Children's Ministry

In partnership with our church family, our goal is to reach out to children and impassion them with the love of Christ.

What's Happening at RHUMC?

September 2011



Coming Sept 7

Jeanne Wallace is our new Director of Music Ministries and was previously at Forsyth UMC in Forsyth, GA, on staff there for almost 15 years, working with all ages. She received her Bachelor of Music Education from Georgia College and State University in 2004, and is a certified music teacher in the state of Georgia. The RHUMC staff are all so excited about our new children's midweek program, "Wednesday J.A.M. Time"!!

For music, the children will be divided into 2 groups: 3yrs-1st grade, and 2nd-5th grade. The younger children will participate in more movement-based activities, including song motions, marching and other "steady beat" movements, body percussion, rhythm instruments, and color-coded hand bells. The older children will certainly have their share of "wiggle time", but will also learn to sing in two parts and will be exposed to the beginning elements of reading music, including playing hand chimes. All age groups will learn proper vocal technique including breathing, posture, tone, and diction; we will also include improvisation, listening skills, hymn stories and many other activities and skills. We will stress respect, accountability, cooperation, and kindness in everything we do. And we will have a GREAT time!!

Afterschool Hours will be a change from our previous schedule to allow for more activities similar to our very popular Vacation Bible School format. The children are separated into 4 groups for all activities outside of music to allow the leaders to customize the activities for their children: 3yrs-Pre K, K-1st, 2nd-3rd and 4th-5th.

*3:45—4 pm arrival/snack time

4-6pm Rotation through music, drama/stories, games and craft/activity stations.

5:45 pm Church fellowship dinner begins for parents

6pm Children join parents for dinner

6:15 pm Devotional family worship service

6:45 pm Dismissal

Meet some wonderful kids when you volunteer. We need a steady group of grade leaders and shepherds/assistants to get to know the kids and be a consistent presence for them. As always, we need caring adults to make this program work. As you saw with our recent VBS, it is well worth it to see the children grow closer to God in their faith. They are truly amazing and you are sure to be blessed by your service.

You will be given all the materials and curriculum needed, but it is also open to your ideas and interpretation. We can be very creative with our time, employing drama skits, guest speakers sharing hobbies or a skill, science experiments, trivia, etc.

For our volunteers, we will have nursery available for any children under 3.

*We will be happy to help coordinate car pooling from the school when necessary.

TO HELP AS WE PLAN, EVERY CHILD MUST HAVE A REGISTRATION FORM COMPLETED. (SEE BACK PAGE)

Wednesday Afterschool JAM Jesus and Me

Sign-Up Details

Registration Forms are available to download from our website, www.rhumc.com or the children's ministry site at www.kidspot.richmondhillumc.org. Please fill out and drop off at the church office or mail to RHUMC, PO Box 1480.

Call Janine Blakeborough, Director of Children's Ministries with any questions at 756-6158 or email at cmc@richmondhillumc.org

Joyful Jamboree

Joyful Jamboree will enter its second year and has been met with much success as our new children's church format. We now use the Chapel for both the 9 and 11 am services, which is working very well. This gives the children the feeling of an authentic church service. We will be adding different elements of worship this year such as the Gloria Patri, Affirmation of Faith, and Books of the New Testament. We also will continue to collect offerings to go towards our mission project, Operation Christmas Child. We will continue with our monthly themes so that children learn the Bible characters through Stories, Videos and Puppets. However, we will also be adding an emphasis on prayer so that children become more comfortable with private and corporate prayer as well. Children will still remain with parents in the Sanctuary or Gill Fellowship hall for church until they are dismissed to Joyful Jamboree in the Chapel for pick-up. We appreciate any parents interested in volunteering for a once monthly commitment to share in the fun, too!

Volunteer Testimonial

As we reflect on our participation in Children's Church, we are reminded of the Bible verse from Matthew 18: 1-5. We have 3 grown children who experienced the love of Christ through the love and support of adults and youth leaders in VBS, Sunday School, Children's and Youth programs and missions. Our 2 grandsons recently participated in VBS and had a wonderful time. We both praise God for the blessings our family has received and want in some way to share that blessing with the children of God here at RHUMC.

Over the years we have participated as Children's Sunday School teachers, volunteered with youth programs and VBS, and for the last several years have found our niche in Children's Church. We enjoy the innocence, desire to learn, and the joy the children have in learning about and praising our Savior. It doesn't require any special skills or training; it isn't limited to any special age. The only requirement is a desire to love and nurture our children and have fun!

Remember, it is a team effort! Come and fellowship with us as we experience the wonder and joy of our children and help them begin their spiritual journey. You will be blessed tremendously!

Donna and Joe Hoke

Matthew 18: 1-5

At the time the disciples came to Jesus and asked, "Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?" He called a little child and had him stand among them. And he said: " I tell you the truth, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Therefore, whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. And whoever welcomes a little child like this in my name welcomes me."

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Our Sunday School classes will resume with the preschool on the first floor and all other grades K-5 upstairs. We will continue with the Live B.I.G. curriculum designed to excite and enrich children's spiritual lives. They will see travel segments featuring B.I.G. ministries, listen to cool music, and learn to live out their belief in God in their everyday lives. All classes will be at 10 am.