



PARENT CONNECTION

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Hi Parents,

Just in case you haven't seen the candy and stuffed animals in the stores, I wanted to remind you that Easter is only a few weeks away. It is Sunday, April 16 to be specific. Often the celebration of Easter becomes about those stuffed animals, new clothes, colored eggs, and all that yummy (and sometimes not so yummy) candy. Sometimes the celebration of the resurrection of Jesus gets lost amidst all the fun and fluff.

This year, along with searching for Easter eggs with your kids, I encourage you to search for the real meaning of Easter and teach your kids about our risen Lord. Here are a few suggestions for keeping the focus on Jesus this Easter:

- Share the Easter story with your children. Use children's books about Easter or use a Children's Bible to read the Easter story.
- Talk to your children about what Jesus' death and resurrection means for us.
- Take your children to church on Easter Sunday. Enjoy a day of rejoicing in the resurrection of our Lord.
- Along with all the candy filled Easter eggs, add a few with Bible verses about the death and resurrection of Christ. After your Easter egg hunt, read the Bible verses together and discuss what they mean.
- Take time to pray with your children this Easter. As you pray thank Jesus for dying for our sins.

Touching the Future,
Don



VBS 2017: Galactic Starveyors

June 12-16, 9am-12pm

For children who have completed Kindergarten – 6th Grade

Children will discover the incredible mysteries of the final frontier. A telescope will become a portal through which the children will encounter amazing and wonderful things designed by a Creator who is even bigger than the vastness of His creation. But the most amazing wonder to be discovered truly boggles the mind. The God who created everything there is—the knowable and the unknowable, the visible and the invisible—wants a relationship with us! And from the very beginning, God had a plan to restore the relationship He knew we would break.

To register your child for this amazing week of discoveries go to fhbc.org/vbs.

To find out how you can be a part in volunteering for Galactic Starveyors visit the VBS table in the Commons Area (by the stairs) or contact Lori Carter or Melanie Bass at vbs@fhbc.org.

Preschool Scoop

Spring is almost here! Longer and warmer days are just around the corner. Easter is almost here!

I am continually humbled by the goodness of God at Forest Hills Baptist Church and also in my own home. We serve a living and faithful Master who gave His most precious gift to each and every one of us! I've always known that Jesus was a special gift. Once you become a parent the reality of what it means to give your own son to save someone else's life is beyond my comprehension. I am so thankful that God is stronger than me.

Please take a moment this Easter to stop and share with your children the most precious name we know...Jesus!

Acts 4:12 says... *"Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved."*

Many of you will be celebrating with family and friends both here and away. If you are home this is a great time to invite friends to join you who normally don't attend church. We have 5 worship services to accommodate any schedule.

Please don't forget the Princess Prep and Warrior Academy Camp being hosted by our very own Kimba Campbell. The camp is July 20-14 from 9-11:30am. This is for children from 4 years (by summer 2017) through completed 1st Grade. Registration is now open.

Blessings,
Allison Roston

Preschool Play Day: Cycle and Slide
Monday, April 24, 9:30am
FHBC Playground

Invite a friend and join us for popsicles, some fun on the big wheel track and playground time.
For questions, contact Allison at allison.roston@fhbc.org.

Good Friday Movie Night: *Risen*

Sunday | April 14 | 6:30pm

ELEVATE Worship Center

Come see the power 2016 film that tells the story of Jesus' death and resurrection from the vantage point of an unbelieving Roman soldier.

This is a PG-13 movie. The Roman soldiers are rough and there are brief shots of dead bodies. Action sequences and graphic scenes are comparable to recent Star Wars or superhero movies. For a thorough review from Focus on the Family go to movie review [Risen](#).

There is an alternative animated movie for preschoolers and young children called *He is Risen* by Nest Family Entertainment.

Questions? Contact don.green@fhbc.org.

Royal Purpose Camp

July 10-14 | 9-11:30am

For children ages 4 – Completed 1st grade

Princess Prep School: Teaching girls how to be a True Forever Princess and a daughter of the King of Kings.

Warrior Prince Academy: Teaching boys how to be Mighty Men of God and a son of the King of Kings.

Register now at fhbc.org/princessprep or fhbc.org/warrioracademy.

Contact kimbacampbell@gmail.com with questions and also to see how you can volunteer to help with this great camp.



Children's Extended Teaching Care (ETC) Team Members

Children's ETC is a children's worship experience that serves as an extension of what the children are learning in Sunday School. Team members can be adults or youth who serve one or more Sunday's each month. This is a great opportunity for a family to serve together.

For information on this serving opportunity contact don.green@fhbc.org.



Associational Bible Drill

Sunday, Apr. 9 | 2pm | FHBC

Our Bible Drillers have worked hard all year. Come support them as they compete against other kids from churches in our association.

RA Wilderness Challenge

April 21-23 | Boxwell Reservation, Gallatin

Cost is \$25.00 per person. Registration deadline is April 16. To register, contact Brian Holt at holba@bellsouth.net or 615.405.7372.

VBS Orientation

Sunday, April 23 | 3:30pm | Preteen Suite

Let the discoveries begin! You have the chance to win some awesome prizes and meet your fellow teachers.

If you are helping in any way, including youth, please make plans to attend! For more information, contact Lori Carter at vbs@fhbc.org. To register for childcare, contact courtney.mize@fhbc.org by Tuesday, April 18.



CentriKid Camp 2017

July 24-28 | Completed 4th—6th Grade

Shocco Springs Conference Center, Talladega, AL

We have a new date and a new location for CentriKid Camp this year. We will be at the Shocco Springs Conference Center in Talladega, AL.

We will continue to have the outstanding CentriKid Camp experience only now it will be in a traditional campground setting. Because of the change of location it became necessary to shift the date of camp later in July. More information coming soon. If you have questions or you would like to volunteer as an adult sponsor contact don.green@fhbc.org.



Preschool Sunday School

Unit Title: Easter & God the Son

Apr. 9 Jesus' Triumphal Entry

Apr. 16 Jesus' Crucifixion and Resurrection

Apr. 23 Jesus Was Tempted

Apr. 30 Jesus Met Nicodemus

Children's Sunday School & ETC

Unit Title: Jesus Saves

Apr. 9 The Triumphal Entry

Apr. 16 Crucifixion and Resurrection

Apr. 23 Appeared to the Disciples

Apr. 30 The Great Commission

Unit Memory Verse (Memory Verse is Underlined:)

"Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe everything I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

Matthew 28:19-20

Preteen Bible Reading Challenge (4th-6th Grade):
Current Challenge: Highlights from the Gospel of John

Read the 10 specified passages from the Gospel of John. Turn in the form signed by the child and one parent and receive a \$10 gift card.



2017-18 MDO & Preschool Registration

Online registration for the 2017-18 school year will begin on Feb. 1. Classes are available 1 and 2 days per week for children 12 months to 5 years. More information can be found at fhbc.org/Mdo. Contact Anita Jordan at anita.jordan@fhbc.org or 661-6632 for more information and for tours of the program.