



FALL/WINTER 2010

# FAMILY MINISTRIES NEWSLETTER

PARTNERING WITH PARENTS FROM DIAPERS TO DIPLOMAS



## PROMOTION WEEKEND – SEPTEMBER 4/5

The first weekend of September, some of your children will be moving to a new room. While children in Babyworks move to Creation Station Orange when they turn 1, all other children are promoted each September. Please note that the cut-off date for the Creation Station rooms is September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010. So, for example, if your child turns 2 on September 2<sup>nd</sup>, he/she will be in Creation Station Orange until September of 2011. Ages/grades and their appropriate rooms are as follow:

- Newborn -1 year.....Babyworks
- 1 year olds .....Creation Station Orange
- 2 year olds .....Creation Station Blue
- 3-5 year olds (pre-K) .....Creation Station Green
- K-2nd.....Light Factory
- 3rd-5th .....Power Plant

Sixth Graders move up to Fuel, held on Wednesday evenings in the Family Life Center (gym), from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.

## BIGWORKS RETURNS FROM SUMMER BREAK!

After taking the summer off, Big-works will return on October 2/3. Bigworks is a fun, fast-paced family experience, where children and parents get to go to church TOGETHER! Join us after the Saturday 6:00 p.m. service or Sunday 10:30 a.m. service in the Power Plant of Kidzworks — it will be 30 minutes your family won't soon forget! Plan on joining us the first weekend of each month, through May!



Visit [www.bigworks.org](http://www.bigworks.org) for more info!

## STARTING POINT FOR KIDS

Starting Point for Kids is a pre-baptism class for kids. It will be taking place October 9<sup>th</sup> from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. in the Power Plant. This class is open to kids in 2<sup>nd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> grade. If your child has been asking questions about getting baptized or becoming a Christian, this would be a great class to come to. Every child that comes must be accompanied by a parent or another adult. We will take sign ups for the class until October 2. For more information or to sign up contact Joseph Roth 608.362.7663 x16 or [josephroth@centralwired.com](mailto:josephroth@centralwired.com).



### MEALS FOR MOMS

Are you an expectant Mom or do you know someone who is expecting or adopting? Your CCC Family wants to help make the transition a little easier after baby's arrival. Our Meals for Moms Ministry will provide you and your immediate family with one week of prepared meals. Please contact Tonia Millard at 365.1592 or email [petuniamilz@charter.net](mailto:petuniamilz@charter.net).

### MEALS FOR MOMS VOLUNTEERS

Meals for Moms Ministry is looking for volunteers. If you are willing to prepare and drop off a meal for new moms and their family, please call Tonia Millard at 365.1592 or [petuniamilz@charter.net](mailto:petuniamilz@charter.net).

### ITEMS NEEDED

The Babyworks/Creation Station rooms are always in need of the following items:

- diaper/hand wipes
- cleaning wipes
- non-peanut snacks (cereal, crackers, cookies, pretzels).
- toddler-sized clothes for potty-training accidents

These items may be left in your child's Kidzworks room.

### DIAPER BAGS

It has become increasingly difficult for teachers in Babyworks, Creation Station Orange and Creation Station Blue to find and then search through diaper bags. So, to make things easier and more efficient, we'll be asking parents to take the following things out of bags and leave them in provided containers on the counter in the room: diaper, wipes, bottle/sippy cup/pacifier (with child's name). The bags can be hung on provided hooks. And if you do leave a bag hanging in the room, please do not leave any valuables inside.

### SMALL TALK

Please take a copy of Small Talk when you pick your children up from Creation Station Blue and Creation Station Green. This will let you know what your child learned in Kidzworks, and give you some creative ideas to increase that learning at home. You'll find Small Talk on the counter at the pick-up gate.

### CREATION STATION OFFERING

There are offering baskets on the counters in Creation Station Blue and Creation Station Green. We do not have offering time as part of our lessons in these rooms, but we encourage you to begin talking with your children about giving, and allowing them to put what they bring in the baskets when you drop them off. We add our offering to what is given in the Light Factory and the Power Plant, and it all goes toward various missions throughout the year.

## KIDZWORKS CARNIVAL

The Kidzworks Carnival is back! This totally fun, completely free, second time Kidzworks event is coming back October 30 and 31. The Kidzworks Carnival is a special event where we get to dress up, learn about God, play carnival games and win candy. Speaking of candy, we gave away enough to fill a 50 gallon drum! This event will take place during each of our regular church services. Parents, you will drop off your kids like normal, go to church, and pick them up like a normal service. But kids, you get to wear a costume if you want to, but no scary ones; play carnival games; and go home with tons of candy. Sounds like fun huh? This event is only for kids in the Creative Station Blue and Green, Light Factory and Power Plant. Don't miss this event, and remember to invite your friends.

