

# Youth Spirit

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## Word is Getting Out

"Time for soccer." "Get ready for hockey." "What time does your tournament start?" "Can I get a ride to work?" With so many things competing for attention on Sunday mornings, it's hard to keep everyone in touch with the latest news at Sunday School.

So, welcome to "Youth Spirit", Chalmers' newsletter about what's going on at Sunday School. Once a month, we'll try to update everyone on what's happened in the previous month and what's coming up. We'll include some photos, some giggles, and some deep thoughts.

If there's anything else you'd like to see included in the newsletter, please let us know.

### THAT'S IN THE BIBLE?!

*"My child, eat honey, for it is good, and the drippings of the honeycomb are sweet to your taste."*

Proverbs 24:13



Thanks to everyone who has already responded with their email address and students' grades. If you know anyone else who would enjoy receiving this newsletter (grandparents, neighbours, new families, etc.) please send me their email address and I will make sure they are included. [lizzt@rogers.com](mailto:lizzt@rogers.com)

### February's 4 Star Students!

(students who received four attendance stars)



Jacqueline Nathaniel

Joycelina Nathaniel

Josiah Duffin

Naomi Duffin

Torry Thibodeau

## February's Focus

In February, the pre-school class was learning about following Jesus. They also heard the story about when Jesus scolded his disciples for trying to stop the children from seeing Jesus. Jesus loves all the children.

The intermediate class was learning about the bible this month. Each Sunday focused on a different portion of the Bible: the books of history, the prophets, the Gospels, and the early church.

The senior class continued their study of the Whole People of God, focusing in particular on topics of particular interest to their age group. John's goal for his class is "liveliness without chaos, learning without boredom".



Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs."

Matthew 19:14

### A SMILE

*The thing that goes the farthest*

*Toward making life worth while,*

*That costs the least and does the most,*

*Is just a pleasant smile.*

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## *Chalmers' Vision*

*Loved by God, redeemed by Jesus and led by the Holy Spirit, we respond in joyful gratitude by worshiping God, sharing the Gospel and serving each other, our community and people everywhere.*

*Chalmers shall be as a tree planted by the River of Life:*

- *Growing up toward God*
- *A thing of beauty (whose leaves shall not wither)*
- *Providing nourishment with its fruit for all*

## Gold Wrapping Paper



Some time ago a mother punished her five year old daughter for wasting a roll of expensive gold wrapping paper. Money was tight and she became even more upset when the child used the gold paper to decorate a box to put under the Christmas tree. Nevertheless, the little girl brought the gift box to her mother the next morning and then said, 'This is for you, Momma.' The mother was embarrassed by her earlier over-reaction, but her anger flared again when she opened the box and found it was empty. She spoke to her daughter in a harsh manner. 'Don't you know, young lady, when you give someone a present there's supposed to be something inside the package?' Her daughter had tears in her eyes and said, 'Oh, Momma, it's not empty! I blew kisses into it until it was full.' The mother was crushed. She fell on her knees and put her arms around her little girl, and she begged forgiveness for her thoughtless anger. In a very real sense, each of us has been given a Golden box filled with unconditional love and kisses from our family, friends and God. There is no more precious possession anyone could hold.

## Marching Through Lent

Lent is the period of forty days (excluding Sundays) that lead up to Easter. Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, the day after Shrove Tuesday. Shrove Tuesday has come to be associated with pancakes, as it was originally the time when households used up their rich foods (like eggs, sugar, and milk) before the Lenten period of fasting. The term Mardi Gras is actually French for Fat Tuesday, also referring to the time to use up special foods.

In Sunday School this month, students will be involved in "Moving with Passion". This is a series of lessons on different aspects of the Easter season. Each Sunday will have a different focus:

**March 1:** Movie & Popcorn—The Easter Story

**March 8:** Food Day—Taste the Last Supper

**March 15:** Craft Day—Easter Symbol Creations

**March 22:** Games Day—Easter Freeze Frames

**March 29:** Live Drama—Moving with Passion

