

MOUNT VERNON KIDS MONTHLY

Mark Your Calendar!

Wednesday night fellowship dinners

Join us in the Fellowship Hall
from 5:30-6:30.

Reserve your spot online:
MountVernon.church/fellowshipdinner

Parent/ Child Dedication

Sunday, October 8, 2023

9am & 10:30am services

Register at MountVernon.church/kids.
Registration closes Sunday, October 1.

Fall Festival

Saturday, October 14 4:00-6:00

Open to the church family & community. Trunk-or-treat, games, petting zoo & more!

Fall Festival Trunk Sign-Up and Candy Drive

September 17- October 7.

Bring candy to the Fall Festival table in the lobby. Our goal is 25,000 pieces!

MV Kids Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Packing Party

Sunday, November 12, 2023

During 9am & 10:30am Sunday School classes.

Dear Mount Vernon Kids & Families,

This summer's VBS brought the message "Following Jesus changes everything." We studied the life of Peter and his interactions with Jesus. We saw how Peter was transformed as he encountered the power and forgiveness of Jesus Christ. We learned that Jesus can change everything for us when we recognize Him as our Savior and Lord.

This September, we will study examples of women in scripture who demonstrated trust and obedience to God and His plan for their lives. We will recognize the opportunity we each have to trust and obey God in our own lives with our own choices.

This October, we will study God's plan for our families and how families are to live according to His word. We will see that from the beginning God had a plan for families, and He has a plan and design for our families today.

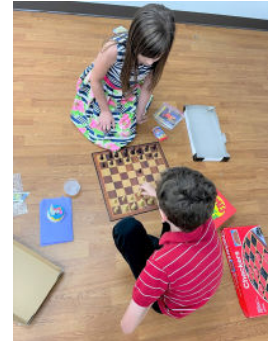
This November, we will study stories throughout the Old Testament that reveal God's power. We will see as Psalm 147:5 says, "Great is our Lord, and mighty in power; His understanding is infinite."

In Christ,



Michelle Ives, Minister for Children & Families

A Peek Inside Mount Vernon Kids



Sunday School lessons this fall (elementary kids/ preschool kids)

SEPTEMBER

3- Rahab hid the spies in Jericho/
Rahab helped the Israelites
(Joshua 2; 6)

10- Deborah judged the people/
Deborah followed God's plan
(Judges 4:1-16, 23-24; 5)

17- Esther helped her people (Esther
2:2-18; 3:8-13; 4-5; 7-8)

24-A widow obeyed / A woman
obeyed (2 Kings 4:1-7)

OCTOBER

1- Isaac and Rebekah/ The First
Family (Genesis 24/ Genesis 1-4)

8- Abram solved a quarrel
(Genesis 13)

15- Moses taught parents
(Deuteronomy 4-6)

22- Ruth helped her family (Ruth 1-4)

29- Paul wrote about families/ God's
plan for Abraham and Sarah
(Ephesians 5; 6/ Genesis 15-21)

NOVEMBER

5- The Israelites at the Red Sea
(Exodus 13:17-22; 14)

12- Jonah (Jonah 1-4)

19- Daniel in the lions' den (Daniel 6)

26- David and Goliath
(1 Samuel 17:1-50)

FAMILY RESOURCES

WHO'S ON THE THRONE?

Setting the tone in your home

Fall is here, and with it likely new schedules & activities. How do you navigate the busyness of life while leading your family to put God first? How do you set the tone for your family in a way that honors God? You can start by asking this question:

What (or Whom) do we worship?

Shane Pruitt famously said,

Sports can be good, but they can't be God."

In other words, there are many things that can be good for your family: education, sports, theater, community service, etc., but they can never take the first place that God deserves.

So how do you know what's first place in your life and avoid putting something good in the spot reserved for what's best? To answer **"What do we worship?"** Consider asking: **"For what do we sacrifice?"** instead.

Sacrifice and worship go hand and hand all throughout God's word. When you consider to what you are sacrificing your time, energy, resources, and schedule, you get a clearer picture of what you are worshipping. When you sacrifice, you acknowledge that the one to whom you are sacrificing is far more worthy than that thing you sacrifice. To get a quick "check up" on what you worship, consider to what (or to whom) you sacrifice your time, energy, resources and schedule.

Your family is strongest when they aren't in 1st place

God created families as a blessing. He delights in your love and devotion to your spouse and children. However, He knows that your family cannot live up to first place in your life; that spot is reserved for Him as Savior and Lord. We are created with a need for salvation, peace and joy that is only possible through Jesus Christ. Expecting your family to satisfy those deepest needs is too heavy- a responsibility they aren't able to carry.

When you put God in first place, He perfectly satisfies. Once you have recognized God for who He is, you can love your family for who they are more peacefully, joyfully and completely. Consider your time spent in Bible study, prayer, and worship an investment not only into your relationship with your Savior but also an investment in your family's well-being. Time spent with Jesus is always time well-spent for you & for the ones you love.

For Family Resources visit:

MountVernon.church/family-resources



Volunteer Spotlight

Mrs. Terry



Missions Momma

**10:30 5th Grade Sunday School teacher
KidJAM volunteer**

Tell us about your family!

I have been married to Chuck Moore for 31 years. Chase, our son is 22 years old, and Haley is 14 years old. Haley loves volleyball and spending time with friends. Chase loves Pokemon and spending time with friends. Chuck has recently taken up disc golf, and I love swimming and bike riding because I can still do them and feel like I am still young.

What is your favorite meal of the day?

Dinner. I love this because we sit together and eat as a family. We tell about our day.

Tell us one of your "happy places"

I love spending time at White Lake, NC. Great family memories from growing up and even better ones with our kiddos. It is my heaven on Earth!

Why do you love Mount Vernon Kids?

Simply put I love their hearts. I love hearing their stories. I love them sharing their gifts and talents. I love the way they are our teachers and they don't even realize it.

Tell us a scripture that is special to you:

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart..."

Proverbs 3:5-6

Fall 2023