

Wildwood Presbyterian Church
 Family & Children Ministry
 100 Ox Bottom Rd
 Tallahassee, FL 32312



www.wildwoodpca.org

WEDNESDAY NIGHT - Mid Week Mysteries, Beginning June 3rd

We are looking for a few good detectives!! Are you ready for an adventure? The parables of Jesus contain glorious, life-changing truth. But the beauty and worth of God's truth is hidden from those who have blind eyes and a divided heart. Using hidden treasure as a metaphor for spiritual truth, this study of kingdom parables exalts God alone as the source of spiritual sight and an undivided heart. The goal of our Wednesday night program is to awaken spiritual interest in children, so that they might seek after the hidden treasure of God and find their satisfaction in Him. How? We are creating a mini-VBS on Wednesday nights trying to figure out the mysteries of the parables. There will not only be a Bible Time, but craft time, recreation, and music. (Family Supper 5:30-6:30; program 6:30-8:00, nursery available)



Sunday School

What are they learning in Sunday School? Our curriculum in SS seeks to emphasize these five principles:

THE WHOLE COUNSEL OF GOD

The Reformed approach to the Bible sees it as the complete, unified Word of God. Therefore, we examine each part in light of the whole...ultimately to grasp the entirety of God's revelation to us.

GOD-WARD FOCUS

When we encounter any biblical truth, it teaches us about God as our sovereign Creator/Redeemer/King. And we discover man's chief end: To glorify God and enjoy him forever!

SHOW ME JESUS™

The unfolding story of salvation is the focal point of Scripture, from Genesis to Revelation. Showing Jesus, who came to seek and save the lost, pervades everything we publish.

COVENANTAL PERSPECTIVE

God's covenant of grace is a key thread that ties the Bible together. We build on this theme to teach all ages about His constant promise to be our God.

THE HOME LINK

The mission of growing in grace and passing our faith on to the next generation calls for a partnering of church leaders and parents.

Summer SS (May 31—July 26)

9:30 hour: Birth—5th Grade

11:00 hour: Birth—4 year olds

*Growing kids in Christ,
 equipping them to serve.*

Inside this issue:

| | |
|-----------------|---|
| Summer Camps | 2 |
| D.I.R.T. Days | 3 |
| Wednesday Night | 3 |
| Sunday School | 4 |

Summer D.I.R.T.



Come and Get Your Hands Dirty

Jesus startled His disciples when He took a bowl and a towel, knelt down and washed His disciples' feet. Jesus put faith into action – He got His hands dirty – literally. This summer we want to give our children this same opportunity – to serve others rather than being served. As Wildwood seeks to become a more missional church, you may be asking, “What is missional?” To be a missional church is to be a church where the members understand that their own neighborhoods are mission fields, that they themselves are missionaries who seek to engage their neighbors in relationships so that in time the Gospel may be presented and received. It is providing to those around us a ‘cup of cold water’ in the name of Jesus. What does all this have to do with Children's Ministry this summer?

This summer we are inviting you and your children to get your hands dirty in a different kind of dirt – service to our community. For this summer we are dropping some of our regular activities to add service opportunities. Every camp, event, or program

this summer is designed to have the children begin to think beyond themselves and instead of how they as a part of this community can by demonstrating the love of Christ.

How will we do this? Instead of our traditional VBS we will have D.I.R.T. days for children. These days revolve around a service project (see page 3) and end with a fun activity back at the church. For



example, the 4th/5th graders may go to Hawks Rise Elementary School and wash white boards in the morning and have pizza and games in the afternoon. We will also be Diggin' Deeper on Wednesday nights with a mini-VBS format (Bible Lesson, Games, Snack, and Crafts) around the theme of Mid-Week Mysteries – solving the mystery of the parables. We encourage your children to invite their friends to come out on Wednesday night, and instead of a traditional

VBS craft they will be involved in craft projects that benefit others.

What about Summer Camps? We are continuing a menu of summer camps from cooking to the zoo, but again each camp will have a servant focus. For example, during the sewing camp the campers will not only learn sewing skills, but will make new food bags for Our Father's Storehouse. In cooking camp they will learn the basics of cooking, but will also make dessert one day for the local homeless shelter. Salt & Light (4th/5th graders) camp will once again go away for a week in August and focus on how we can serve others back in the real world.

Do you have a lot of pre-schoolers in your neighborhood? Then consider hosting a Backyard Bible Club where you reach out and build relationships with the children and parents in your neighborhood.

There are a lot of changes this summer – but again it is an opportunity to begin teaching your children to think beyond themselves and how they can demonstrate the love of Jesus in their community. So come out, join us and get your hands dirty!

