



stepping stones

living hope children's ministry

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For all Children's Ministry info, go to www.livinghopewired.com/children

A word from Cindy...

The past few weeks I have had the joy of introducing our congregation to the mission and vision of both the preschool and children's ministries here at Living Hope. Below are excerpts from these "talks".

"The intent of the preschool ministry is to meet these wonder years with the truth of God's Word so that as they learn more about God's character as they are influenced by God-loving adults, as they listen to the true stories of God's Word over and over again...they will respond to Christ as their Savior and be drawn to obey and follow Him. Preschool is foundational as we lead our children to the cross of Christ."

"There is no arguing or ignoring the very clear mandates of Scripture specific to families regarding the training and teaching of children (Deuteronomy 4, Deuteronomy 6, Psalm 78) – we are blessed here at Living Hope to have a Children's Ministry team that is committed to partnering with our families to build strong, confident, equipped warriors for Christ.

However, we cannot partner successfully unless your children come to Sunday school.

For those of you whose children are in Sunday school - talk to them about what they are learning, ask clarifying questions, invite them to re-tell what they learned; talk through the application of the truth of the lesson."

Please be reminded and assured that I am committed to you and your children. If you have questions or are concerned or aren't clear about what your children are learning on Sunday mornings or Sunday evenings, please call me. I am committed to not squandering our partnership. God is at work and His Word is powerful.

How Things Work:

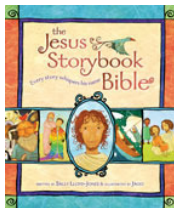
KEEPING YOUR CHILDREN SAFE AT CHURCH—PART 1

Up-to-date Enrollment Information—If we have all of your updated information in our records, we can serve your family more effectively. Here is why up-to-date contact info is so important:

- Communication—In order to get important info regarding curriculum, policies, events, etc. to parents, we must have accurate addresses (mailing and email).
- Safety—To ensure your child's safety during an emergency situation, we must know where parents are located during the child's Sunday school hour(s). The security stickers help but they are only used for younger children.
- Allergies—Our enrollment form requests info about any allergies your child may have. This enables our volunteers to be aware and address any life-threatening allergies so we can provide a safe environment for your child.

We need updated info for ALL children, Hope Babies—5th grade. Please go online TODAY—www.livinghopewired.com/children—and submit current information for your children so we can verify your records and make any needed updates.

Book Suggestion:



We love the Jesus Storybook Bible! One online review states it well: "Not only is each story vividly illustrated as it is portrayed, but also each tale is telling one Big Story—the story of Jesus. Even the Old Testament stories... come full circle to Jesus". Every story whispers his name.

Upcoming Events:

K-3rd Grade Missions Night "One Great Evening to Give"

Friday, March 6th 6-8 pm
Childrens wing—2nd floor

Kindergarten thru 3rd grade students and their parents will have the opportunity connect and experience missions together. Please RSVP to Michelle at mtaylor@lhbg.org.

Stepping Stones Volunteer Training

Preschool & School-age Volunteers
Saturday, March 7th 8:30am—12 Noon

Light breakfast refreshments will be served at 8:30 am. Beginning at 9:00 Cindy will present the Big Picture of Stepping Stones Ministry followed by topic specific break-out sessions. Contact Michelle at mtaylor@lhbg.org to RSVP and reserve childcare.

Summer Camp—3rd thru 5th graders

July 13-17 Centri-kid at Georgetown College

Visit our webpage for details and online registration.
www.livinghopewired.com/childrenscamp

Spots filled on first-come basis. Registration deadline—April 27th.

Discovering Hope for Children—

March 29th 12:30-2 pm

The Membership Class for children is a class designed especially for children in K-5th grade and their parents. This class is offered periodically and is required for children seeking church member-ship. Parents/guardians are required to attend as well. Lunch will be served. Please RSVP to Michelle at mtaylor@lhbg.org.

VBS—

We will offer an on-site VBS on June 9-11th. Watch for more details...

We also plan to partner with a few Enterprise District churches to offer a backyard Bible Club the weeks of June 14th and June 21st. We are still working on the details but go ahead and save the dates! Currently, we are recruiting volunteers!! Lots of them!! Wouldn't this be a great family outreach project this summer?