

## PARENT ADVENTURE

We have been in our new space on the first floor for a month and the children have done an amazing job adapting to being in shared space classrooms. I appreciate their flexibility and positive attitudes while we are in our temporary space awaiting the remodeling of our new children's area. This month our focus in Sunday School will be the story of



Easter and we will have several opportunities for families to worship together. On Sunday, April 9 our children will be participating in worship as they process into worship with palm branches and then lead us in song. Our 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade children will stay in the worship service with their families and not go to Children's Worship. Following the worship service we will have our annual Easter Egg Hunt and then a luncheon for all of our families. The church will provide chicken fingers and drinks. We ask that you provide a side of chips or fruit. There will be opportunities throughout Holy Week to walk the labyrinth as a family and to participate in

our Holy Week services on Wednesday evening, Thursday evening, and Friday noon. We look forward to worshipping together on Easter Sunday morning and celebrating this very special day. Here is a guide for a Family Adventure through Holy Week:

*EASTER FAMILY DEVOTION GUIDE (adapted from Children's Ministry Magazine, March/April 2016)*

*Palm Sunday Discovery* Scripture: Luke 19:28-40

**Talk About It:** Have family members each share their favorite way to celebrate a special occasion or event. It might be a party, family time, or going to a favorite restaurant. Talk about how your family will celebrate Easter this week.

*Monday Discovery* Scripture: Mark 11:15-19

**Talk About It:** Have family members each share their favorite thing about going to worship at church. Parents can share a favorite memory of going to church as a child. Talk about other places you go where you feel welcomed and special. Brainstorm how your family can help others feel welcome in your home, in the community and at church.

*Tuesday Discovery* Scripture: Mark 12:41-44

**Talk About It:** Ask family members to each share about a time they have given up something. Ask about how it made them feel. Then talk about the sacrifice Jesus made for everyone at Easter and what kind of difference it has made in your lives.

*Wednesday Discovery* Scripture: Mark 14:3-9

**Talk About It:** Tell about a time you did something kind for someone else. Talk about how your kindness encouraged that person. As a family, think of a way you can show kindness to someone this week.

*Thursday Discovery* Scripture: Mark 14:12-25

**Talk About It:** Ask family members to talk about their best friend. Describe one way you could show friends they're important to you.

*Friday Discovery* Scripture: Mark 15:33-41

**Talk About It:** Ask family members to share a story about a time they admitted a wrong choice. Encourage each other to admit when we are wrong and ask for forgiveness.

*Saturday Discovery* Scripture: Mark 15:42-16:1

**Talk About It:** Have family members tell a memory about someone who has died. Talk about how each of you keep Jesus alive in your lives every day.

*Easter Sunday Discovery* Scripture: Mark 16:2-8

**Talk About It:** Share about a time you received or delivered great news about something or someone. How did that make you and that person feel? Discuss the good news of Jesus' Resurrection and why it is important to share this great news with others.

On this "Great Adventure" with you,  
Janet Cleland

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## SUNDAY MORNING ADVENTURE

During the month of April our Sunday morning "Great Adventure" will be focusing on the story of "Easter, A Special Day". Our children will experience this story by participating in various workshops. Our point for this unit is: Easter is a very special day! Our unit verse is: "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; he has risen!" Luke 24:6.

## CHILDREN'S WORSHIP



Children in 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade have the opportunity to go to Children's Worship each Sunday once they are dismissed from the worship service. Amanda Dukes, our Children's Ministry Intern is the lead teacher for Children's Worship each week. The lessons will focus on one of the Scripture passages that is a lesson in the worship service. Be sure and talk with your child about which lesson they learned so that you can connect with them about your own experience in the worship service. You can pick up your child from Children's Worship on the first floor in room 117.

Our Children's Worship helpers for April 2 - 30:

April 2 – Kathryn Fountain

April 9 – NO Children's Worship, children sit with their families after they sing

April 16 – Julie Jenkins

April 23 – Ashley Gable

April 30 – Craig and Jennifer Ellis

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## SPECIAL EASTER ADVENTURE

EASTER EGG HUNT  
AND FAMILY LUNCHEON



Please mark your calendar for Sunday, April 9 for our annual Easter Egg Hunt and Family Luncheon. Our children's choirs will be singing and waving palms for our Palm Sunday worship service. Following the service we will go outside and have our hunt and then return to the Fellowship Hall to share lunch together.

We are in need of pre-filled Easter eggs, which can be dropped off in the marked containers in both foyers. Families coming to our luncheon are asked to bring either a bag of chips or fruit as a side. Thank you!

