

KIDS COVE FALL NEWSLETTER

Welcome Back!

Welcome to Fall 2007!

Many people have been working diligently to prepare for the start of our fall programs, and we are eager now to get going. We hope you had some wonderful and relaxing family time over the summer holidays, and are now ready for the start of a new ministry year.

As we anticipate a new season of discovering God together at Eastview, we want to say thank-you for the opportunity to serve you and your family. Through our children's ministry programs, many people are able to search and discover how they were made to serve and be an active and engaged part of this body called Eastview Church. We encourage you to take some time getting to know the people who are spending time with your child at church each Sunday. These are willing and dedicated ambassadors, who have chosen to be involved in this adventure of discovery with your child.

Our Sunday morning schedule for children's programming resumes Sunday, September 9th. Children attending the 9:30 programs can be dropped off at their classrooms beginning at 9:15, and those attending the 11:15 programs, can be dropped off at 11:00. Prior to these times, the leaders and teachers will be involved in prayer times and prep for the morning.

As a reminder, nursery and preschool age children require a parent tag to be shown at the time of pick-up from their rooms. Grade 1-3 children are picked up by their parents from Room 105. Grade 4-6 children should have an arranged meeting spot with their parents for after the morning service. **Parents: Please honor your child and their leader by picking him/her up promptly after the service.** Thank-you.

Memory Verse Program

This year in Kids Cove, scripture memory will take on a new look, as we will be taking a more intentional approach with encouraging memorization as part of our Sunday morning program. Children will work within their small groups and with their leaders to creatively learn and understand one scripture verse each month. Our hope with this change in focus is to include all of the children who attend Kids Cove in practicing this important discipline. We invite you to take an active role, joining us in encouraging your child to learn, understand, and remember God's Word, helping them to hide it in their hearts.



Partnering with families in teaching who God is and guiding children into a growing relationship with Jesus Christ.

IT'S COMING!



Christmas 2007!

Do you have an interest & skill in directing a kid's pageant? Or perhaps you have an idea for a family Christmas event. We'd love to hear from you. Please don't hesitate to contact us soon.

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WHAT IS THE KIDS COVE FAMILY HOMEPAGE?

If you have children attending our grade 1-6 Kids Cove Program, they will be coming home each week with the Family Homepage. This tool has been designed to help you engage your children in conversation about their Sunday morning experience. It includes the Bible story they heard, the key learning for the week, and some discussion questions to help get you started. We will also use the Homepage to provide you with any necessary updates in between newsletters.

KIDS COVE STAFF UPDATE

You may be aware that Kathy Chandler, our Preschool Program Coordinator has undergone knee surgery this summer and has another surgery date scheduled for this fall. It has been wonderful to have her around the office again in this past week, helping us prepare for the fall programming. Please continue to join us in praying for Kathy, as she continues to recover from stage 1, and anticipates the next steps involved, that she would experience Gods love and caring arms around her through this time.

Kathy's medical leave will continue until she is able to return to work sometime in early 2008. A change in plans for covering Kathy's responsibilities during her absence, has Kylee Chandler accepting an invitation to this interim position, beginning this Sunday, September 9. Irene and Andrea look forward to working together with Kylee in the children's ministry office. The current KidsCove staff are:

Andrea Toews	Children's Ministry Director
Irene Funk	Kids Cove Small Groups and Ops Coordinator
Kylee Chandler	Interim Preschool Ministry Coordinator

Please feel free to contact any of us with questions or concerns at 334-4675 or kidscope@eastview.org

ALLERGY ALERT!

A note of reminder that we have children attending our programs who have severe food allergies. To provide a safe environment, we request that snacks for children are provided only by the Kids Cove staff and volunteers. Something as innocent as a chocolate bar, a cookie, or even a cup of milk can be dangerous for some children. Thank-you for cooperating in this matter.

PARENT MEETING COMING IN OCTOBER

Watch your mailboxes this fall for an invitation to attend a forum for parents to speak with each other and the Kids Cove staff about Family Ministry at Eastview. We are planning for this opportunity to help us in developing a vision and plan for future ministry. In preparing for wherever God has planned for us to go, we value input from you, the parents of these children we serve each week. As we grow in our understanding of your needs for support from Eastview Church, we can more easily partner with you in this adventure called parenting.
