



CHILDREN AND YOUTH MINISTRY MATTERS



****BAND APP-** we are using this app to communicate with children & youth families- please contact us if you want to connect**

We want to wish a very Merry Christmas to all our children, youth, and their families! We pray you find hope, peace, joy, and love during this busy season. We can get caught up in all the rush, the hurry, the busy, the crazy, the flashy, and the stressful and we might lose sight of where our true focus should be. Although it is said often, may this year we truly reflect on the true reason for the season and through Him may we find peace that transcends all understanding. Much love- Andy & Lisi

Isaiah 9:6 For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, PRINCE OF PEACE.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

Christmas Eve Service- We hope all our children, families and friends will join us for a relaxed service on Christmas Eve @ 5:30pm in the St. Mark Gym.

Holiday Schedule- No Kidz Klub on Dec 21st, Dec 28th, Jan 4th; See you on Jan 11th to kick off the new year! We have lots of fun ideas for the new year!

IGNITE! YOUTH MINISTRIES -

Christmas Eve Service "Sticks" Practice- the youth are practicing a "stick" performance on Weds evenings from 6-7pm & Sun evenings during youth. All youth are welcome to participate; the performance will be at the 5:30pm family service on Christmas Eve

Revolution 2023- If you haven't already and are planning to attend, we need to know ASAP (Deadline is December 28th) so that we can figure out transportation and housing. Revolution 2023 is January 27th-29th.

Current Weekly Activities for Children & Youth:

kidz klub (K-5) meets from **5:30-7:00 p.m.** on Wednesdays. Activities include dinner, Bible Study, Children's Choir, fellowship, and games. Join us and bring a friend!

Ignite! Youth Fellowship – 6th-12th grade- Sunday afternoons- **5:00pm-6:30pm**. Activities include devotion, fellowship, activities, games, and more!

December Family Ministries Volunteer Highlight: Billy Boggs- he has been a faithful volunteer for youth programs such as acolyte, Sunday School and other activities for a very long time. We are thankful for Billy!!

DATES AT A GLANCE:

Dec 18th – Ignite! Youth Christmas Celebration

Dec 21st- No Kidz Klub; Ignite! will meet to practice for Christmas Eve Sticks performance

Dec 24th- Family Christmas Eve Service- 5:30pm (Gym)

Dec 25th – Merry Christmas! No Sunday School today; one service in Sanctuary 10am; No Ignite! Youth

Dec 28th – Christmas Break- No Kidz Klub or Ignite! Enjoy time with your family

Jan 1st- Happy New Year! No Sunday School today; one service in Gym 10am; possible Ignite! Youth, stay-tuned

Jan 4th – New Year's Break- No Kidz Klub or Ignite!

Jan 8th- Ignite! returns!

Jan 11th – Kidz Klub returns!

Please don't hesitate to reach out to us if you have any questions, concerns, thoughts, or suggestions about the children/youth programs. We also welcome you to reach out just to say "Hi!"

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As we approach the new year, stay tuned for lots of fun, fellowship, and opportunities to serve! Merry Christmas & Happy New Year to you all!!