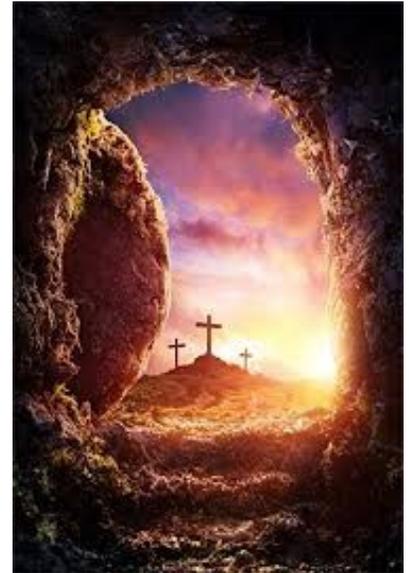


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The Great Easter Bash!

Saturday, April 6th
2 - 4 PM

*Featuring: an interactive gospel presentation, egg hunt, inflatables, yummy food, treats & a craft!
Invite your friends! Ages 0-11

We are in need of individually wrapped candy for our Egg Hunt! Place donations in Lauren's office in the blue tub.



The children are singing on April 14th for Palm Sunday. Please bring them at 8:45 AM for rehearsal and sound check!

Save the date! VBS is coming! June 24-27



Our theme will be revealed at our Easter Egg Hunt!

TEACHER TRAINING

All of our Children's Department Sunday School teachers will be in a training session this Sunday. The classes will be taught by our faithful Children's Ministry Team members as subs. Your children are in good hands.

Upcoming Image Bearer Lessons:

March 3 - Did God create the earth in 6 days?

March 10 - How about a date?

March 17 - What is compromise?

March 24 - Where did humans come from?

March 31 - Have animals evolved?

April 7 - What about dinosaurs?

April 14 - Why are snakes so scary?

April 21 - NO IB - Easter Sunday

April 28 - Why do we look different?

May 5 - CELEBRATION & Let's talk about the ice age and aliens! May 5th is our last Image Bearer session before we break for the summer.



Family Worship



Family worship is important to our congregation! Here are the top three reasons that I will make note of:

- 1) Family worship is important to Christ! When designing the idea of worship and coming into His presence, He welcomed little children! Families traveled together to hear the messages from our Savior and we believe that is just as important today as it was 2,000 years ago.
- 2) *We learn from our smallest worshippers!* They remind us that it is important to be simple and concise in all that we do. Worship should be easily understood by all. Their excitement is contagious to us older folks!
- 3) *They learn from us!* As we worship the one true God, they are watching. We are teaching them how to be reverent and warm in His presence. Their future selves will thank us and so will their future families!

How do we teach our children to worship?

We begin by worshipping with our children when they are in the nursery. We sing gentle songs and listen occasionally to the service over a speaker system so they can adjust to the sounds. At the age of three, we encourage parents to seek out a copy of Parenting in the Pew by Robbie Castleman. Ms. Lauren will provide you this for free! Castleman's book will give you many helpful hints as you prepare to teach your child how to worship with the congregation. We also encourage that you bring your child into the service for the first half. This is the time when the majority of things that will be of interest to a little child (singing, children's message, special promotions, etc) will take place.

We are offering a brand new service to our three-year-olds! Sherry Teague (our toddler SS class teacher) and Mrs. Lennie Burrell (a member of our Children's Ministry Team) are offering to walk the three year olds from the children's message back to the toddler nursery. You won't have to leave your seat anymore! This is a voluntary service, so they will only escort the children who's parents request it. Please see Ms. Lauren or Mrs. Sherry if you would find this helpful. A letter is going out in the mail this week to the parents of our three-year-olds that explains a little more about this service.

Happy Worshipping!