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## Spectacular September

What a great month we had in September! We had twenty-nine children and youth at church on the first week of Sunday Morning Youth. Our second Sunday was Bring-a-Friend week and we got to meet some new faces. Thanks to everyone who invited someone, whether they were able to come or not! We appreciate the effort!

In September we started a unit on Jacob & Esau. These two brothers had some major issues. The first Sunday of the unit had us study our names and what they mean, both historically and to us personally. Shortly there will be a large banner hanging in the John Marshall hall with everyone's name on it. Jacob's name was changed after he

wrestled with an angel and he became Israel.

The second week was games week and with the nice weather we were able to play outside and then come back in for some wonderful treats. A special thank you to Jeanne Ferguson for providing us with cookies. Through the games we learned about the advantage of having God on our side. We enjoyed the company of several friends for the games week.

The third week was all about telling lies. It was a bit strange since three of us had conferences and weddings all falling on the same weekend causing us to be away from Chalmers, but Kathy took over with capable hands and had a great time with the group. They had some lively discussion and great activities.



## October

In October, we will be continuing our study of Jacob & Esau. Because of Thanksgiving Sunday on October 11th, we only have three more Sundays to explore Jacob & Esau through drama, stories, crafts and more.

Thanksgiving Sunday will be a family Sunday with a video available for those 6 and under.

In November we will be starting Christmas Around the World.



# From the Editor

My daughter is obsessed with dinosaurs. We're not talking about the normal level of obsession that every child seems to go through at some point when they learn that dinosaurs once roamed the earth. No, Torry eats, sleeps, dreams about, sings about, plays with, watches, learns about, and talks about nothing but dinosaurs. She is on a whole other level of obsession that causes me to have to study just to be able to keep up with her. A conversation last week went something like this (keep in mind that she's just four):

Torry: Mummy, guess what kind of dinosaur I'm thinking about.

Me: OK, give me some clues.

Torry: It's a bipedal herbivore with long arms and feathers.

Me: Hmm, I can't think of any bipedal herbivores. Are you sure?

Torry: Oops, you're right. It's not a herbivore, it's an omnivore 'cause it eats fish as well as plants.

Me: Well, is it an ornithomimus?

Torry: No mummy, ornithomimus didn't have feathers. It's a velociraptor!



As interesting as that conversation was, we had an even better one in the car yesterday. As, I'm sure, all children are, Torry's very curious about why there are no dinosaurs now. We have read all the different theories and she has her own opinion on which theory is the best, but she wants to know for sure. So yesterday we were driving in the car, listening to Bill Gaither (Southern Gospel) and I was singing along with a song about someday going to heaven. Torry interrupted me and asked what the song was about. I explained and she was quiet for a few minutes (rare!). Suddenly, she burst out, "Mummy, you know what I'm going to do? When we go to heaven, I'm going to ask Jesus what killed the dinosaurs 'cause he'll know for sure!" Sounds like a good idea to me. We went back to singing until a few minutes later she asked what's going to live on the earth after all the humans have died. When I told her I didn't know, she had a perfect solution. "When we get to heaven, mummy, we can go talk to Jesus and he can answer all my questions that you don't know the answers for." I hope Jesus has a lot of free time!

Sometimes our jobs as parents can seem overwhelming. There are so many things for our children to learn and we want to teach them everything we can to make them safe and successful and healthy and faithful and helpful and kind. But we have so many opportunities to teach them when we're not even trying. Conversations on the walk to school or when driving in the car or eating dinner together are sometimes much more powerful than the lectures we expect to give to cover the "big" issues. And many times I find that I learn as much from chatting with Torry as she learns from me, and not just about dinosaurs!



Addendum: A couple of days after writing this article, Torry & I were chatting again and we passed some vandalism. She asked me why people would do that and I admitted that I don't know why people do mean things. "Well, I guess they just haven't let Jesus into their hearts." Through the eyes of a child, eh?

## What a Quote!

- How long will you lie there, O lazybones? When will you rise from your sleep? Proverbs 6:9

# Welcome Everyone

Seeing as there were only three Sundays of SMY in September, I don't want to highlight just those who made it out every week. Instead, I would like to welcome everyone that we saw in September: some old friends, some just visiting and some new faces.

Welcome to:

## Our preschool class:

Naomi Duffin  
Quinton Groves  
Julia Ferguson  
Katelyn Morrison  
Isla Thibodeau  
Julie

## Our Primary Class:

Josiah Duffin  
Ferguson Groves  
A.J. Ferguson  
Hailee Krumpeck  
Torry Thibodeau

## Our Junior Class:

Cameron Abrams  
Christian Abrams  
Christina Ball  
Colin Ball

Allyson Berryhill  
Declan Berryhill  
Brynn College  
Reece Daniel  
Cameron Emerson-Taylor  
Tyler MacPherson  
Kenneth McDonald  
Jacqueline Nathaniel  
Joycelina Nathaniel  
Yunike Soedarmasto  
Doulton  
Josh  
**Our Senior Class:**  
Tom Ball  
Jackie Bannerman  
Amber Emerson-Taylor  
Richard Garner  
Tori Garner  
Abby MacPherson  
Jessie MacPherson  
Charleen McCartney  
Spencer McCormick  
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Abbey Poser  
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## What's Going On?

### October

1st @ 6:15 — Children's Choir: first rehearsal  
3rd — Church Retreat: special program for children and youth  
11th @ 10:30 — Thanksgiving Sunday (no SMY)  
17th @ 1:00 — Church: Car Rally  
18th @ 10:30 — SMY: Gathering

### December

13th @ 10:30 — Church: Reach Out singing  
24th @ 7:00 — Church: Christmas Eve Service