

KidsPress

"See what love the Father has given us,
that we should be called children of God."
1 John 3:1



South Highland Presbyterian Church, Birmingham, AL June, 2011

We Love Our Teachers!



On May 15th our children celebrated **Sunday School Teacher Appreciation Day** with classroom parties and a special time of recognition in the Sanctuary during the 11:00 worship service. Many thanks to all the wonderful servants who bless our children as they share their gifts of time and talent as volunteers in Children's Ministry, and to our amazing room parents who helped plan and carry out the classroom parties!

There are many opportunities to serve God in ministry to our precious children, and we are currently seeking Sunday School teachers for the 2011-12 school year. If you feel God tugging at your heart to join our terrific team of volunteers, please contact Kit MacLeod at 933-0790 or kmacleod@southhighland.org for more information.



SUMMER FUN!



Vacation Bible School

June 13-17 - SHPC

June 27-July 1 - Lovelady Center

9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. daily

It's not too late to register as a camper or a volunteer!

Campers are completed PreK3's - 4th graders.

Volunteers are completed 5th graders - adults.

Volunteers are needed for both weeks and may register for either one or both.

Register in the sanctuary reception area on Sundays or in the church office during the week.



Presbytery Elementary Summer Camp

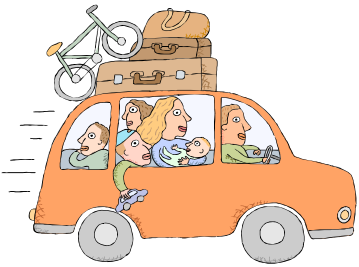
June 6-10, 2011
(for completed 3rd - 5th graders)

Come spend an awesome time with your friends exploring the wonders of God at beautiful Rolling Hills Camp in Calera!

For more information about this and other Presbytery camps for children and youth, pick up a Presbytery camp brochure in the sanctuary reception area. Get more information and register at www.pslpcusa.org.

If you have questions about these or other Children's Ministries programs, or if you want to be a part of our terrific team of youth and adult volunteers, please contact Kit MacLeod at 933-0790 or kmacleod@southhighland.org.

SUMMERTIME FAMILY ACTIVITIES



Worthy of Praise

Sometimes summer vacations and weekend get-aways deter families from attending church. Use this idea to help your kids learn they can worship God even when

they can't be at church.

Take along worship CDs and a family devotional book on vacation. On Sunday morning, spend time together listening and singing along to your favorite worship tunes. Read a devotional and pray together, thanking God for the time your family shares in God's presence.

Taking time to worship, even when your family is away from your church home, helps your kids learn to honor God anytime, anywhere.



Sunset Hike

Take advantage of the longest day of this year, June 21 (the summer solstice), by taking your family on a sunset hike.

As evening approaches, find an established hiking trail to explore with your kids. Bring a backpack packed with a flashlight, snacks, drinks, and a Bible. Find a spot to stop and watch the sunset and enjoy a snack. Read aloud Psalm 65:5-8 and talk with your kids about all of the wonderful things they enjoy each day in God's creation.

After the sun dips into the horizon, use a flashlight to guide you back to the trailhead, thanking God for the beauty of creation and the ways He shines His light on us..



REMEMBERING PENTECOST

On Sunday, June 12th, we celebrate Pentecost, the time when the Holy Spirit descended on believers, giving them the power to speak other languages and share the Good News about Jesus. To help your children remember this special day, read Acts 2:1-4 with them and discuss what it must have been like to hear the rush of a mighty wind and see the tongues of flame coming down from the sky. Although the Holy Spirit originally appeared as a flame above the head of each apostle, today we do not see the Holy Spirit. Instead we see and feel the Holy Spirit's work, like we see and feel the work of the wind. Here's a fun craft that will help your children remember the gift of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost:

Pentecost Pinwheels

A pinwheel can be used to represent the winds that blew on Pentecost. You can also explain to the children how, even though we can't see the wind, it is still there; just like the Holy Spirit.

Materials Needed:

- Square piece of heavy paper
- Ruler
- Scissors
- Stapler
- Thumb tack
- Pencil with an eraser on the end

Directions:

1. Use the ruler to draw an X on the paper, from one corner to the other corner. Children can color and decorate the paper any way they desire.
2. Take the scissors and begin cutting on each line of the X, beginning at each corner and stopping at the center of the paper.
3. Fold every other point over, stapling the tip of that point to the center of the paper.
4. After the pinwheel is fashioned, push a thumbtack through the very center. Twist the tack around a few times to enlarge the hole, making it easier for the pinwheel to spin. Holding the pencil vertically, stick the pin into the eraser and blow!

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