



Small Talk

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Another

June/July 2009

Schedules of Summer

The school year is winding down, and the kids are definitely ready for summer vacation. Every day, one of the children tells me about his/her summer plans. Today, one little girl told me she would be going to Disneyland, others told me they will be camping with their families, some will fish (they have great fish tales!), most will visit the Aquatic Center. They are very excited about their summer schedules.

As you read this month's newsletter you may notice changes in our "regular" Sunday schedule. This year we invite everyone to worship together as a family during the months of July and August. (Childcare will be provided for nursery through pre-K.)

During Central Station and Kids Club we sing a variety of songs. Many times the kids will tell me, "We sing that song in Big Church!" I'm excited for the kids to be a part of "Big Church" this summer. What a wonderful time for families to worship together through music, prayer and Bible teaching.

May these words from Psalm 100 (The Message Translation) encourage you: *"On your feet now-applaud God! Bring a gift of laughter, sing yourselves into his presence. Know this: God is God and God, GOD. He made us; we didn't make him. We're his people, his well-tended sheep. Enter with the password: "Thank you!" Make yourselves at home, talking praise. Thank Him. Worship Him. For God is sheer beauty, all-generous in love, loyal always and ever."*

Our God is great and worthy of praise and worship.

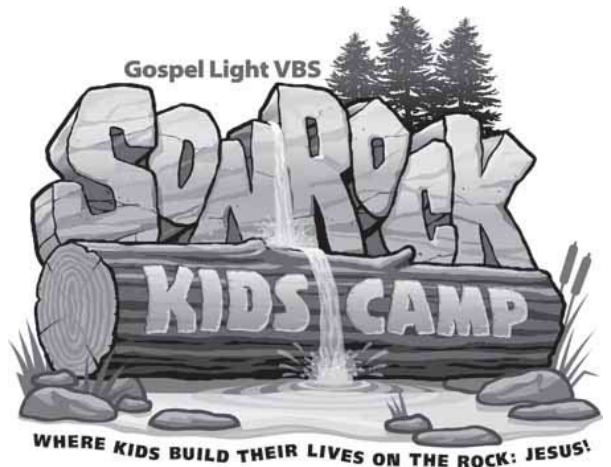
Because Jesus Loves Kids~
Pam Swedburg

Sign-up now for VBS

In less than a month, the rooms of Moses Lake Alliance Church will be overflowing with children at this year's Vacation Bible School. June 22 through 26, students will follow the life of Peter to learn that they are protected, saved, and forgiven by Jesus and how they can live for Jesus. Activities start each day at 9 a.m. and end at noon.

Volunteers are needed in many areas. If you are interested in helping, please visit the VBS information table in the foyer. Don't miss being a part of this fun-filled, Christ-centered week.

Child registration will begin May 31 and continues each Sunday until VBS. There is a \$6 suggested donation with each child's



registration. All registrations include a VBS T-shirt. Register now so you don't miss out on this great week.

Don't forget to mark your calendar for the VBS Family Program and BBQ on Thursday, June 25. This year tickets to the BBQ will be available for purchase at the time of registration and at the end of each day of VBS. Admission to the program is free and tickets for the BBQ are \$2.50 per person and \$1 for an extra hamburger.

Dates to Remember:

- **June 7, 14, 21** – VBS Registration
- **June 7** – VBS new volunteer training, 11:00 a.m.
- **June 22-26** – VBS
- **June 30** – Camp Wooten pre-registration due, \$150.
- **July & August** – No Sunday School, Central Station or The Depot.
- **July 8** – Camp Wooten late registration due, \$170.
- **July 25-29** – Camp Wooten

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Register now for Camp Wooten

Children entering third through fifth grade in the fall are invited to attend the 2009 Summer Blast at Camp Wooten, July 25 through 29. This year's theme is "Superheroes of the Bible."

Located on the Tucannon River in the Blue Mountains, Camp Wooten has many hiking trails, an indoor swimming pool, tennis, volleyball, and basketball courts,



ball fields and a small lake.

The Christian and Missionary Alliance Churches of the Pacific Northwest District sponsor Summer Blast each year.

Cost for the camp is \$150 for registrations received by July 1. A \$20 late fee will be assessed for registrations after June 30.

All registrations must be turned in by July 8. To find out more about Summer Blast, contact Pam Swedburg.

Toddler Town Talk

By Janeil Koethke

I just want to take a moment to thank the husbands who have reported to the nurseries lately to either fill in for or help their wives who are regular volunteers. Toddler Town may not be your first choice on places to serve, but I truly appreciate your help and the children love having you there.

I also want to express my appreciation to all of the male volunteers. It always amazes me when I see a male volunteer reading to one child and soon they have an entire crowd of children around them. It just proves to me that, even at a young age, children desire positive male influences.

In case you haven't heard, July and August are family worship months. This gives our hard working Sunday School teachers a much deserved break. Childcare will still be offered for children birth through pre-Kinderergarten. A problem arises with this because the two-year-old, three-year-old and pre-K Sunday School teachers deserve a break as well. In order for this to happen, six volunteers are needed each week at 9:30.

Since ABFs are also taking these months off, I am asking members of the classes if they would be willing to volunteer for at least one of the eight Sundays. Even if you are not a parent of this age group, please consider serving in this way. What more enjoyable way to share God's love than to play with blocks and puzzles for an hour and a half?

If you are available to help, please call me at 750-1610 or e-mail to janeil@livethecall.com.

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.)

✓ **A Life of Faith heroines** – If you know a girl who loves the *American Girl* books or dolls, you probably should check out *A Life of Faith heroines*. These historical fiction books and dolls are just like the *American Girl* ones but with stories focusing on faith. As your daughter reads the numerous books about the five characters growing up in the 1800s and early 1900s, she will come to understand God's love and how to deal with timeless issues all girls face. The books are only \$7.99 for paperback or \$12.99 for hardcover. There is a doll for each of the five heroines and they are similar in price to the *American Girl* dolls, which I will warn you, are not cheap. Sorry,

this company doesn't allow you to create a doll that looks like you. To find out more about *A Life of Faith heroines* visit www.alifeoffaith.com.

✓ **Wonderzone.com** – Kids love playing computer games, and this site has them plus it has fun Bible-inspired animations, printable coloring pages, daily devotions and more. The site is run by Child Evangelism Fellowship. Activities on the site also include a place to create a virtual character and decorate a room, racing games, virtual mini golf, air hockey and Bear Crossing. Some of the areas on the site require you to fill out a free registration form but the games are accessible without registering.