



First Baptist Church Collinsville

Teaching and Training Kids

That Rock for Jesus

Back to School (Matthew 16:15-16)

Hi kids. Well it's that time again—time to go back to school. Some of you are probably excited and others of you may be sad summer is over. You may be nervous about going back to school because of all the new things that you will have to face. You will have new teachers, new friends, and some of you will be going to a new school.

On the first day of school the teacher may ask the class some questions to find out how much you know about a subject. When the teacher asks a question to which you know the answer you might wave your hand excitedly in the air and say, "I know, I know!" It is a great feeling when you know the answer, isn't it? It sure helps get rid of those "back to school jitters."

In our lesson today, the disciples are going back to school and Jesus is their teacher. He often took the disciples aside to teach them important lessons about the kingdom of God. This was one of those days. Jesus began the lesson by asking the disciples, "Who do people say that I am? I wonder if one of the disciples raised his hand and said, "I know, I know!"

Several of the disciples answered Jesus—each one with a different answer. One said, "Some say that you are John the Baptist." Another said, "Some people say you are the prophet Elijah." A third disciple said, "Some say that you are the prophet Jeremiah or one of the other Old Testament prophets." Jesus responded to them by saying, "That is what other people are saying, but who do you say that I am?" I think Peter was so excited that he forgot to raise his hand. Perhaps he just called out and said, "You are the Christ, the Son of the Living God." When Peter said that, Jesus told him, "You are right Peter. But you did not learn that by listening to other people. It was taught to you by My Father in heaven."

The lesson that the disciples learned then is just as important to us today. The word Christ actually means "chosen one." God chose His only Son Jesus to come to this world and give His life so that people could be saved from sin and live in heaven someday. Sadly, many people in the world do not know who Jesus is. You and I should be ready with the answer, "He is the Christ, the Son of the living God."

Did you know the answer to the question Jesus asked? If you have been saved, you should have. If you have not accepted Jesus as your Savior, you can do that right now. Wherever you are, whenever you choose, you can call out for Jesus to forgive your sins and save your soul. May God's grace be with you in school this year and remember that whatever happens Jesus loves you and so do I.

Pastor Larry

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

A NOTE FROM Mrs. Charlotte:

As the month of August will soon begin, we will be looking ahead to the reopening of schools. What a fast and short summer it has been. I hope each of you have made some great memories this summer with friends and families. Some of you will be moving on to new schools with new teachers and new friends. I pray that you will let God be your leader on this new journey.

Not long after school begins, we will also start to see the change of seasons. We will be moving into the fall season. This is one of my favorite times of the year. Autumn brings such beautiful changes to our world. The air is so crisp and clean. The leaves on the trees change color and sparkle in the sunlight. Then the leaves fall to the ground and make wonderful crackling noises when we step on them. We rake them into big piles and jump as high as we can right into the center of the pile. As we brush off the leaves, we line up again and do it all over again, giggling as we go. Autumn is a time of change even in our church. Just like leaves, we are all changing in some way. I remember when some of you were too little to walk to the front of the church for the children’s message and too young for Children’s Church. You weren’t in school and couldn’t ride bikes. But now look at how grown up you are getting! I even see some teenagers in the congregation who once came up for these children’s messages and attended Children’s Church. They have grown up, too. I am so proud of the young people you have now become!

Growth and change are part of God’s plan. This is what the Bible says about change: “Praise God forever and ever, because he has wisdom and power. He changes the times and seasons of the year (Daniel 2:20-21a).

We will never stay the same, and that’s good. God wants us to grow and change! All along the way, God will be with us to guide and direct our change. Finally, when we are ready to die and leave this earth, God will change our bodies one last time and take us to heaven to be with him.

Be thankful for a God who loves us so much. We Love you all!

JULY CHILDREN’S WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

July Children’s Church will continue to meet in the SONshine Class through August. We will meet on the 1st, 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month. Pastor Larry will continue to have Children’s Sermons on the 3rd Sundays of each month.

We will need new Medical Forms and Permission Forms for the children. Peggy Delancey will make sure the parents and the Sunday school teachers have them. Please fill out and return to your Sunday school teacher.

G/A’s, Mission Friends and R/A’s will not start back until September. We will continue to post those lessons on FBCC Facebook page.

August Sunday School Schedule:

- 8/1: Defending the Faith
- 8/8: John’s Vision of Jesus
- 8/15: Letters to the Seven Churches
- 8/22: Before the Throne
- 8/29: Jesus will Return

Children’s Church Schedule:

- August 1:** “The Walls Go Tumbling’ Down”
- August 8:** “Deborah-Barak-Jael-Oh My!”
- August 15:** Children’s Worship Feature
- August 22:** “A Kings the Thing”
- August 29:** Children’s Worship Feature

GIRLS IN ACTION:

Girls,

For the month of August, we will be meeting Jeremiah a young messenger and Mason Fenner, a church planter to the Deaf community in Ohio.

In Week 1, you will discover that God called a young man named Jeremiah to bring a message of hope at a time when God's people had been exiled from their homes. You will also be introduced to Cleveland, Ohio; deaf church planter Mason Fenner; and American Sign Language. (Pages 32-33)

In Week 2, you will explore how Mason and Bonnie Fenner serve the Deaf community in Cleveland, Ohio. You will also learn more about how missionaries share Jesus with people who communicate through sign language. (Pages 34-35)

In Week 3, you will learn that Mason Fenner is renovating a boat shop to use as a church building. You will learn more about ASL and visual interpretations that share the hope of Jesus Christ. (Pages 36-40)

Week 4, you will be encouraged to share Jesus within your own families. (Pages 41-43)

You will also be making some wonderful treats such as Buckeye Candy (Page 38) and ASL I Love you Cookies (Page 44) You can use your creative skills to make a Jeremiah 1:7 Candy Airplane (Page 45).

The Bible Verse for the month is from Jeremiah 1:7 "But the Lord said to me, 'Do not say, "I'm too young." You must go to everyone I send you to. You must say everything I command you to say". Remember our Motto is "Go Forward".

Watch the FBCC Facebook page for postings on Wednesday nights for GA's. Work along in your GA World book each week as we share. Make sure you look at the MK kids that are having birthdays for the month. Say a prayer for them and their families.



Ages 2 years—8th Grade

**Awana will resume Sunday's
at 4 p.m. on Sunday,
September 12, 2021.**

Mission Friends:

Ages 2-5 (Pre-K)

Missionary: Jeremiah

Church Planters:

Mason and Bonnie Fenner

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!

