



Small Talk



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A blessed summer

Summer is definitely here! Each year my summer begins with VBS and what better way to begin the season than with hundreds of kids and staff shouting praises to Jesus. This year was one of the best! (I know, I say that every year.) I still think about the VBS week and thank God for the opportunities He gave to us. The joy of learning and serving Jesus was evident during this week of ministry. It is our prayer that we will continue to minister to the children who participated.

As I write this article we are preparing for Summer Blast at Camp Wooten. This year 39 kids and 12 staff from MLAC will spend five days with kids and staff from five other Alliance churches. Each year, kids make the decision to follow Jesus while attending Camp Wooten. Many of our youth counselors share their testimony at camp fire and often they tell how their journey to follow Jesus started at Camp Wooten. I have fond memories from past camp experiences and pray this year many of our kids will ask Jesus to be their forever friend.

Summer is also the time to plan and prepare for the fall kick-off of Kid Central activities. We are excited to announce the start-up of iSHOUT (see article) and the return of other kids programs.

I look forward to the summer months each year and I thank God for the summer season He gives to us. The other evening, my son commented that the days are getting shorter and before long it will be fall. That may be true, but until then I am going to enjoy each warm summer day and the opportunities God brings to me. Summer allows us to have life changing memories and for that we can be eternally grateful.

Because Jesus Loves Kids~
Pam Swedburg

Kids invited to sing

Kids Ministry and Worship Ministry are happy to announce the formation of a MLAC children's choir, which will begin meeting in September. The choir is called iSHOUT and is open to children kindergarten through sixth grade.

"I love to hear my children sing!

There is nothing quite like it," said Scott Shaw, Worship Pastor. "What I love most is that they sing and dance around without inhibition, doing what comes naturally. As a father it brings great joy to my heart; I can only imagine what it does for the heart of our heavenly Father."

It is because of this that Scott says he is excited to kick off iSHOUT. It will be an opportunity for children to have fun singing great songs, hone musical skills and learn what it means to worship God.

Denise Krober will serve as the director of iSHOUT. Denise is the music teacher at Discover Elementary. She graduated from Northwest University with a major in Music Education. Denise has been

involved in a number of children and adult choirs and currently serves on the MLAC worship team and adult choir.

"A little over a year ago, the Lord placed on my heart kid's choir and around that time, during an adult choir practice, Scott gave a devotional where he talked about want-

ing to start up a kid's choir and that's where the planning began," Denise said. "I am so excited to be a part of this new opportunity for kids. There is nothing more exciting for me, than to watch kids worship the Lord."

iSHOUT got its name from Psalm 71:23, which says, "My lips will shout for joy when I sing praise

to you."

The choir will meet from 4 p.m. to 5:15 on Sundays in the Sanctuary starting Sept. 13. An informational parent meeting will be held on the first meeting, Sept. 13.

Teen helpers are needed to assist Denise during practices. Teens interested in music who enjoy working with children should contact Scott Shaw at scott@livethecall.org.



Denise Krober
iSHOUT director



Second-grade students praise God during the assembly time at Vacation Bible School.

God works at VBS

This year's Vacation Bible School was a smashing success. Moses Lake Alliance Church was packed with 259 registered children and 145 volunteers as we learned about the life of Peter. The theme for the week was SonRock Adventure Camp, "Where children learn to build their lives on the Rock: Jesus."

Ten children accepted Christ to be their forever friend and we celebrate each decision.

The children generously donated \$4071.74 to help the Oberg family purchase an ATV to be used to

help spread the gospel in Africa. The ATV costs approximately \$5,000 and the congregation more than made up the difference by donating \$3202.74 during a special offering taken the Sunday after VBS, totalling \$7274.48. The ATV will be used to pull an evangelism trailer throughout the bush near Burkina Faso.

We thank everyone who helped with and prayed for Vacation Bible School this year. It would not have been possible without you.

We are already looking forward to next year's Vacation Bible School.

Dates to Remember:

- **Sept. 9** – Kids Club resumes, 6:30 p.m.
- **Sept. 13** – Sunday School, Central Station, and The Depot resume
- **Sept. 13** – iSHOUT informational meeting, 4 p.m.
- **Oct. 30** – Harvest Party, 5:30 p.m. (Please note change of date.)

Check It Out

(Check It Out features items we have found that may be of interest to you and your family. Let us know what you think about past features.)

✓ **Guitar Praise** – If you have a future rock star in your family, but are hesitant to buy Guitar Hero because of the songs, here is a great alternative. This computer game for Windows or Mac allows you to play along with your favorite praise bands like tobyMac, Skillet, Newsboys and more. The game retails for \$99.95. You can learn more at www.guitarpraise.com.

✓ **Amber Sky Records** – This is a great resource for families who love music. Amber Sky Records is designed to provide music that kids and parents can both listen to, and like. The founder, Reggie Joiner wanted a place where kid's music doesn't have to be something for parents to endure. All the music has a simple message with fun music that sounds like what you would hear on pop radio.

Music is purchased by buying credits. Each song costs a certain number of credits. At AmberSkyRecords.com parents can download music and music videos the whole family will love.