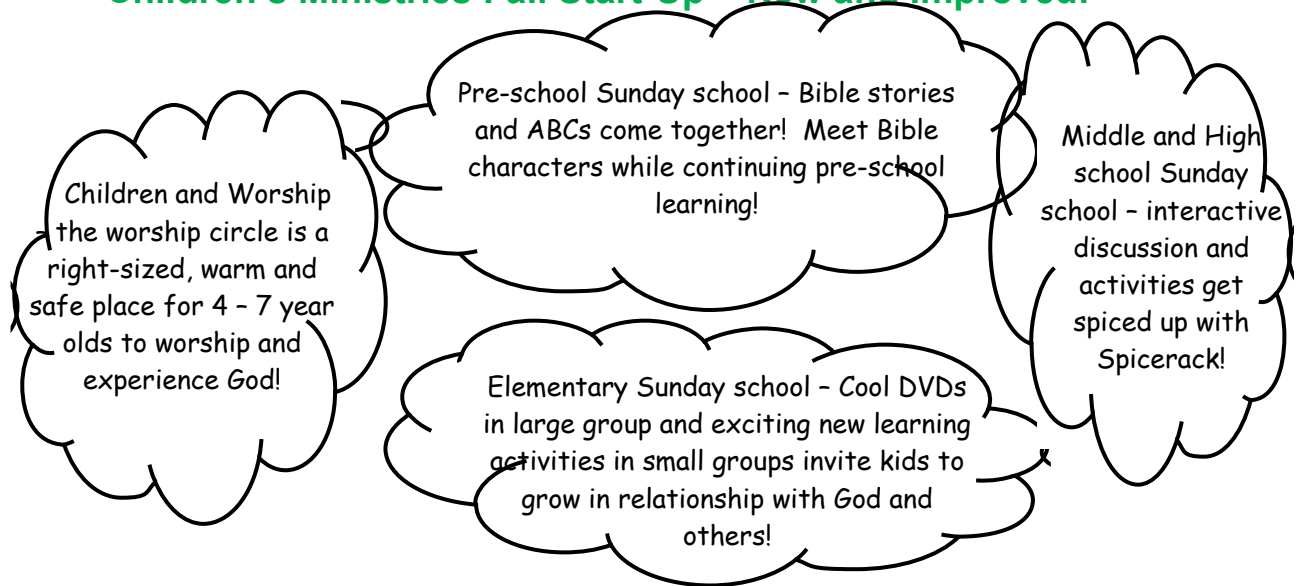


Children's Ministries Fall Start-Up – New and Improved!



Fall start-up is **Sept 25th** and we have a great line-up! Featured are new curriculum and formats that connect kids in today's world with God and God's love; encourage community learning and celebration; nurture spiritual development, prayer, and knowledge of scripture; help children live their faith through mission and art projects; engage parents; and enable various learning styles.

Sunday school begins at 9:45am.

Pre-school will focus on stories of the Bible while integrating the learning of ABCs, 123s, colors and shapes. For example, Abraham's story will be presented on the Sunday where the pre-school is learning "A" during the week. In this way, we hope that kids will remember Abraham during the week as "A" is being taught. We also hope to engage more of the week-day pre-school and MOPS children into Sunday school. Preschoolers should report to their classroom.

For **Elementary ages**, the format and content is also totally new through the 252 Basics curriculum. Kids should report to the ARC and will begin each Sunday school hour there in small groups to introduce the scripture-based virtue for the week and then will join a large group for a video, skit, games, singing and praying. It is a time for both learning and praise. They will finish the last part of the hour in small groups in their classrooms where engaging content and activities will drive the lesson home. Churches we benchmarked were amazed at how this curriculum helped kids model Christ's behavior.

Middle school students will enjoy age-appropriate discussions and experiential activities which apply faith to the way they live through the Spicerack curriculum published by Youth Ministry Architects. High school students will continue using this curriculum, which complements the essence of FISH and Lost Sheep.

Children and Worship (CAW) will be offered during the 9:30 worship services September 11th and 18th and during both the **8:30am and 11:00am worship services** from September 25th onward. CAW is a joyful way for children ages 4 - 7 to worship God. It invites them to experience the wonder and mystery of God through a unique storytelling format and multi-sensory materials.

Please provide the opportunity for your child to benefit regularly from these ministries. Also, we still need lots of help to make this work. Please consult the postings of needed volunteers in the Narthex across from the coat room and on the back wall of Fellowship Hall and pray about God's call for you and your children. Contact Jill Wilson (724-327-2662, wilsonjill@comcast.net) or Michelle McAllister (724-744-3962, mcallistermichel@aol.com).

Blessings to you from the Children's Ministry Renovation Team and the Equipping Ministry