Wildwood Presbyterian Church
 100 Ox Bottom Rd
 Tallahassee, FL 32312

Family & Children Ministry

SUMMER CAMPS

Clay Workshop

June 15 - 19 1:00 - 4:00 Grades 4 through 7
Cost \$150

Teacher: Holly Suber

Students will create several hand-built projects through the week, working quickly to allow time for clay to dry, be fired, glazed and fired again! As this process overlaps they will work on designs and techniques for their final decorations. Students will finish the week with a display of their creations at the end of class on Friday.

Studio Workshops

June 8 - 12 9:30-11:30, 1st- 3rd grade

Cost: \$125.00, class size limited, supplies included

June 22 - 26 9:00 - 12:00; 4rd - 7th grades

Cost: \$150.00 Class size limited, supplies included

Teacher: Holly Suber

These classes will be fast paced and fun, reinforcing the delight and joy that the artist experiences through the process of creating! All classes will use a wide variety of developmentally appropriate materials, and all students will receive daily instruction in "looking, seeing and drawing," as the basis for producing successful works of art. Primary media will include drawing, painting, and collage. Students will be encouraged to begin and keep art journals which include personal writings, thoughts and ideas.

All classes will discover what God says in His Word about art and artists, and about the responsibility of the Christian artist in today's world. Art history will be woven into every day, beginning with the most famous and magnificent of all works: God's creation of the world. Students will discover this reflected in the literature of the Bible, in music and in paintings produced through all of history; they will come to understand their own works of art created during the week to also be a reflection of not only God's magnificent creation, but also of the Creator Himself! Students finish the week with a framed piece of their art.

Beads and Baubles

June 8-11 from 1:00 - 4:00 Girls ages 8 and up \$100 per week

June 22-25 from 1:00 - 4:00 Girls ages 8 and up \$100 per week

Teacher: Vickery Callaway

Girls are naturally attracted to jewelry. It is exciting to receive as a gift and just as much fun to give to a friend. Vickery Callaway will guide girls ages 8 and up through the process of designing and making many types of jewelry and beaded accessories while focusing specifically on 1 Peter 3:3 and the Biblical perspective of adornment. All supplies will

be provided; you only need to bring your creativity and your Bible.

Salt & Light (4th-5th Graders)

Aug 2-6, \$200, offsite

As Christians we are called to be in the world, yet not of the world. We have the privilege of sharing the Gospel with those with whom we have everyday contact, and Jesus calls us to be Salt and Light. But how? Come to camp and find out.

Wildwood Ballet

June 8-11th

Ages 4-7 ;9:00 - Noon

Ages 8-12; 1:00-4:00pm

Cost: \$120 (includes a registration/supply fee)

At Wildwood Ballet we believe that dance is a universal language. As we move towards other cultures with a "missional" focus to learn their ways and folk dances, we pray that the Lord will prepare us through these camps to one day be able to share the universal truth of His salvation and love for all men - through dance. Camp each day will include a worship time and learning a worship dance, learning a folk dance from various countries around the world, an arts/crafts project, and a program for the parents on the last day. **Space is limited so download a registration form by looking under ministries at: www.wildwoodpca.org.** For more information call 894-0264 or email us at ballet@wildwoodpca.org.

Cooking—Southern Spice

June 15-19; 2nd-3rd; 10:00 - 12:30, \$75

June 15-19; 4th-5th; 1:30 - 4:00, \$75

Teacher: Mrs. Green & Claudette Jackson

Want to know a secret? Not only do kids love to eat but they love to cook! At camp kids will learn basic cooking terminology, how to use essential kitchen equipment, importance of nutrition, and what the "spice of life" really means. Each day, kids will have instructional and "hands on" cooking.

Manners Camp

July 20-23; 1st - 3rd; 11:00-1:00, \$30 - FULL

July 20-23; 4th - 5th; 1:00-3:00, \$30

Teacher: Allison Byington

Pass the peas, please! Yes, here your child will learn table manners, etiquette tips and much more. It's manners, not mayhem at the dinner table. The class will also provide training in the areas of: Table Manners, Telephone etiquette, Conversational skills, Introductions, Kindness to others, Good Grooming.

Son Street for Preschoolers (Paint My World, Storybook Fun)

June 22-26 and/or July 13-17;

3,4,5 year olds; 9:00 - 12:00, \$110/week

Questions?

Contact Family
and Children's
Ministry at
850.894.1400,
ext 212.

Backyard Bible Clubs Preschool (June/July)

How about a VBS in your own backyard? Pre-schoolers have the opportunity to learn about God and make new friends in their own backyard. Check back for details about which neighborhoods we will be hosting a Club.



