



First Baptist Church Collinsville

Teaching and Training Kids

That Rock for Jesus

Hello boys and girls. I hope all of you are doing really good today. I know that some of you are in the Boy Scouts or Girl Scouts. I was a Boy Scout many years ago and Mrs. Jan was a Girl Scout. I still remember the Scout motto—"Be Prepared." This means that every Scout (boy or girl) needs to be prepared to handle anything that might happen. "Anything" refers to a whole lot of things, doesn't it? How can we be prepared for things even before they happen? That is a great question. The Apostle Paul was writing to a young man whom he was training to be a servant of God. In trying to prepare Timothy, Paul told him, *"If you keep yourself pure, you will be a special utensil for honorable use. Your life will be clean, and you will be ready for the Master to use you for every good work"* (**2 Timothy 2:21**). There are two things all of us can do to help us be prepared for anything that happens in life. First, we need to be followers of Jesus. This can only happen after we have asked Jesus to forgive our sins and invite Him into our lives. Once He has forgiven us, the Holy Spirit comes to live inside us. His job is to help us know what to do and what not to do. Second, we need to be obedient to whatever the Holy Spirit tells us to do. One way the Holy Spirit speaks to us is through the Bible. When we read the Bible, or memorize a verse, the Holy Spirit can speak to us as we think about what the Bible says. If we will do what the Bible asks us to do we will be ready for anything that might happen in life. I hope you all have invited Jesus into your lives. If not talk to mom, dad, grandmother, grandfather, your Sunday school teacher, or me. Any of us would be happy to help you know Jesus. Once you belong to Jesus, He will always be there to help you. Remember, Jesus loves you and so do I.

Pastor Larry

Mark Your Calendars:

- 10/6** - Church Fire Drill 10:30 a.m.
- 10/16** - Children's Choir "Down by the Creek Bank" 6:45 p.m.
- 10/30** - Children's Hallelujah Party 6:30 (Wear your costumes)

Oct. Sunday School Schedule:

- 10/6: Hosea, Prophet to Israel
- 10/13: Israel taken Captive
- 10/20: Isaiah, Prophet to Judah
- 10/27: Hezekiah and Josiah

October Worship Schedule:

- October 6: Communion
- October 13: Children's Church: "Jesus Paid for Our Sins"
- October 20: Pastor's Pals
- October 27: Children's Church:

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CHILDREN'S HALLELUJAH PARTY:
Wednesday, October 30 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m
Children's department 2nd floor

The Children's Ministry is having a Hallelujah Party for the children of the church during our Wednesday evening time. This will include children from Mission Friends, RA's and GA's (2 year olds—5th grade.) We will have light refreshments and games. Children are encouraged to wear their costumes.

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A NOTE FROM Mrs. Charlotte:

As we begin to see our season change from summer to fall, we think of all the wonderful things that we will participate in. These are in addition to your normal school week and your parents work week. We think of the beautiful leaves and all the acorns that will fall for our animal friends to enjoy; we think of Friday night football games, Saturday soccer games, hikes on trails, and the wonderful adventures we will enjoy traveling to different places. Some of you will participate in carnivals and fairs, tailgating, and family weekend get-away. Have you ever heard your parents say they have a "full plate"? Kids can have full plates too. I have an experiment you can try to see if you have a "full plate".

- You will need a bible, paper plate and pen.
- Answer this question: What do you think it means to have a "full plate"? If your answer is a way to say you are very busy, you are correct.
- Write everything on your plate that you are involved in, including extracurricular activities, your church involvement, and your school work.
- Read aloud Proverbs 16:3, which says, "Commit to the LORD whatever you do, and he will establish your plans."
- Look at what you have written on your full plate. Look at a way you can do what this verse says. Are there things you would like to add or take off your plate? Make sure you God covers the biggest portion of your plate.
- Have your mom and dad make their own plates.
- Make sure in what you are doing you include God. In whatever plans we have our verse tells us to commit those plans to God.
- Make sure you thank HIM daily for what he has provided for you.

Children's Choir

We are finally ready to present our program that we've worked so hard on! We will be performing **DOWN BY THE CREEK BANK** on Wednesday night, October 16. After that we will begin working on music for the holidays. We'd love to have you join us for practice, Wednesday evenings at 5:15 before the church meal.

Mission Friends:

Ages 2-5 (Pre-K) Meets Wednesday Nights at 6:30

Mission Friends will be learning about the Toby family who are missionaries in the state of Kentucky.

GIRLS IN ACTION:

Our mission's travel for October will take us to the beautiful state of Kentucky. We will be learning about John and Cathy Toby who are the Mission Director's in Bowling Green, Kentucky. You will learn about God's unshakable pursuit of Moses and Aaron at the burning bush. You will be challenged to think of how God might be pursuing you. You will be learning about the Kentucky Derby and how the Associational Missions plays a part in that event. You will make your own Kentucky Derby hat. We will be making Encouragement Journals by writing encouraging notes for each other. October is also Global Hunger Month. We will be sharing how each of us can help. Our focus verse will be Exodus 4: 14-15.

R/A's

R/A's is for boys K-5th grade.

We meet on Wednesdays from 6:30-7:30.

We continue to explore God's word and learn how to read it and apply it daily to our lives.



We are having lots of fun in our new Awana program. Game time is a blast and we are enjoying the class time and Bible memory. Kids are working hard to earn badges for their bags and earning Awana bucks by attending and actively participating in the theme nights as well as class. This month's themes include, Crazy Hat Night, Double Up Buttercup, Operation Shoebox Night, and Wacky Tacky Night. We also have our first Awana store night in October. Join us anytime during the year to see what Awana is all about!

***"I am not ashamed of the gospel; it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone that believes."
Romans 1:16***