PASSPORTkids



And what does the Lord require of you but to DO justice, and to LOVE kindness, and to WALK

WE'RE DOING LOVING & WALKING

AT PASSPORT 2017

June 27—30

For Completed 3rd—6th graders

To sign up contact

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## SUNDAY MORNING ADVENTURE

Workshop Schedule for April 2-23, 2017

Date	Reel to Real F115 Video Workshop	On Location F117 Game Workshop	Carpenter's Shop F116 Art Workshop	Temple Time F118 Cooking Workshop
Week 1 April 2	Pre-K & Kindergarten	3 <sup>rd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Grades	1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> Grades	5 <sup>th</sup> & 6 <sup>th</sup> Grades
Week 2 April 9	3 <sup>rd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Grades	Pre-K & Kindergarten	5 <sup>th</sup> & 6 <sup>th</sup> Grades	1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> Grades
Week 3 April 16	5 <sup>th</sup> & 6 <sup>th</sup> Grades	1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> Grades	3 <sup>rd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Grades	3 <sup>rd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Grades
Week 4 April 23	1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> Grades	5 <sup>th</sup> & 6 <sup>th</sup> Grades	Pre-K & Kindergarten	Pre-K & Kindergarten

**CHILDREN IN WORSHIP** Our children Pre-K through 6th grade begin worship in the sanctuary with their families. Then the Pre-K and Kindergarten children are dismissed to leave during the service to go to Extended Session. Our 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade children also leave during the service and go to Children's Worship. Your child can grab a worship bag which will have a "My worship experience" page. This will help them to journal and draw about their worship time. Also, we will have a "What do I experience in worship" sheet with pictures of items for them to look for and listen for. They may find a book, some stickers, and some model magic to manipulate. On the shelf next to where the worship bags hang we will have pencils and both the "My worship experience" and the "What do I experience in worship" sheets for older children who don't want a bag.

Our 1<sup>st</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> grade children can also participate in worship by serving as an Acolyte. There are two Acolytes each Sunday, one carries the Bible and one lights the candle. If your child is in 1<sup>st</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> grade and is interested in serving as an Acolyte simply contact Janet@firstbaptistathens.org.

Acolyte schedule for April 2 – 30:

April 2	Lily Gordon & Jon Millians	Parent Helper: Leslie Gordon
April 9	Emma Hooper & Zachary Rawls	Parent Helper: Cindy Hooper
April 16	Maria Baxley & Sam Lumpkin	Parent Helper: TBA
April 23	Skylar Randa & Sadie Leigh Randa	Parent Helper: Jeff Randa
April 30	Elinor Ellis & Danielle Williamson	Parent Helper: Jennifer Ellis

**EXTENDED SESSION** Pre-K and Kindergarten children begin worship in the sanctuary with their families. They are dismissed during the service to go to Extended Session. Their lessons will focus on one of the Scripture lessons from the worship service.

Extended Session leaders for April 2 - 30:

April 2 - Lydia and Caroline H.	April 23 - Colin and Katrina Law
April 9 - Caroline and Caroline H.	April 30 - Caroline and Caroline H.
April 16 - TBA	



**MISSION KIDS** "Faithful Partners" is the theme for April for Mission Kids. Our children will learn about CBF's ministries in the country of Cambodia. Our people focus is the ministry of David and Lauren Bass and Bill and Noy Peeler. They serve to train pastors and church leaders to be effective ministers. Our Scripture focus will be Acts 16: 11 -15.



Please mark your calendars for Wednesday, May 10 for our annual children's choirs and missions recognition night.



On Wednesday, April 5 our topic will be "Scriptures for moms to pray". After Easter on Wednesday, April 19 we will focus on "Talking about difficult issues in our families." We discussed some fun times of fellowship for the summer months we will start with one on Thursday, June 1. We will have dinner together at White Tiger and then go to Mary Conley's home for dessert. Mark your calendar and plan to join us!

And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures.  
1 Corinthians 15:4



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH ATHENS  
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL  
June 5 - 9, 2017  
AGES PRE-K (COMPLETED) - 6TH GRADE  
9:00am—12:00pm

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firstbaptistathens.org/star-trip-the-truth-awakens  
Or  
call the church office - 706-548-1359

There are many ways to enjoy Star Trip as adults. You can serve in registration, as a workshop leader, a Jedi Master (guide/shepherd of children), music, art, recreation, or working with our preschoolers. You don't want to miss this amazing adventure as each day we experience an episode in the life of Jesus. To serve as an adult or student contact Janet@firstbaptistathens.org

MAY THE TRUTH BE WITH YOU!

**CHILDREN'S CHOIRS** Our children's choirs are busy preparing for Palm Sunday on April 9. Brownie Bears, Music Makers and Joyful Singers will process with palm branches to begin our worship service at 11:00 am. All of the children's choirs will sing in the worship service. We will not have Children's Worship for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grades on Palm Sunday, children will sit with their families after they sing. We will have Extended Session for our Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten children.

