

November 19, 2018: Children's & Mid-Kids Ministries Governance Board Report
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Nursery: After having many of our nursery team graduate this past spring, we are again blessed to have a full nursery team that is nurturing the children on Sunday mornings, Wednesday evenings, and other small groups that meet. Many of them are nursing students that bring a wealth of professionalism and knowledge to our team. Many hours are spent making sure we go above and beyond caring for the children each and every time they are with us. We have added a Bible lesson for our Nursery kids on Sunday morning for those who are too young to attend a Sunday School class.

Faith/Spiritual Development: Through Sunday School classes, Worship Express, and Bible Time, we are reaching many children for faith growth.

Sunday School: Numbers are lower than I would like to see, especially in the Preschool class. Starting with the Winter Quarter, adjustments are being made so that I am able to work on increasing numbers in the Preschool class (and other classes too). Through various methods, I plan to reach out to families and hopefully increase attendance.

Worship Express: Numbers continue to be strong and we often get numerous visitors. In speaking with visiting families, (many who are church shopping), they indicate that Worship Express is a great way for their children to become familiar with the church and they (the parents/guardians) are able to fully engage in the worship service. During the past two weeks, in Worship Express, we have focused on Stewardship using the book, "The Gift That I Can Give".

Bible Time: WOW! Our group keeps growing. Our themes for the past three months have been; Building Blocks, Jesus – Friend and Hero, and Praise Party. During December, we will focus on; Meet Baby Jesus. It has been very exciting to see these children grow and we even have children volunteering to pray at the end of our time together! It has been very powerful!

3rd Grade Bible Presentation: On November 18, 2018, five 3rd Graders received their Bibles after spending 12 weeks studying, "Learning to Use My Bible" curriculum. Grayson Hochstedler, Avery Wills, Bryce Keckler, Kathryn Gardner, and Brooklyn Spray all worked very hard during this time. They embraced each lesson with enthusiasm and couldn't wait to challenge each other in remembering what they learned the week before! A big part of their success was having wonderful mentors in the 4th graders, Anna Mott and Zach Havel.

Intergenerational Event: On November 16, 2018, a Game Night was held! We had over 35 people attend and share laughter, fellowship, game playing, food, and so much more! Next event will be a Movie Night on December 14, 2018. More events are being planned for 2019!

Serving in Faith,

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