

# 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

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## Going BareFoot

**"Do not come any closer," God said. "Take off your sandals. The place you are standing on is holy ground." Exodus 3:5 (NIRV)**

During the school year I'd normally have to wear sneakers to school and dress shoes to church. And my friends who played sports or took dance had to wear special shoes for those things, too. There are a lot of types of shoes out there! Slippers, rain boots, mary janes, tennis shoes, sandals, flip-flops, high-heels, cowboy boots...In the summertime, I'd try to be barefoot. Do you ever go barefoot in the summer? The feeling of mud between your toes or grass under your feet is a magical feeling to me. I love it!

In the Bible in the book called Exodus, Moses goes to the top of a mountain. Suddenly he sees this bush covered in flames...but the bush is not burning up! Moses really wants to get a good look, so he moves a little closer. And suddenly God says **"Do not come any closer. Take off your sandals. The place you are standing on is holy ground."** You see, this mountain where Moses happened to be was a special place people sometimes went when they wanted to be close to God. God told Moses that he was in a special place, and wanted him to take off his shoes to show RESPECT.

So, if we know that God made everything and that He is with us no matter where we go, isn't every place we go special? How can we show God and the others around us that we love and respected the world God created? Maybe we can "go barefoot" without taking off our shoes—it might just mean saying a prayer of thanks, or respecting creation by picking up trash, or tending to a garden, or even asking your parents to start recycling at home. Be creative!

**-Rachel King-Barr**

**Challenge of the month:** Find a way to show God how thankful you are for the world he made!

### Learn More:

Want to know some easy ways to take care of the environment?

Visit: <http://greenplanet4kids.com>

Want to know how buying a pair of shoes can make a difference?

Visit: <http://www.toms.com/our-movement>



Sept. 11, 3:00pm

Club 54 Kick-Off

Sept. 18, 10:30am

Bread & Cup Meeting

Sept. 25, 5:00pm

Bread & Cup Class

## Children's Choir

Will resume this month and will practice Wednesday nights in partnership with Logos Programming (6:00-7:00pm). The choir is scheduled to sing in church on the following dates: Oct.09, Nov.20, Dec.11, Jan.29, Feb.19, March 11, May 06

# Club 54 Kick-Off

## September 11, 2011



**4th & 5th Graders!!!** Come join us for the kick-off for a new year with Club 54! Club 54 is a very special gathering for current 4th & 5th graders, where we can practice fellowship, leadership, and just have absolute fun together! Our first event this year is a SWIM PARTY hosted at the Troiano Home (3732 Briar Oak Circle) from 3:00-5:00pm. Bring your swim suit, towel, and treat (boys bring something salty, girls bring something sweet). *Look for more Club 54 information coming your way!*

# Bread & the Cup Class

## Beginning on September 18, 2011

If you and your child would like to participate in this year's Communion Preparation class, please plan to join us in the Dolphin (2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Sunday School) room SUNDAY, September 18th, right after Sunday School, to get your materials and an introduction to the class. We will have a parent and child preparation class and dinner on Sunday, September 25th, 5:00-7:00pm.



## OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

Want to have fun and be blessed while living out your baptismal vows?  
Please consider these terrific, currently available opportunities!



- **Sunday School Teacher:** Team with another teacher to teach your choice of PreK's – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade, beginning at the end of August. Excellent, user-friendly curriculum materials and orientation training are provided.
- **Enrichment Teacher/Helper:** Team with others in ministry to our 3-5 year olds during part of the 11:00 worship service.
- **Nursery Caregiver:** Help snuggle and rock babies in the nursery during Sunday School, worship, or other church events, scheduled at your convenience.
- **LOGOS Ministry Team:** Help lead children in Recreation, Bible Study, or Worship Skills on Wednesday evenings, concurrent with Wednesday Night Live dinners and adult programs.
- **KidsPress/Highlights/Website Team:** Work with Children's Ministries Directors to develop ideas, write articles, recruit writers for articles, or update Children's Ministries web pages.

If you hear God calling you to serve in ministry to our precious children, or if you just want more information, please contact April Harrell or Rachel King-Barr in the Children's Ministry office at 933-0790, or email at [aharrell@southhighland.org](mailto:aharrell@southhighland.org), or [rkbarr@southhighland.org](mailto:rkbarr@southhighland.org)