



# First Baptist Church Collinsville

Teaching and Training Kids  
That Rock for Jesus

Hey boys and girls. When I was a child, one of the games kids played was marbles. Some of you may have never heard of marbles. So let me explain how you play. First, you draw a big circle in the dirt. Then each player puts the same number of his own marbles into the ring. The players take turns trying to knock each other's marbles out of the ring by shooting one of their marbles at one of their opponent's marbles (kind of like pool). When a shooter knocks a marble out of the ring, he picks it up and puts it in his pocket. If his shooting marble stays inside the circle, he is allowed to keep shooting. If not, the next player takes his turn. When all the marbles have been knocked out of the ring, they are counted and the one with the most marbles is the winner.

Before a game of marbles begins, one player will ask the other players, "Are we playing for fun, or are we playing for keeps?" If you just play for fun, when the game is over, the winner gives the marbles back. But if you play for keeps, the winner gets to keep his marbles, plus all of the marbles he has won.

Some people live their life as if it were a game of marbles. They spend all their time trying to get as much stuff as they can (cars, boats, clothes, 4-wheelers, vacation homes, money, etc.). They think that the one with the biggest house, the fanciest car, and the most money in the bank is the winner. They think they are playing "for keeps," but when they come to the end of their life, do you know how much of the stuff they get to keep? None! They spend their whole life trying to win all of the marbles, but in the end, they leave behind everything they have gotten!

Jesus said that if we want to be real winners we must be willing to give up everything and follow him (**Read, Mark 8:34-38**). When we follow Jesus, we may not have a lot of the things that some people think are important. However, we will have something that is much better. We will have everlasting life with Jesus. You see, when we give our lives to Jesus, HE "plays for keeps." There is nothing wrong with getting and enjoying things in this life. Just be sure you are making plans to live in heaven with Christ one day. And always remember, Jesus loves you and so do I.

*Pastor Larry*

## Mark Your Calendars:

3/1 – Children's Ministry Council Meeting  
3/8 – Daylight Savings Time Begins  
3/12 – VBS Decorating  
4/11 – Easter Egg Hunt  
4/19 – Grand Prix Night Awana  
May – VBS Outreach Saturday

### March Birthdays

March 3: Jase Ramsey  
March 26: Blayke Collins

### March Sunday School Schedule:

Key Verse: John 1:1-2

3/1: From Adam to Jesus  
3/8: John was Born  
3/15: Jesus was Born  
3/22: Jesus was Dedicated  
3/29: Jesus as a Child

### March Worship Schedule:

March 1: Children's Church  
"We Don't Judge Each Other"

March 8: Children's Church  
"Jesus' Followers Obey God's Word"

