

# MOUNT VERNON KIDS NEWS

## Mark Your Calendar!

### Family Christmas Celebration with KidJAM presentation

**Sunday, December 3, 2023**

6pm-8pm beginning in the Sanctuary

### A Christmas Carol

**Thursday, December 14, 7pm**

**Friday, December 15, 7pm**

**Saturday, December 16, 2pm**

Free admission; no ticket required.

### Christmas Eve Services

**Sunday, December 24, 2023**

**10am** Morning Worship Service with special music. No Sunday School.

*Childcare available 3 and under.*

**3pm & 5pm** Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship Service

*Childcare available 3 and under.*

### MV Kids Noon Years Eve Party

**Sunday, December 31**

11:40am-12:30pm, immediately following service, in the Fellowship Hall

### Parent/ Child Dedication

**Sunday, February 11, 2024**

9am & 10:30am services

Register at [MountVernon.church/kids](http://MountVernon.church/kids).

Registration closes February 4.

Dear Mount Vernon Kids & Families,

There is so much to look forward to this time of the year! The season of advent is here. Hopeful anticipation; expectant waiting.

This advent, we remember that first season of waiting- when the whole world held its breath in anticipation of the promised Messiah. This advent we rejoice that God sent His Son Jesus Christ to Earth to live the life we could never live in order to achieve the salvation we could never earn.

We also wait expectantly for the promises God is yet to fulfill. We rejoice that God has good plans for each of us and each of our families. We celebrate that victory over sin has already been made available to us through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. We lament over the brokenness that sin has caused in this world and hold onto the promise that Jesus will return again.

This season of Christmas is a season of hope, expectation and joy as we wait. We are so thankful to celebrate all that God has done and all that He has yet to do with your family this Christmas.

In Christ,



Michelle Ives, Minister for Children & Families

*A Peek Inside our OCC Shoebox Packing Party*



## Sunday School lessons this winter (elementary kids/ preschool kids)

### DECEMBER

**3- Prophets Told of Jesus' birth**  
(*Isaiah 7:14; 9:6; 11:1-5, Micah 5:2*)

**10- Angels visited Mary and Joseph**  
(*Luke 1:26-38; Matthew 1:18-24*)

**17-Mary and Elizabeth**  
(*Luke 1:39-56*)

**24- Christmas Eve Family Services**  
*Childcare available 3 and under*  
**10am** morning worship with special music  
**3pm & 5pm** candlelight worship

### JANUARY

**7- John the Baptist/ John told about Jesus**  
(*Matthew 3; John 1:29-36/ Matthew 3*)

**14- Nicodemus/ Andrew & Simon learned about Jesus**  
(*John 3:1-21/ John 1:29-42*)

**21- Jesus gave the Great Commission/ Saul taught about Jesus**  
(*Matthew 28:16-20/ Acts 9:1-22*)

**28- Lydia/ Lydia learned about Jesus**  
(*Acts 16:6-15*)

### FEBRUARY

**4-A Widow Cared for Elijah**  
(*1 Kings 17:1, 8-16*)

**11- Jonathan Helped David**  
(*1 Samuel 14:49; 18:1-4; 20*)

**18- Isaac Kept Peace**  
(*Genesis 26:1-6; 12-33*)

**25- A Couple Helped Elisha**  
(*2 Kings 4:8-17*)

# FAMILY RESOURCES

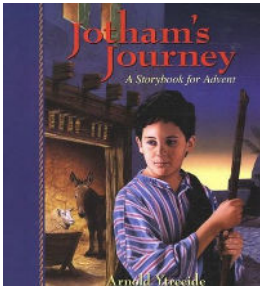
## ADVENT

*Hopeful anticipation*

Advent takes place the four weeks leading up to Christmas. It is a time of remembering and celebrating the birth of Jesus. Let this be a time of great expectation, hopeful anticipation, and intentional preparation for your family. Here are a few books and resources we recommend for your family:

### Jotham's Journey by Arnold Ytreeide

*Read Aloud, about 10 minutes daily*



Jotham's Journey is one of several advent storybooks in this series. Written as a devotional for parents to read to their children during Advent, the story unfolds each day with the exciting climax at Christmas.

### Lifeway Family Advent Devotional by Matt & Lauren Chandler

*Weekly online videos with family advent devotional book*



This is a family devotional with daily scripture reading, daily age-appropriate conversation prompts and daily prayer prompts. Weekly videos enhance understanding of each week's focus.

### 25 Days of the Christmas Story by Dr. Josh & Christi Straub

*Advent devotional for preschool and younger elementary*

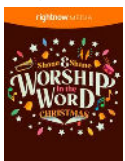


Daily devotional, life lesson, family activity, family questions, and scripture.

### Shane & Shane Worship in the Word: Christmas

*10-part video series available through*

*Right-Now Media (mountvernon.church/rightnow)*



This video series focuses on the Bible as one big story, culminating in the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Family-friendly worship & teaching in 15 minute videos.

## Mount Vernon Kids Spotlight

*Mrs. Kim*



**KidJAM Director**

**Worship Arts Ministry Assistant**

**Tell us about your family!**

I am married to Chris. We have two daughters (Katie and Lauren) who both got married in the last 2 years.

**What is your favorite meal of the day?**

Breakfast because I love eggs and bacon!!!!

**Tell us one of your "happy places"**

Anywhere outside, but especially on my back porch or dock looking at the water.

**Tell us one of your favorite songs.**

One of my favorite songs is "Well Done" by the Afters, because it is my prayer that when I get to heaven God says, "Well done good and faithful servant."

**Why do you love Mount Vernon Kids?**

I love to watch children who are shy and nervous about being on stage develop their confidence and skills. I feel privileged that God has entrusted me with the responsibility of helping kids discover their gifts and teach children how to worship through the arts.

**Tell us a scripture that is special to you:**

*"... let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us."*

**Hebrews 12:1**

**Christmas & Winter 2023/ 2024**

**For Family Resources visit:**

[MountVernon.church/family-resources](http://MountVernon.church/family-resources)

