 5th Graders and Down!**

Save the Date for the first Connections social gathering on September 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6pm. Dinner will be served. BYOB and join the fun! Children are welcome, but the party is focused on providing fun for the parents :) Childcare will not be provided at the social. DCPC is creating a fellowship group focused on you, parents with children ages zero to fifth grade. The objective of the group is to provide both evening social events and Sunday morning educational outlets for parents to connect and share experiences with raising young families, hence the name "Connections"! During the first social on September 23<sup>rd</sup>, the Connections Steering Committee will be looking to find out what YOU would like to get from the group. Some of the items we've heard from parents include:

- ☐ Interest in a monthly social with fellow parents
- ☐ Interest in a Sunday School class at 9:45am for parents with children in Sunday School/nursery
- ☐ General topics that could be delved into on Sunday mornings might be similar to these:
  - ☐ How to navigate technology sharing with your 2 year old
  - ☐ How to motivate children to stay involved in church
  - ☐ How is the story of X in the Bible relevant to me today?

If this is interesting to you, please join us on September 23<sup>rd</sup> @ The Dellingers' Home, 17015 Winged Thistle Court, Davidson, NC 28036. If you have interest in joining the Connections Steering Committee or just want to share ideas for the group before our Social, please reach out to Pastor John Ryan or Lacey Dellinger .



If there are concerns or joys that you would like to have listed here please email me at [ralexander@dcpc.org](mailto:ralexander@dcpc.org) so that we might keep one another in prayer.

Sarah Nuttall and Family – Sarah’s grandmother passed away this last week. Please keep her in prayer.

Amy Holthouser and Family- Amy's grandmother passed away last week.

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