

New Hope Baptist Church

Children's Church Newsletter

Growing in Christ : Vacations and Free Time

In the book of Proverbs, Solomon gave fatherly instruction to his children. The fifth of God's Ten Commandments, given to the children of Israel, states: "You must honor and respect your father and your mother. Do this so that you will have a full life in the land that the Lord your God gives you." (Exodus 20: 12). Solomon explained to his children what he personally believed that the commandment meant to him. He wrote in Proverbs, "Children, listen to your father's teaching. Pay attention and you will learn how to learn. The advice I give is good, so don't ever forget what I teach you" (Proverbs 4: 1-3).

The advice that Solomon offered in Proverbs contains spiritual, personal, and interpersonal direction. He tells us how we should conduct ourselves individually, with peers and friends, and with those in our community. He gives instruction for behavior in and out of school, during vacation time in the summer. Like Aesop's fable, the Grasshopper and the Ant, Solomon pointed to his children the industriousness of the small creature during summer. He said:

"You should watch what the ants do and learn from them. Ants have no ruler, no boss, and no leader. But in summer, ants gather all of their food and save it. So when winter comes, there is plenty to eat." (Proverbs 6: 6-7, Easy to Read Version (ERV)).

In the National Academies Press book, Parenting Matters: Supporting Parents of Children Ages 0-8, the study defines parenting as Solomon did centuries earlier as "training and preparing children to meet the demands of their environments and take advantage of opportunities within those environments" (p.20). In this issue of the Newsletter, we have included activities for children to engage in during the summer to spark their curiosity and expand their views about their perceptions of themselves, their community, and their world.

3701 Colorado Blvd
Denver, Colorado 80205
303-322-5200 (Phone)
303-322-5445 (Fax)



NEW HOPE
BAPTIST CHURCH
Celebrating New Life & Offering Hope

**Reverend Eugene M. Downing, Jr.,
Pastor**

<http://www.newhopechurchdenver.org>

Editor: Phyllis Thomas, July 2017

Exploring during Summer (Proverbs 6: 6-7)

NO. 1
Skip rocks.

NO. 2
Spot a shooting star.

NO. 3



Dig to China.

NO. 4
Create a sidewalk mural.

NO. 5
Roll down a hill.

NO. 6



Go on a picnic.

NO. 7
Build a fort.

Bible Focus for June : Proverbs 6: 6-7

“You should watch what the ants do and learn from them. Ants have no ruler, no boss, and no leader. But in summer, ants gather all of their food and save it. So when winter comes, there is plenty to eat.” (Proverbs 6: 6-7, Easy to Read Version (ERV)).

Enjoy the Summer

NO. 9



Tightrope walk on a log.

NO. 10

Blow dandelions into the wind.

NO. 11

Imitate a bird's call.

NO. 12

Dance in the rain.

NO. 13

Dig up worms.

NO. 14

Make a flower necklace.

NO. 15



Read a book under a tree and climb the tree.

NO. 16

Sleep under the stars and name 5 constellations.

NO. 17

Fly a kite.

From Great Outdoors Colorado, Generation Wild Campaign. <https://generationwild.com/the-list/>

Children's Safety and Guns

In a study of guns and children in the Montbello and Park Hill areas of Denver, Dr. Eric Sigel of the CU School of Medicine gathered these findings:

- Study participants at higher risk for violent behavior are five times more likely to know where to get a gun than those not at risk.
- Youth who attempted suicide were more than twice as likely to have a friend with a handgun.
- Adolescents and youths who self-report having a mental health issue are twice as likely to say that getting a gun would be easy.
- Those participants whose parents own a firearm were three times more likely to say that it would be easy to get a gun if they wanted one.

The doctor also recommended that parents ask if their children's friends have unsecured guns in the home.

<http://www.npr.org/2017/05/04/526931907/research-explores-how-youth-access-to-guns-is-linked-to-mental-health-issues>

Children's Department Staff

Karen Moham, Department Coordinator
ransom1905@yahoo.com

Phyllis Chapman, Pre-Teen Ministry Coordinator
pkcjoy59@gmail.com

Donna Pate, 6 - 8 year old Coordinator
denverdonna@gmail.com

Phyllis Thomas, Newsletter Editor
prt_fax@yahoo.com

Sonda Wynn, Media & Advertising Coordinator
sondawynn@hotmail.com

Desirea Thames, Outreach Coordinator
dtthames@yahoo.com

Odessa Hubbard, Training Coordinator
mthrhubbard@yahoo.com

Courtney Chapman, Activities Coordinator
colette2002@aol.com

Awesome Summer Reads!!

All Ages

Your favorite book of the Bible. Each person has their individual favorite in the Old and New Testament. The Bible has poems, history, short stories, and parables. Read both books and compare what God says or does within each.

Elementary **Ed and Ted and Ted's Dog Fred** by Andy Griffiths. In addition to being a fun book to read, this series reinforces learning of vowels and consonants.

Older Elementary **Dolphins at Daybreak (Magic Tree House #9)** by Mary Pope Osborne. An adventure about gathering books through time and solving riddles. This popular series introduces early readers to chapter books.

Almost Middle School. **Steeds of the Gods from the Beasts of Olympus** series by Lucy Coats. Contemporary adventures based on myths of the Greek gods, Poseidon, Zeus, and the whole pantheon.

Going to Middle School. **Confessions of a Former Bully** by Trudy Ludwig. Although in the format of a picture book, this title gives kids an expanded view of bullying in its verbal, physical, psychological, and social forms.

Books from the New Hope Baptist Church Youth Summer Reading Challenge.

Calendar of Events

Success Workshop September 30, 2017
Fifth (5th) Saturday of the month. There will be no
Angel Choir rehearsal.