SUMMER CAMPS (Continued)

Jackie Crowe, Bo Pullen, Karen Khandjian

Are you looking for something fun for your pre-school age child this summer? The Son Street staff at Wildwood is offering 2 weeks of summer camp for pre-school age children, complete with arts & crafts, recreation, lesson and special snack time and a chance to give back too. Come out and have some summer fun with us in Son Street!

Pre-School - Make a Mess

July 27-30; 9:00 - 11:30, \$90

4,5 year olds

Teacher: Gayle Bralich

Pre-schoolers enjoy getting messy. Join us for all those messy activities you can't do at home!

JAM Day

July 23; 2nd-3rd; 9:00 - 6:00, \$30

Jacksonville Zoo

Escape to the Jacksonville Zoo and Gardens for the only walking safari in Northeast Florida. Discover the earth's wildlife through interactive and educational experiences. A true family adventure!

Baton Class 7-12 year olds

July 20-24, 10:00 am - 11:45 am, \$45 per child

Instructor: Annette Maloney

Participant needs to bring own baton or purchase one from starlinebaton.com.

D.I.R.T. Days

It is time to get dirty this summer! D.I.R.T. days are opportunities for service in our community—it stands for *Disciples Impacting & Reaching Tallahassee*. This summer we have planned projects in our area where you can make a difference. Here are some of the dirty projects in the works:

Projects at Hawks Rise Elementary School - Weeding & cleaning: **June 29 & July 27, 9:00-12:00, 3rd-5th graders.**

Serving lunch during Teacher Workshops - TBD

Our Father's Storehouse—Bagging groceries - **June 15th, 10:00-12:00, 1st-3rd graders.**

Homeless Survival Bags - Put together care bags of essential items and resources for those in need in our area - **June 22, 10:00-12:00, 3rd graders.**

Seasons of Seniors - Fix and serve lunch to Wildwood Seniors and play games - **June 25, 10:00am-1:30pm, 3rd-5th graders.**

Puppy Washing—Help get our furry friends ready for adoption at the Leon County Humane Shelter - **July 18, 10:00am-1:00pm, 4th-5th graders.**

Law Enforcement Luncheon—Kids needed for cooks, servers and waiter to help provide lunch to our area Law Enforcement officers - TBD

Feed a Fireman—Gather at the church and put together lunches and deliver them to a local Fire Station - TBD

P.A.S.T. Day—Gather at the church and put together goody bags and then deliver *Pastors and Staff Treats* throughout the Tallahassee area - **July 16, 10:00am-1:00pm, K-5th graders.**

Church Mice—Church work day with special kid-size projects - **July 16, 10:00am-1:00pm, K-5th graders.**

Bike-A-Thon for Women's Pregnancy Center—Grab your bike and help raise support for this local ministry to women in crisis pregnancy - TBD

Stitching I - FULL

June 22-26; 9:00 - 12:00, \$35

Instructor: Susan Park & Joyce Broeseker

Class limited to 10 students

Stitching II

July 13-17; 9:00 - 12:00, \$35, For ages 10+

Instructor: Susan Park & Joyce Broeseker

Class limited to 10 students

This is for campers with either previous experience using a sewing machine or campers who have taken *Stitching I*. We will be working with patterns and more advanced machine techniques, learning how to measure properly for pattern size, how to read a pattern, how to layout and cut pattern pieces, how to find the right side of fabric, and pattern assembly. *Some supplies needed.

Golf Camp NEW CAMP! Space is limited!

June 9; 9:00 - 10:30, 3rd-5th graders; \$20

Coaches: Samuel Verghese & David Letson of Doulon Consulting (www.doulon.com)

Join us for a morning of Golf Fundamentals at Wildwood on June 9 from 9:00 – 10:30. We'll bring the course to you. Don't miss this unique opportunity to learn the game that will last a lifetime.

To sign up for any of these camps, just drop by the church office, call at 894-1400, ext 212, or email camps@wildwoodpca.org. (Grades represent Fall 2009 grade. Other camps may be added, check the website often.)



Backyard Bible Clubs - Helpers will be needed to assist the teachers with the pre-schoolers.

Kids' Playroom @ TMH - We will be holding a **GIANT GARAGE SALE on Saturday, July 11th**, with the proceeds benefiting TMH and others. Help needed July 6th - July 10th during the day for set-up.

To sign up send an email to dirt@wildwoodpca.org and you will be notified each week as opportunities come up. (If you know of a good opportunity in the community, please let us know.)

It is time to get dirty!!