

"Ridin' for the one that branded us... Jesus Christ"

# Bull Creek Cowboy Church

Children's Ministry Newsletter



It is so fun to see the new life that spring brings each year. We had a great gathering at B3C this past Easter Sunday with over 700 at church. Kids Corral was blessed with over 90 in attendance!!

## Leftovers....

*Leftovers are such humble things,  
We would not serve them to a guest,  
And yet we serve them to our Lord  
Who deserves the very best.  
We give to Him leftover time,  
Stray minutes here and there,  
Leftover cash we give to Him,  
Such few coins as we can spare.  
We give our youth unto the world,  
To hatred, lust and strife;  
Then in declining years we give  
To Him the remnant of our life.  
-Author Unknown*



## April Activities:

April 4, 2010 Easter Egg Hunt- For All kids 6th Grade and Under.

April 17, 2010 - B3C Dinner/Silent Auction and Talent Show Fundraiser for Children's Summer Camp

Dinner at 5:30-6:30...then auction and talent show

**NEED DONATIONS FOR AUCTION BY SUNDAY APRIL 11th** If you have something you would like to donate, please bring it to the church or contact Shari Peters at

## Upcoming Events:

Mark your calendar for V.B.S. 2010! June 27 - July 1 (Sunday - Thursday) 6pm - 8:30pm

The Christian Youth In Action will be helping out again this year with an all new theme for 2010!

We will post updates on the website as soon as more details are available.



## April Lessons

**Date:** April 4, 2010 (Easter Sunday)

**Week 5:** Jesus Appears to Mary (John 20:1-18)

**Bible Study:** The good news of Easter is that Jesus is alive.

**Home Connect Link:** <http://www.group.com/tips/Default.aspx?tipID=8196>

**Date:** April 11, 2010

**Week 6:** Apostles Defend Their Faith (Acts 5:12-42)

**Bible Study:** Keep following God, even when it's hard.

**Home Connect Link:** <http://www.group.com/tips/Default.aspx?tipID=8197>

**Date:** April 18, 2010

**Week 7:** Saul Meets Jesus Near Damascus (Acts 9:1-20)

**Bible Study:** God answers when we pray.

**Home Connect Link:** <http://www.group.com/tips/Default.aspx?tipID=8198>

**Date:** April 25, 2010

**Week 8:** Peter Raises Tabitha From the Dead (Acts 9:36-43)

**Bible Study:** God answers when we pray.

**Home Connect Link:** <http://www.group.com/tips/Default.aspx?tipID=8199>

## TEAM SPOTLIGHT



### Patricia Burney - 1st & 2nd Grade Teacher

Travis and I joined Bull Creek Cowboy Church in 2006. I had just retired after 25 years in the Aerospace Manufacturing Field. I wanted to help in the Children's Church so after talking to Tammy Bryant I started helping Gina Stroder and Tammy Hitchcock in their class. They are wonderful teachers in their own right so I learned a lot. I helped with VBS and different children's projects and finally started teaching 1st and 2nd grade children. This was quite a different experience than bossing around grown people at work, they were a piece of cake compared to these wonderfully bright little people. God gave me a great challenge and I am trying every day to live up to his expectations. These children have given me hope that the future will be in good hands. They want to learn about God, Jesus and the Bible. Through their little eyes and in their hearts lie all that it will take to put God back where he belongs, in our schools and all the places where he has been so sadly taken. These children

are our future and I am very blessed by God to be just a small part of this great experience.

## Child SPOTLIGHTS



**Pre K - Kinder (Mrs Carla Brookins and Miss Hanna Stroder)**

### **Gavin Oaks**

Gavin has been extremely good in listening to the stories and answering questions. He is a bright boy who loves his little brother Caden.



**1st and 2nd Grade (Mrs. Patricia Burney and Mrs. Patsy Gloor)**

### **Curtis Jones**

Curtis is an enthusiastic little man who is full of life. He is very friendly and wants to learn about Jesus. Curtis is very smart and is a great asset to this class.



**3rd and 4th Grade (Mrs. Tammy Hitchcock)**

### **Eleanor Ervin**

Eleanor is always so soft-spoken. She genuinely cares about people. You can see it in her face and actions.



**5th and 6th Grade (Mr. Larry Putman and Mr. Bob Bates)**

### **Brooke Phillips**

Brooke is a great encourager and listener. Every time we have class, she has something to say that stems the conversation in class to be a good discussion.



# INSPIRATION

## Parent Inspiration....

### *He Loves me Anyway* By Gina Stoder

A few weeks ago, I had the opportunity to be in class with the third and fourth graders. Chan Peters shared some stories to introduce the lesson which was on the Prodigal Son. In class, we began to discuss the love this father had for his son even though the son had done wrong.

I asked the children, "When you do wrong and are punished for it do you feel loved or unloved by your mom or dad?" The unanimous response was "unloved", they all said they felt unloved when they did wrong. My children have told me the same thing in times past. It is natural for children to feel this way when they are in trouble, but it is also very important that we help them distinguish what love is and what it isn't. If we do not help them make this distinction, they will grow up thinking God loves them when they do good and doesn't love them when they do bad. This thinking will create a snare for them in believing that their performance will earn God's favor. They must learn to believe what they "know" to be true and not what they "feel". All the children said they "*felt*" unloved. I asked them "but do you "*know*" that your parents really love you?" They all agreed that their parents did, indeed, love them.

Children need to understand that sin must be punished. However, we as parents, need to explain to them that punishing sin *is* love. Of course it must be administered in a loving manner. The enemy begins to steal the hearts of our children the day they are born. As we grow in the wisdom of God's word, it is very important we express those words to our children. It is only through God's word that children will understand what sin is and what love is.

When Adam and Eve sinned, God was grieved, but He new sin must be punished so they became victims of a curse and were sent out of the garden. This seems like an unloving thing to do but in reality it was a very loving thing to do. Now that they had disobeyed, God did not want them to eat of the Tree of Life and live forever in sin.

James 4:17 says, "To him who knows the right thing to do and does not do it, to him it is sin." This is an understandable definition of sin that we need to share with our children. During this Easter season, take the opportunity to explain to your child why Jesus had to die on the cross (because sin must be punished) and relate it to why parents must punish children when they sin. Lastly, leave them with the reminder that because Jesus paid for our sin, we can be forgiven. When our hearts repent of sin, there are open arms of forgiveness.

**Your input is important to us. Have an idea or thought you would like to share about the newsletter or children's ministry? Drop us a note at [kidsnews@bullcreekcowboychurch.com](mailto:kidsnews@bullcreekcowboychurch.com)**



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