



A newsletter of the Children's Ministry at Covenant Life Church

Our mission is to partner with families in leading children to take the next step in developing an authentic relationship with Jesus Christ.

There is nothing that compares with the joy of seeing our kids praise God. We thank you for your partnership in this important responsibility. If your child has specific strategies that are effective promoting behavior, please let the small group leader know **BEFORE** class begins. This fall we are using the **3 Strike Rule** to promote successful learning for all our kids. Copies are available at the check in counter. Please talk with us if you have suggestions, questions or concerns. Also remind your kids on the ride to church how to respect our facilities, our leaders and our God.

Shannon, Kristin & Lyn

A Change To Be Aware Of

You may have noticed there are no longer Fridge Door sheets attached to the weekly GodTime papers you receive home each week. The format has changed. At the beginning of the month, your child will receive a Parent Cue paper that is for the entire month with some key ideas and themes for you to look at. Weekly they will still receive the GodTime paper which is full of fun activities to try at home to review the theme of the month!

Children's Christmas Program

Sunday, December 11th

6:00 p.m.

"The Christmas Spelling Bee"

CD's (\$5) are selling quickly. Be sure to order yours this week to guarantee getting one before they are sold out. Order envelopes are available at the UpStreet check-in station.

We are very excited to begin working on our annual Christmas program. We will be doing *"The Christmas Spelling Bee"* which is a delightful musical teaching us about Jesus' love for us by learning His many names. Get your CD quickly so that your child can begin learning the songs. Listening at home is a huge part of learning the music and December comes fast, so start listening today!

Some upcoming dates to note:

Solos and speaking parts will be decided by **Nov. 6** so that your child must let us know before that if they are interested in a part. **December 3 and 10** will be rehearsals in the Sanctuary (these are Saturdays) from **9:30-11:00**.

If you would like to help in any way (props, bulletins, organizing treats for the performance night, crowd control, working with actors and/or soloists) let me know.

Please contact Kristin at kclausing@ghclc.org or 616-847-0893.



**Wednesday,
November 2nd
Our final MERGE
family night for
2011**

MERGE will begin at an optional supper at 6pm in the ministry center.

6:30pm our production begins, and 7:15pm everyone heads home!

To help us prepare the correct amount of food and purchase enough gifts, we need you to RSVP by Oct. 30. PLEASE invite friends and neighbors. This is an excellent opportunity reach out and share a fabulous CLC experience. Please register for Merge by going to the church website (www.ghclc.org)

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Themes in UpStreet



Preschool Park

November Basic Truth: God made me.

November Memory Verse: "Be kind and loving to each other." Eph. 4:32

Kindergarten—5th Grade:

November Theme: **GRATITUDE**

Letting others know you see how they've helped you.

Memory Verse: "Give thanks in all circumstances: for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." 1 Thess. 5:18

We Need Your Help!

In PreSchool Park: 9:00 once a month for the Infant room, and a facilitator for the 4's room .

10:45 service we need a facilitator for 2's once or twice a month.

In UpStreet: Leaders and helpers are needed to open another Kindergarten room at the 9:00 service.

If you are not currently plugged into UpStreet, please contact us to see how you can best fit! Contact Shannon or Kristin at the info available to the left.

A Water Drop Moment

Offering our hearts to Christ is an important part of UpStreet. Offering our resources to help others is also important. This school year we are taking an offering each week in each class—2's through 5th grade. All of our money will be used to purchase water filters that our own youth will install in Honduras. Just imagine the hundreds of water filters we could purchase if each child brought a dollar each time he or she was in UpStreet. For more info visit www.thirstyserve.org.



Fact: A child dies every 15 seconds from diseases caused by a lack of safe water and sanitation. That's 1.5 million children dying from preventable diseases such as diarrhea, cholera and typhoid every year.

Booster Seats Needed: If you purchased a booster seat at the New-To-Me sale and it said MERGE, we'd love to borrow it on Nov. 2. We didn't plan on them being sold. If you have a booster seat you no longer need, please donate it for our Merge events. Thank you!