



ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES

INTERGENERATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

During the school year, we plan "memory-making" activities for all ages, including outreach projects, 5th Grade Faith & Human Sexuality Workshop (with parents), Vacation Bible School, Halloween, Christmas and Valentine Festivals, and an annual Christmas Pageant.

WEDNESDAY EVENING ACTIVITIES

Childcare provided 4:30 - 7:15 pm

- 4:45-5:15 Cherub Music
- 5:15-6:15 Dinner in Heaton Hall
- 5:45-6:30 KinderChoir
- 5:45-6:45 Carol and Chapel Choirs
- 6:15-7:00 Adult Programs
- 6:30-7:15 Gym (TK/K - 5th Grade)

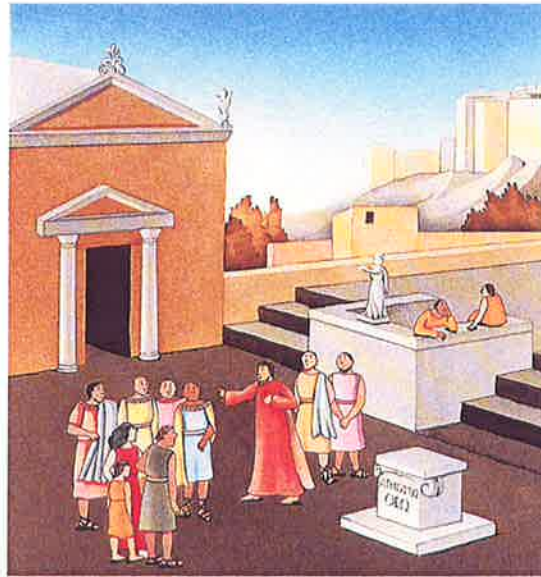
THE CORNWELL CENTER

Our state-of-the-art family life center offers classes throughout the year and all kinds of sports and arts camps.

WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE HERE!

Thank you for choosing Myers Park Baptist Church. We look forward to your family being a part of the Elementary Department. Please call me if you have any questions, comments or suggestions, or if you'd like to volunteer. There are all kinds of ways to help in God's Garden!

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God's Garden

Stories of Courage

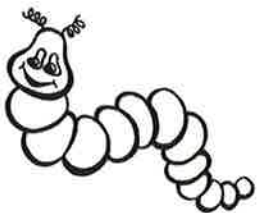


Myers Park Baptist Church
Elementary Department
Grades 1-5

2011-2012

Welcome to the Myers Park Baptist Church Elementary Department !

A path for
growth, an
exciting way
to experience
faith . . .



God's Garden ~ The Workshop Rotation Model

We tend to remember what we *experience* more than what we simply read, see or hear. That's why we've adopted the Workshop Rotation Model for Grades 1-5.

This innovative approach in Christian education allows children (and their teachers) to experience the stories of the Bible through hands-on participation.

Over the course of four- or five-week workshop rotations, each age group moves through different learning environments where they engage in Bible stories in unique ways.

Our Philosophy

Every child is a person of value, not because of what a child does, but because he or she is a child of God. A child learns best when encouraged to discover the wonder, mystery and awe of God's presence for him or herself. Our educational programs are designed to help children mature in their faith and to find ways to retain and integrate the faith story in their hearts and minds.

Sunday Morning

Children in grades 1-5 meet at 9:30 am each Sunday on the second floor of the Education Building. All ages gather in The Temple, Room 210, for worship education and fellowship before departing for their particular workshops. Worship plans for the 11:00 service are located on the enclosed insert.

The Bible Stories

The theme for this year is "Stories of Courage." We'll spend 4 weeks on each of these stories in 2011-2012:

- ◆ David and Goliath
- ◆ Ruth and Naomi
- ◆ Daniel and the Lions' Den
- ◆ Mary and Joseph
- ◆ The Disciples
- ◆ Others Who Sought to Follow Jesus (Zacchaeus and the Rich Young Man)
- ◆ Easter from Mary's Point of View
- ◆ The Apostle Paul
- ◆ The Holy Spirit

God's Garden Workshops

- ✿ Art and Science
- ✿ Cinema
- ✿ Games
- ✿ Drama and Puppets
- ✿ Storytelling and Cooking
- ✿ Music

God's Garden, Too!

God calls us to be inclusive and our church covenant calls us to be open to all and closed to none. In that spirit of ministry, we have created **God's Garden, Too!** to serve families with pre-school and elementary children with special or unique needs.

The program has two sections, depending on the needs of the individual child. **God's Garden, Too!** is a self-contained classroom for children more severely affected by neurological conditions such as autism. It is staffed by trained MPBC volunteer shepherds. The second option is inclusion of mainstreamed children, such as those with ADHD or Asperger's syndrome, in our regular pre-school and elementary Sunday School classes. Again, trained shepherds will be available to give extra support if needed.