



2016 Year End Newsletter

Pastor's Column

Join Us for Teacher Appreciation Sunday - May 1, 2016

"We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ."
1 Thessalonians 1:2-3

"Thank you, for giving to The Lord I am a life, that was changed!" Song, "Thank You" by Ray Boltz

Those simple powerful words still mean so very much: Thank you! Our society, sadly, uses them less often. Our expectations are so high. Our time is so short. Other demands are so many. Our schedules have us moving so quickly.

I invite you to join me and our ministry on Sunday, May 1st, for a morning of celebration and appreciation, as we say "Thank you" to our "Faith Quest" staff and teachers. Join me and our ministry as we say "Thank you" to those who exceed all expectations, to those who give of their time, time and time again, to those who say 'yes' to teaching in the midst of their own life demands and quickly moving schedules, to those who 'constantly are remembered for their work of faith, their labor of love, and their steadfast hope in our Lord Jesus Christ!'

On an added note, as you remember the times someone took the time to personally thank you, I encourage you, to join me in personally thanking our teachers, and especially those who have taught and blessed your children.

As the joy of Easter continues, with Easter hearts, in the name of The Risen Christ, thank you to one and all who so faithfully make God first!



Pastor Jamie

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April 10 Spring service project kick-off

May 1 Last day of Faith Quest
Teacher appreciation
Spring service project ends
End of year program
Children sing
See the following details

May 4 Life Nite

July 18-22 Vacation Bible School

SPRING SERVICE PROJECT

COMPETITION – FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE
FOOD SHELF

- We will be collecting items for 360 Communities – the local food shelf
- Each classroom will compete to collect the most items
- We encourage the donation of non-perishable food items, personal hygiene items and gift cards
- Collection begins now! Ends on May 1.
- Visit <https://www.360communities.org/self-sufficiency/food-shelf-needs/> for more details.

END OF THE YEAR PROGRAM

- PreK and K-1st grade – Jesus Loves Me in sign language
- 2nd-3rd grade - My God is So Good on handbells
- 4th-6th grade – Apostles’ Creed and John 3:16
- Life Nite – Is Well With My Soul” special music

HELP NEEDED!

The Faith Quest program will be in need of volunteers next year. Please let us, Council or Pastor Jamie know if you’re interested.

LYRICS – for May 1

PLEASE PRACTICE AT HOME!!

THE BUTTERFLY SONG
(If I Were a Butterfly)

If I were a butterfly
I'd thank you Lord for giving me wings
If I were a robin in a tree
I'd thank you Lord that I could sing
If I were a fish in the sea
I'd wiggle my tail and I'd giggle with glee
But I just thank you Father for making me,
me

CHORUS

For you gave me a heart and you gave me a smile
You gave me Jesus and you made me your child
And I just thank you Father for making me,
me

If I were an elephant
I'd thank you Lord by raising my trunk
If I were a kangaroo
You know I'd hop right up to you
If I were an octopus
I'd thank you Lord for my fine looks
But I just thank you Father for making me,
me

CHORUS

If I were a wiggly worm
I'd thank you Lord that I could squirm
If I were a fuzzy, wuzzy bear
I'd thank you Lord for my fuzzy, wuzzy hair
If I were a crocodile
I'd thank you Lord for my great smile
But I just thank you Father for
making me, me

CHORUS (x2)

And I just thank you Father for making me,
me

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2R-AI4AvwiU>