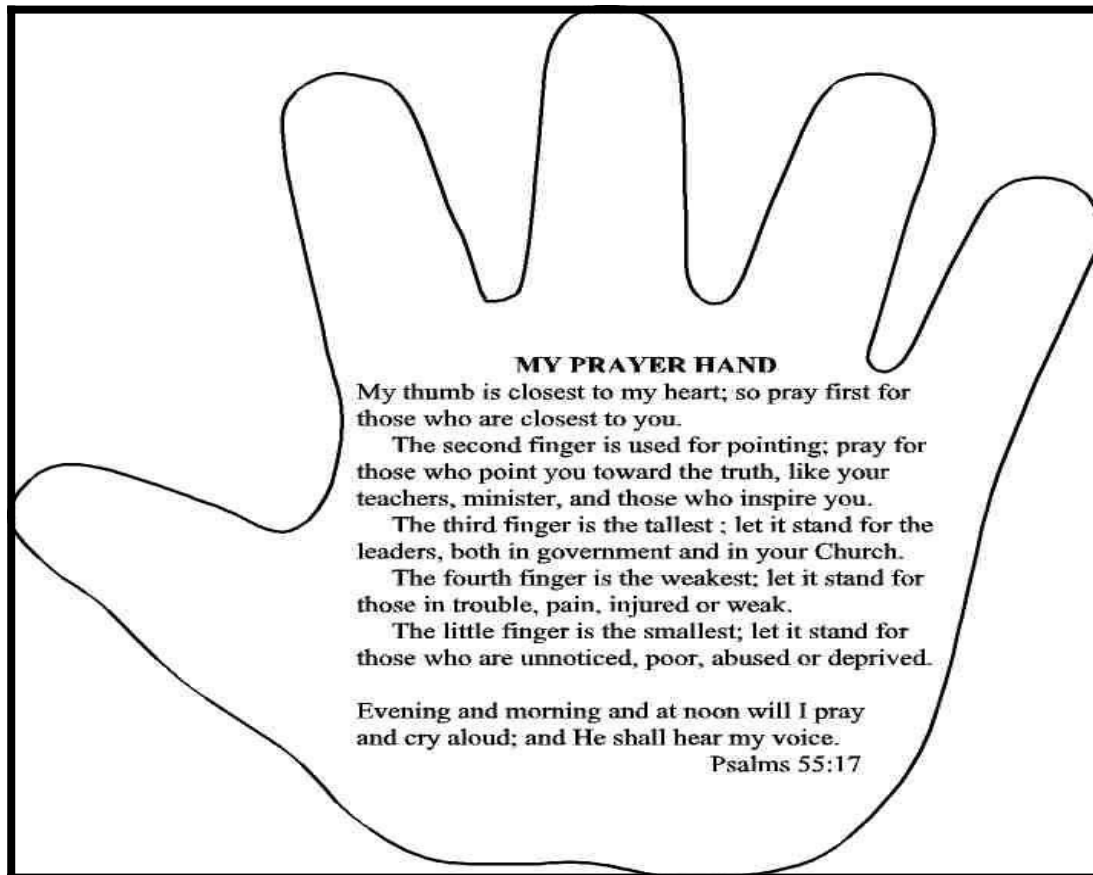
March 15: Pastor's Pals

March 22: Children's Church  
"Jesus' Followers Accept God Gifts Through Faith"

March 29: Pastor's Pals

## A NOTE FROM Mrs. Charlotte:

What a wonderful feeling and celebration seeing our children come to Christ. As I reflect back on this year and previous years, I think of the ones that have committed themselves to follow Jesus. I think of how they have developed and will continue to develop in their faith walk. There is excitement and joy and in some cases, maybe fear. One of those fears is uneasiness about prayer. They think they are "doing it wrong", "making mistakes", or that it feels "silly". This is not just a feeling children have, but many adults have an uneasiness talking and sharing with God. We as children's leaders and parents should encourage them that prayer is a safe place to have a fulfilling conversation with Christ. Prayer should not be scary, or intimidating or boring, but the path to a closer relationship with God. Below is a prayer hand that we can share and use to encourage our children to pray.



**The smallest finger is where we should place ourselves for our prayers and our needs. Kids, remember God is always listening and waiting to hear from you.**

### Children's Choir

We are continuing to practice chimes in children's choir. We are having fun learning to read simple music and look forward to presenting our songs to the church very soon. Please join us to practice, Wednesdays at 5:15.

### 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 is great bible studies for adults too!

## Mission Friends:

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

Mission Friends will be learning about Mr. Palmer who is in Idaho. He is the pastor of a Cowboy Church and helps plants other Cowboy Churches. The mission area is Cowboy Church, the concept area is church, and the bible thoughts are I like to go to church (Psalm 122:1) and Jesus went to church (Luke 4:16).

### GIRLS IN ACTION:

Girls, put on your cowboy boots! This month, you will be heading to rural and remote Lemhi County, Idaho. You will meet Pastor Mike Palmer and Lemhi River Cowboy Church. You will learn how cowboy churches reach people who might not feel comfortable attending a traditional church. You will learn that Jesus ate dinner with tax collectors and sinners and chose a tax collector named Matthew to follow him. We will also be challenged to support missionaries by participating in the Week of Prayer for North American Missions and giving to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering.

### R/A's

- R/A's is for boys K-5th grade.
- We meet on Wed. evenings from 6:30-7:30.

### AWANA Theme Nights for March include:

- 3/1 Pajama Night
- 3/8 Dress like a Senior Citizen
- 3/15 Career Night—what do you want to be when you grow up?
- 3/22 Double Up Buttercup
- 3/29 Fill it Up! - Fill an Easter egg (or 2) with change for the Pregnancy Care Center

### Children's Mission Day

- A special thank you to all in the church who donated to our Children's Ministry Day on February 16 at the SPCA. We had twelve attend and help on that Saturday. The children delivered dog food, cat litter, cat food, newspapers, chew toys, leashes and collars, and more. They worked together as a team assisting the SPCA. The highlight of the visit was when the staff asked the children to help and play with the puppies. Check out the church's Facebook for pictures. They have been invited to come back in the spring! And we will!

### VBS: Concrete and Cranes!

Building on the love of Jesus.

Moto: Jesus! Our Strong Foundation

Vacation Bible School is June 7-11 from 6:00 - 8:30. June 12 will be family night starting at 6.



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