

Family Ministry Newsletter

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“What does the Lord your God require of you?...Live in a way that pleases him, and love him and serve him with all your heart and soul” Deuteronomy 10:12

Letter from the Editor

May is probably my favorite month. The tulips are starting to bloom, my lilac bush is in full swing, and the peonies begin to show their colors. The air is so fresh and crisp each morning. No matter what the temperature is outside, there is always a warm spot on the deck out of the breeze with the sun beating down heavily. Speaking of great weather, wasn't May 3rd a great blessing to Bethany? God blessed us with such a beautiful day so that many could join in fellowship and fun for the afternoon at the Spring Carnival. Christian Crossings was awesome as well and it would be great to have them back again sometime this coming year. The kids did a great job singing with them and praising God. Speaking of which, aren't children such a precious commodity from God? I think sometimes we take our kids for granted and I feel we really need to start savoring every moment we can with them as they are the greatest blessing of all. They make our place a better one just for being in our

lives. They look up to us for guidance and to heal their wounds. They run to us when they are sad or scared. It is our responsibility to provide that guidance and safety for them. It is our responsibility to kiss the wounded knee and mend the broken heart. After all, isn't that what God does for us?

Psalms 127:3-5 “Behold, children are a heritage from the Lord, the fruit of the womb, a reward. Like arrows in the hand of a warrior are the children of one's youth. Blessed is the man who fills his quiver with them! He shall not be put to shame when he speaks with his enemies in the gate.”

In God's
love,
Kelly Ness



Upcoming Events

May 15th: Youth lock-in

8pm–8am

Contact: Wes Gabel

May 16th: Planting and cleaning up

9am-noon

Contact: Church Office

May 17th: Family Ministry/Youth parent Meeting

Caperneum Room

9:45am

Contact: Kelly Ness

May 31st: Family Ministry picnic

Ness Home

Bring a chair and dish to pass

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Monitoring Your Kids



Monitoring your kids sounds so easy when they are little, however, it seems like such an overwhelming responsibility when they begin to grow up. Our ability to actively monitor becomes much more difficult as they begin to develop personalities that have a tendency to clash with ours. We won't always have detailed answers to all of our questions but the fact that we ask questions at all lets them know that we care about them. Some of these questions include:

Who will you be with?

Where will you be?

What are you going to be doing?

When are you leaving?

How are you getting home?

Things to keep in mind when actively monitoring your kids are:

Open lines of communication when your child is young & keeping those lines open as honest communication is crucial

Tell your child what thoughts and ideas you value and why

Know what your child is watching, reading, playing, or listening to

Know the people your child spends time with

Give direction without being rigid

Most of all, pray with and for your kids

Bible fun facts about food

Salt is mentioned more than 30 times in the Bible



There are 49 different foods mentioned in the Bible



Almonds and pistachios are the only nuts mentioned in the Bible



