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- Ideas, suggestions, comments, new emails? Let me know: lizzt@rogers.com

May's Mélange

May was quite a month. The first Sunday saw the youth leading the service and doing a terrific job! Thanks to all the youth who participated and to Joanne M. for all of her hard work—it came together really well. We had a record-breaking 30 youth at church on the first Sunday of the month



Next came Mothers' Day. There must have been a lot of mothers getting brunch in bed because both the church and Sunday School were quite

quiet. Those who were at Sunday School got to make a card and coupon book for their mothers. I am certainly looking forward to cashing in some of my coupons!

The rest of May was spent learning about the mysterious figure who appeared on the narthex window. Read on to find out more...

So Who Is This Joseph?

You may have noticed a visitor in the narthex over the past month. Joseph and his coat of many colours has been hanging out by the narthex doors. Our students did a great job of decorating him!

In May, we began to study the story of Joseph and his Coat of Many Colours. We watched a movie about him

and got to try eating dirt (much tastier than you might think!).

In June we will continue learning about Joseph through games, and drama.

We will wrap up the year with a celebration Sunday! We hope everyone can join us.





From the Editor

Sometimes God whispers quietly in your heart. And sometimes He hits you in the head with a 2x4! I want to share an “awakening” I received this month. It seems appropriate for Mothers’ Day, but also applies to the fathers and children of any age. We all have a role to play in the family and in the home.

I had been griping about housework—particularly cleaning bathrooms—and bemoaning the fact that I had not chosen to be a stay-at-home mum so that I could spend my time cleaning. I was determined to do something about it and set about to hire someone to help out around the house.

That same evening, I had finished the book I was reading and looked around my room to see what I could read next. A book was lying there that I hadn’t looked at since December. It’s a book of weekly devotionals for homemakers called Queen of the Castle by Lynn Walker. I flipped to the correct week and started to read. The \$topic for the week was “Housework, Done Correctly, Can Kill You.” As I read, I started thinking that maybe looking after the house is part of looking after my children, and even more, part of serving God. Walker talks

about the Amish way of life: “The Amish showed a satisfaction in their work at home in a way that I often do not. There is something to be said for contentment, for being unhurried, for doing what you’re doing with serenity and calm. You are doing your job in caring for your home and family.



You are confident and fulfilled. The work is necessary; the work is important; the work is good.” Walker went on to quote Ella May Miller who wrote The Joy of Housekeeping: “God taught me home was the most important social unit in society... He also taught me that I could do everything – wipe up messes, change diapers, mop floors, help my husband, meet each child’s needs – “as

unto Him.” Whatever I did... I could do it to the “honor and glory of God.”... Housework is important. Without it, you could not have “family.”

Okay, I was getting the point but my lesson didn’t stop there. The bible quote for the week was from Philippians 2:14: Do all things without grumbling or disputing.” Ugh. No grumbling? I could handle the “suck it up and git ‘er done” part, but to not even complain about it seems like a little much!

Whatever role each of you has in your home, I’m sure we all have chores that we would rather not have to do. What a challenge it is to do them without grumbling and to the glory of God.

But Walker used another verse from Proverbs that really hit home: “Where no oxen are, the manger is clean”. (14:4) In other words, the house would stay cleaner if I didn’t have children but is that really a trade-off I’d like to make? Not on your life!

What a Quote!

- Let no one despise your youth, but set the believers an example in speech and conduct, in love, in faith, in purity.. 1 Timothy 4:12

*Happy Spring
Cleaning
Everyone!*



Photos of the Month

I'm still missing permission forms from some of our regular attendees. I would love to be able to include photos of the whole group so please see me if you haven't signed yet.

If there's anyone else out there who would enjoy helping out on the occasional Sunday by taking photos, I would love your assistance. I always have my camera with me, but I'm not a keen photographer. I'd appreciate someone with an eye for a good photo!



God's children and their animals on the ark.



"So how many Josephs are there in the Bible?"



Reece and Tyler have made a tasty treat. Worms and dirt, anyone?

May's 4 Star Students



May 2009 had five Sundays which should have made getting to church for four weeks a little easier, BUT when you add in Mothers' Day and a long weekend, things get a little tricky. Congratulations to those who still made it four times!

Congratulations to:

Josiah Duffin

Naomi Duffin

Charleen McCartney

Jacqueline Nathaniel

Joycelina Nathaniel

Torry Thibodeau

Get Involved!

This survey is available over the next few weeks at church, or copy it from here and email it back to me.

Your Name: _____

In April, Chalmers had 50 children attend Sunday School throughout the month. We need more adult volunteers to help us with all aspects of the programming. There are many different ways that you can be involved: with the children directly or behind the scenes, on a weekly basis or once a year. Please fill out the following questionnaire so that we can provide a quality programme in this vital area of ministry.

Would you enjoy:

	Never	Once or twice a year	3 - 5 times a year	Once a month	Every other week	Every week
working with the children:						
helping behind the scenes:						

What hobbies / talents could you share in this ministry?

Gardening		Building		Creating crafts	
Baking		Photography		Teaching crafts	
Cooking		Videography		Leading games	
Knitting		Computer work		Playing sports	
Sewing		Drawing		Praying aloud	
Quilting		Painting (artistic)		Shopping	
Singing		Painting (walls)		Writing letters	
Drama		Reading aloud		Organising	
Playing instrument		Driving		Phoning	
Dancing		Nursery		Washing dishes	
Other:					

Please feel free to elaborate on anything that you have checked off to give us a better understanding of how we might include you.

Calling All Musicians

I'm still looking for a group of youth (probably senior youth but all are welcome) who would like to put their musical skills to use. And I use the work "skill" loosely. I would love to have a group of Beethovens to work with (then again, maybe not—he was deaf!) but I know that many of you are just learning your instruments and may still let out some squawks and screeches. Psalms 66 & 100 both say to make a Joyful Noise to God—they don't say anything about playing every note perfectly. I'd like to meet with anyone who is interested after church on June 21st. We can discuss



what songs we'd like to learn (I'll bring along some to give us ideas), when we could get together (once or twice over the summer—not every week), and where we'd like to perform (obviously we'll start by leading the Sunday School song time but perhaps we could also play during worship some times). If you don't play an instrument, but enjoy singing, please join us. We'll need song leaders too. Don't worry if you don't like to perform in public, or you don't know if this is right for you, or you think you might want to but you're not sure, etc.... Just come along on June 21st (we'll meet on the sofas in the Sunday School room right after church) and let's chat!

Going on a Picnic!

Make sure you mark Sunday, June 7th on the calendar! Reach Out is singing during the morning service followed by the



Sunday School picnic. Everyone is welcome. We'll have a sandwich potluck so bring enough sandwiches for your family plus a few extra. Beverages and dessert are supplied. After the food, stay for the games. Three-legged race, sack race, tug-of-war, spoon race, who knows what we'll do. A good time is always had by all so please plan to join us.



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