

MAY 2018 SONLIGHT FAMILY JOURNAL

Who do you have a relationship with?

As Christians it is so important for us to have relationships with other Christians! I can hear you now. Duh!! We take relationships for granted. We are created for relationships. Why? Because we are made in the image of God. God is in relationship with himself when you think about the three persons of the Trinity: the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. One God in three persons. We see in Genesis, God says, "Let us make man in our image." The "us" and "our" show that God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit were all at work together making everything in creation, with the crown achievement being Adam and Eve. Or look at the event of Jesus's baptism. Jesus is in the water being baptized by John. The Holy Spirit in the form of dove comes down upon Jesus, while God the Father says, "This is my son in whom I am pleased." God is in relationship with himself. That means we, being made in the image of God, were created to be in relationships. We are not created to be alone, recluses without having any human interaction.

The problem for many Christians is our relationships with people in the church don't go past Sunday morning worship or the program in which we may serve together during the week. Our relationship is defined by the program. The relationship is not developed beyond those boundaries. We get comfortable with these kind of compartmentalized relationships. To really be in a relationship with people we need to be together outside of the programs. We need to spend time with each other, getting to know each other more and more in a variety of ways and places. It is not bad to develop a relationship in the programs. But the question is why have you not invited the person from church over to your house for dinner? Why have you not asked to get together for a round of golf with a guy from church? Why have you not done something social that has nothing to do with the programs in the church? God has called us to be in relationship with each other. We need to try to develop those relationships with the people God has put into our lives.

This challenges me as a youth pastor to think how I am getting to know my leaders, students, and even my own family, that is not defined by programs. Ask God to challenge you to think about the people in your life that you need to seek to build a relationship with right in our own church. What is the purpose of these relationships? As Hebrews 10 says, so we can sharpen each other as the day of Jesus's second coming comes closer and closer.

Movie and Game Night

Date: Saturday, May 12th

Time: 5pm to 9pm

Who: Middle and High School

What: Bring a snack and invite a friend

Community Car Wash

Date: Saturday, May 26th

Time: 10am to 1pm

What: Washing Cars and getting to know people from our community

Bring: Servant's heart

Kids Club News for May



This school year has been wonderful as the students were able to use their mission collections for the missionaries that our church supports. We helped Child Evangelism Fellowship with the Morrissons and gathered prizes for their meetings, Bethesda Mission as we collected stuffing for their Thanksgiving meal, the Beck's church plant in Germany as they saved for a new building, the Reformed University Fellowship at Millersville with Trip Beans which needed snacks for their meetings, the Cherokee Indian students in North Carolina that the Hills work with that need school supplies, and we sent Christmas cards to all the missionaries. It was a joy to see the kids know their missionaries and to enjoy giving to them in different ways.

 **It's been impressive to see the students collect for those in need this past school year. We pray that it becomes a lasting habit to honor God by giving to the poor, the sick, those in need, and those who we love and are grateful for by the work they are doing for God and His Church.**

Honoring
GOD

Coming up! Wednesday, May 2nd, is the final night of Kids Club. We will begin the night at 5:30 with a BBQ. At 6:30 the students will show off all that they've learned this past year. Once that is finished, ice cream and frozen treats will be served back in the gym. Please join us!



Birthdays!

CHILDREN

3—ALBIV & MAVOUSKA DANIAL
4—JADEN BETANCE-AVILA
5—MCKENNA BOSWORTH
10—OWEN BOSWORTH
12—ADENG WOL
17—DAGMAWI KASSA
20—EMMA ECKEL
22—MAKENZIE LAMMEL
26—LIAM BOSWORTH

27—KATJA ALLEN
28---CIJI BROWN
28—TONY ZHANG
31—NISCHAL DHUNGANA



YOUTH

8 - Jordan Mwaniki
10 - Lydia Lonie
11 - Mike Wolcott
11 - Erica Colt
16 - Mary Skinner

COLLEGE STUDENTS
26 - Courtney Skinner