

Stevens Street Kids

Children & Preschool Ministries
Stevens Street Baptist Church

Parent Newsletter

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May is here and your children are counting down the days until summer!! Isn't it such fun to watch the excitement in their eyes as they talk about all of the great things they want to do during their break? Well, we have lots planned for them and hope that you can be a part of all the fun.

Thanks to all of you who attended the Family Forum on Sunday evenings in March. Dave and I felt like it was a great success as we gathered information and heard input from all of our families. We are excited about ways that we can move forward in the future.

New for You Each Month

We want to encourage you as parents in your spiritual walk and the discipleship of your children. In doing this, one of the ways that we hope will help is providing you with a monthly outline of what your child will be learning about each Sunday morning. Hopefully that will help start conversations with your child about what they have learned and what they will be learning. Discipleship is a process. It isn't something that just happens. As a parent, you have to be intentional with your children as you discuss the great things that God has planned for their lives. There is a great book available at Lifeway that would be a wonderful discussion tool for your family. It is called Faith Conversations for Families by Jim Burns. There are 52 different topics that includes scripture, activities and discussion ideas...WONDERFUL BOOK!!

Thank you for loving your children!! Thank you for bringing them to church and allowing us to be a part of your lives. We are here to help and encourage so please don't ever hesitate to call on us.

Janna

Help Kids Talk & Listen to God

For Christians, praying is a privilege. We have direct 24/7 access to the God who created and saves us. But prayer isn't just for grown-ups. Jesus wants little children to come to Him (Matthew 19:14) and to pray without ceasing (1 Thessalonians 5:17).

Prayer is a powerful way to harness kids' love of words. Between the ages of 2 and 5, a child's vocabulary explodes from about 50 words to thousands of words. And who better to talk to than God? Yet even Jesus' disciples needed help learning how to pray (Luke 11:1).

Welcome Jennifer Anderson!

I am so glad to have the privilege of serving our Lord by being a part of Stevens Street Preschool Ministry. I have already been so blessed by getting to know our wonderful preschoolers and their families.



My husband, Bobby, have been members of SSBC since 1999. Bobby has been a police officer for over 20 years and is currently a detective at the Cookeville Police Dept. We have 6 children and 1 grandchild.

I am so excited about what God has planned for the Preschool Ministry at Stevens Street!

Jennifer

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Happy Mother's Day!

Sunday, May 13

Parenting Insights

Children's perceptions of communicating with God change as they grow:

Ages 2 to 3

Young children understand that Jesus is their friend. Say (or sing!) simple prayers that relate to children's lives.

Ages 4 to 6

Children this age become very aware of the world around them. Let kids know that God cares about everything that happens to them and other people.

Ages 7 to 9

These children feel a need for God's help and can verbally express thoughts. Help them look up Bible verses about prayer.

Ages 10 to 12

Preteens realize God is more personal. Let them understand that no prayers are insignificant to their heavenly Father.