September 2020 Newsletter



First Baptist Church Collinsville

Teaching and Training Kids That Rock for Jesus

Here Comes the Judge (Luke 18:1-8)

Hi boys and girls. I hope you are adjusting to the new way you are having to do school this year. Do you know what a judge does? A judge helps people know what is fair and right for someone to do. Jesus tells a story about a woman who goes to see a judge to get his help. There was a man who was not treating her fairly. He was keeping her from doing or getting something that was her right to do or have. At first the judge refused to help with her problem. But the woman kept asking for his help. Finally, the judge agreed so that she would not keep bothering him with her problem.

After Jesus finished telling the story, He shared the lesson from the story with His followers. Jesus told them, "Don't you think God will surely give justice to his chosen people who cry out to him day and *night?"* (Luke 18:7, NLT). In other words, Jesus will answer our prayers if we do not stop asking Him for what we need. Have you ever found yourself in a situation that was so hard that you wanted to give up? Maybe you were having trouble with your school work. Or perhaps someone had been mean or unkind to you. What Jesus wants us to learn from this story is that our Heavenly Father loves us and wants to take care of us. He knows what is best for us and He is able to help us with any problem that comes up. Just remember, God likes it when we keep asking Him to help. Stay safe and well. I hope to see you soon.

Sept. Sunday School Schedule:
9/6: Kingdom Parables
9/13: Three Parables
9/20: Jesus' Hard Teachings
9/27: Jesus Raised Lazarus
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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:

September 6: Journey #6 "God Blesses Those Who Are Gentle and Kind"

September 13: Journey #7 "God blesses Those Who Are Fair"

September 20: Journey #8 "God Blesses Those Who Are Merciful"

September 27: Journey #9 "God Blesses Those Whose Hearts Are Pure"

A NOTE FROM Mrs. Charlotte:

I hope everything is going well with you during your remote learning for school.

It will soon be time to start collecting our items for the Samaritan's Purse shoeboxes. Try to start on them early this year so we can make sure that children around the world have something for Christmas.

We have two squirrels in our yard that visit every day. We have named one of them Chunky and the other squirrel is Spunky. In a few months, they will be storing up their food for the winter. One of their favorite items is acorns. Now we have some oak trees in our back yard that are taller than our house! In the summer, they shade our yard from the hot sun. The squirrels race up and down the trunk of the tree. They even climb the poles of our bird feeders. Birds build nests high in the oak trees branches. When winter comes, the wind whistles through the branches, the limbs creak and sway, and the yellow leaves fall to the ground.

Do you know how a giant oak tree is born? Every oak tree started out as a little acorn. Did you know that? If you plant an acorn, it will grow to be a giant oak. A little acorn has locked up inside of it the power to be an oak tree. All the branches, leaves, and limbs of an oak tree are wrapped up right inside the acorn.

Did you know that it was the same way for you? When you first started growing, you were very small, smaller than an acorn. But, wrapped inside the tiny cells that were you was all the potential of a person. Your eyes, your ears, your hands, your feet, and the color of your hair were all right there in the tiny seed that was you.

You may think right now you are just a little child, like an acorn. But in every one of you, there is the possibility of becoming a big person. Not just big on the outside, but big on the inside – like Jesus was. Big in love, and truth, and goodness. The potential of being like Jesus, of living the way He lived. You might say there is a Jesus locked within all of us, ready to be unloosed if we let Him. Jesus wants to live in us and live through us and help us to become like Him.

Are you an acorn? Do you want to become an oak tree? You can!

When you are out in your yard the next couple of months, look around for those little acorns, and think about how you have the potential of being like Jesus.

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, 4:00-5:00. 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,

For the month of September, we will be learning about The Baptist Friendship House. The manager of the House is Kay Bennett, who started as a summer missionary at the home years ago. Their house verse comes from 1 John 3:17-18, which says: "But whoever has this world's goods, and sees his

brother in need, and shuts up his heart from him, how does the love of God abide in him?" The Friendship Houses' motto is "Meeting needs through Love, Action, and Truth". The House sees many different women who come through the doors. They offer many services for these women and their children who are homeless. The women come in for food and clothing. They also offer

educational programs for the women for Literacy, GED Training and Job Training. A Bible Study is held one day a week for them.

Our memory verse for this month relates to the needs of the Baptist Friendship House. The verse comes from Psalm 121:7-8. "The Lord will keep you from every kind; the Lord will keep you from every kind of harm. He will watch over your life. The Lord will watch over your life wherever you go both now and forever.

Your September Workbook will be mailed to you the first week in September.



Mission Friends:

Ages 2-5 (Pre-K)

Mission Friends is Kay Bennett in New Orleans, LA. She is the director at the Baptist Friendship House and she is the site coordinator for Christian Women's Job Corps and WorldCrafts leader. The Concept area is God.

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