



First Baptist Church Collinsville

Teaching and Training Kids
That Rock for Jesus

Unsinkable

Hi boys and girls. Summer is the perfect time to go to a pool, a lake, or the beach. But if you do not know how to swim (like me) it can be scary to be in the water. It is helpful to have something we can use that will keep us from sinking. I like to use an inner tube when I am in the water. Perhaps you like to use a float. Floats come in all sizes and forms. I have seen floats shaped like a duck, a frog, a turtle, a fish, a chair, and a lot more. It does not matter what type of float you use as long as it keeps you from sinking in the water.

When it comes to life, we also need something to help us keep from sinking into sin. James, a step-brother of Jesus, tells us what to use. He said to *"humble yourselves in the presence of the Lord, and He (Jesus) will lift you up"* (James 4:10, my addition). Jesus is the best float we could ever have. He keeps us safe while we are out on the waters of life. What does it mean to humble ourselves? To be humble is to think about other people more than we think about ourselves. When we humble ourselves we are following the example provided by Jesus. He thought so much about us that He came into this world and gave His life so that we could be forgiven of our sins. Being humble allows us to put our faith in Jesus so we can remain safe from sin. Being humble also provides a good example for other people to follow. Some of them may accept Jesus as their life-saver because of how we live our lives before them.

So the next time you go swimming and you see an inner tube or a float, think about Jesus. When we rely on Him, we are unsinkable! Have a fun summer, but be safe. And remember Jesus loves you and so do I!

Pastor Larry

- July Sunday School Schedule:**
- 8/2: The Good Shepherd
 - 8/9: Jesus Calmed the Storm
 - 8/16: Jesus Fed a Crowd
 - 8/23: Jesus Walked on Water
 - 8/30: Jesus Showed His Glory

Currently, we are posting our children's lessons on our FBCC Facebook page each Sunday. Ms. Rebecca is posting your Sunday school lessons each Sunday and we are both posting your G/A lessons and Mission Friends lessons on Wednesday nights.

- Children's Church Schedule:**
- August 2: Journey #1
"Jesus Calls His Disciples"
 - August 9: Journey #2
"The Crowd Follows Jesus"
 - August 16: Journey #3
"The Sermon on the Mount"
 - August 23: Journey #4
"God Blesses Those Who Are Poor"
 - August 30: Journey #5
"God Blesses Those Who Are Sad"

A NOTE FROM Mrs. Charlotte:

Here we are at the beginning of another month. In typical situations, our kids would be looking anxiously to return to school, catching up with their classmates, finding out what teachers they have, and returning to sports. As we know, those typical situations have slightly changed for us not only in our schools, our activities and in our churches. To the parents of our kids, I want to let you know that first the safety of our children and the safety of our church members is the most important aspect of our reopening in person our children's activities. We have tried to keep your children active in participation by mailing packets to them for things to do, making sure their Sundays' and Wednesday's had some normalcy for them in providing lessons for Children's Church, Sunday School, G/A's and Mission Friends. The church has made possible two Church services, one thru a drive-in aspect and in person aspect for those who would like to attend. We are working diligently to look at ways to try to reengage in person. But, even at that, it will not be the old way of coming to church and Sunday school. Things will not simply remain the same. There will be some new parameters in place. Cautiously, we move from anxiously awaiting an invitation back to our church facilities to a hopeful plan of action that safely accommodates our church family – of all ages. We look forward to sharing in the next few months those plans.

In the meantime, Parents, a questionnaire will be sent from the church office. Please take the time to answer and send back with your concerns and thoughts.

Also, continue to disciple your children. We as teachers and leaders can present the material, but it is up to you to engage your children in discussion and understanding of what is being presented. What better teachers than yourselves!

Kids, a back to school package will be mailed to you in the coming weeks. Enjoy.

We miss you all. We pray that the beginning of the school year, even though remotely, goes well for each of you.



RIGHT NOW MEDIA FOR CHILDREN:

Parents, make sure you check out Right Now Media for great movies and lessons for children. It is free! Go to the website for the church and look under Resources. There are great bible studies for adults too!



Awana

While some ministries are harder to start back up than others because of logistics and the need for physical distancing, we do believe we can resume Awana in the fall while observing guidelines. We will have some changes to the program but the overall concept will remain the same.

The program will begin Sunday, September 13, 4:00-5:30. We will not be able to have a big kick off but you can arrive early to register your child or request pre-registration from Stacy or the church office. You can also choose to register but “work your book” at home rather than attend in person classes. Please contact Stacy Craven with any questions: 336-1758.



Ages 2 years—8th Grade

Masks required for ages 10 and up while moving about.

GIRLS IN ACTION:

Girls,

I hope you received your GA books for June through August in the mail. For the month of August, we will be studying about Chaplains who are called to care. We will learn about Cathy Tisher who provides spiritual and emotional support to people living in nursing homes and assisted living facilities in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. We will also learn how Christmas in August gifts help Cathy minister to the people she serves. We will begin Week 1 with the story of Zacchaeus and how he pursued Jesus and that Jesus came to look for the lost and save them. The Bible verse for the month is “Jesus said to Zacchaeus, ‘Today salvation has come to your house. You are a member of Abraham’s family line. The Son of Man came to look for the lost and save them’”. (Luke 19:9-10). An activity you could do, as a family is to go outside, sit under a tree, and share the story of Zacchaeus. It is on page 38 in your book.

Don’t forget to pray for our August MK’s listed on page 37 in your books.

As the missionary videos are posted, look for them on FBCC Facebook for the month.



Mission Friends:

Ages 2-5 (Pre-K)

Mission Friends: For Mission Friends we will be in Oklahoma City, Ok with missionary, Cathy Tisher. Miss Tisher is a chaplain at three healthcare facilities that include nursing home and assisted living facilities. She helps senior citizens by visiting them, praying for them, and leading Bible studies each week. Our concept area for the month is church. Let us go to church - see Psalm 122:1.

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