## KIDZWORKS CARNIVAL NEEDS

We do have two needs with the carnival. First we need enough candy to fill a 50 gallon drum. Last year families donated more than enough candy. We will collect candy starting September 25 all the way up to the carnival. Please make sure that you do not bring any candy that is made with nuts of any kind or processed in a plant with nuts. Kidzworks is a nut free environment. All candy can be dropped off in your child's Kidzworks room in the Kidzworks Carnival Collection bin. Second, we need a lot of help. Last year we had over 20 games and activities that need at least one if not two people to help out with them. If you would like to help, contact Elementary Director Joseph Roth 608.362.7663 x16 or [josephroth@centralwired.com](mailto:josephroth@centralwired.com).





## FALL GIVING

Last spring Kidzworks donated some toothbrushes and toothpaste that we had left over from an activity to the Project Hope free store. Martha Denu, the volunteer leader of the store, told us later how excited the families who came in the room were to get the things they needed. One little girl in particular told her this, "I get to have my own toothbrush now." Now, we didn't help out much last year. But this year Kidzworks wants to make sure that this little girl and all the kids in families like hers have what they need. We will be collecting children's toothpaste, tooth brushes, body wash, shampoo, and conditioner. Your families can bring your donations for the free store to your child's Kidzworks room. We will collect from September 4 to September 19.



## CHRISTMAS PARTY

This winter on December 18 & 19 we will be having a Christmas Party in Kidzworks Elementary (K-5) during the normal service. It's going to be awesome as we take a normal weekend and amp it up to celebrate Jesus' Birth. Be on the look out for information about the party coming to you this November. This is going to be a great party that your kids won't want to miss.

## CSM THIS FALL

This fall will be an exciting time for CSM. We are in a transition time but one that we are ready to embrace. We feel like God has done the work to get us to where we are so we're just going to keep following his leading and prompting for CSM. That being said, we want to continue doing things that will continue to build the relationships that are already being formed among our students. CSM will go back to our regular schedule on September 8th. Fuel will meet at 6:00p.m. and Ignite will begin at 7:30 p.m. In addition to our regular schedule we have some events planned that we hope your students will make it out to. Details will be communicated to your students on Wednesday night.

- **September 10th - Bowling Night (High School only)**
- **October 2nd - CSM Homecoming (following the Sat. night service; Jr. High and High School)**
- **October 29th - Bonfire (High School only)**

We're also planning a fall retreat for late October so watch for details on that!

## FROM CORY, TO CSM PARENTS

Dear CSM parents,

First off, let me just say thank you for allowing CSM to have a part in the spiritual development of your children. It is an honor to have the opportunity to point young people to Christ and we thank you that you trust us for the task. We want you to know that we take this honor very seriously and pray and plan to that end.

As we move into the "back-to-school" season would you be willing to pray and consider how important the spiritual development of your child is? I believe that our young people will be best served if we are all in agreement that spiritual formation is hugely important. When sports, homework, and life start to make this semester blurry, we need to remember that what will last for eternity is priority one. I say this to remind myself and you that meeting together for Word and worship, having time for personal devotions, and building a community of like-minded Christ followers, is the key to long-term, very long term, eternal success. Please make an effort this Fall to encourage these practices.

Also, whether you believe it or not, and even if your child tells you otherwise, you are the primary influence in their lives. So I am pleading with you to be a voice that encourages them to pursue Christ. Please make arrangements to get them to youth group. Please encourage the friendships that they are building at youth group. And, please help them to have time for personally meeting with Jesus, daily.

I understand this can be tough...I know that it is more natural to ground them from youth group or force them to do homework instead of encouraging Bible reading...I see how disrespectful your supposed "christ-like" child can be. So when all else fails, please make a commitment to pray. There is nothing more effective for transforming your children than your prayers. If we do only one thing this fall, let it be praying for the young people. God promises to hear and move.

Finally, I am really looking forward to this season of ministry. I love the students that God has blessed us with. I am very excited about what God is up to here and I am looking forward to partnering with you in the spiritual progress of your kids.

—Cory Williams, Students Pastor

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## SUMMER HIGHLIGHTS

