

# MOUNT VERNON KIDS NEWS

## Mark Your Calendar!

Mount Vernon Productions presents  
**"It's a Wonderful Life"**

**Free Admission. No tickets required.**

Wednesday, December 11, 7pm

Thursday, December 12, 7pm

Friday, December 13, 7pm

Saturday, December 14, 2pm

## Christmas Eve Services

**3pm & 5pm**

Childcare is available for 3 & under.

## Parent/ Child Dedication

**Sunday, February 9, 2025**

**9am & 10:30am services**

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

Registration closes February 2.

Dear Mount Vernon Kids & Families,

This Christmas, our children will discover that God had a plan to send Jesus to be the Savior of the world since the very beginning of time. Our children will experience God's power, faithfulness and love as we study the Bible and see God's amazing rescue plan unfold- from the prophecy of a Son, a Savior's Birth, an escape to Egypt and into the life and teaching of Jesus.

Then, this January we will see that we can have confidence that God hears and cares for His people. We will read stories of God's care for His people from King David to Elijah to Lazarus. Praise God that He hears our prayers and answers when they are asked according to His will.

This February, we will reflect on how we should treat others in light of God's word. We will see through David's life how God helps us love others- both our friends and our enemies. We will see through Samson's example that it is important to respond in ways that honor God, unlike Samson who responded with anger. We will see how we can bless others like Nehemiah did.

In Christ,



Michelle Ives, Minister for Children & Families

## *A Peek Inside our classrooms*



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

### DECEMBER

**1- Prophets Told About Jesus' Birth (*Isaiah 7:14; 9:6; 11:1-5; Micah 5:2*)**

**8- Angels Told About Jesus' Birth (*Luke 1:26-56; Matthew 1:18-24*)**

**15- Jesus Was Born (*Luke 2:1-20*)**

**22- Escape to Egypt/ Wise Men Worshipped Jesus (*Matthew 2/ Matthew 2:1-12*)**

**29- Jesus and the Teachers (*Luke 2:40-52*)**

### JANUARY

**5- King David Thanked God (*1 Chronicles 15-16*)**

**12- God protected Elijah/ Jesus Fed a Crowd (*1 Kings 19:1-18/ John 6:1-13*)**

**19- People Praised God (*Ezra 2:1; 68-70; 3:1-13*)**

**26- Jesus Prayed and Raised Lazarus/ Jesus Prayed in a Garden (*John 11:1-44/ Mark 14:32-40; Luke 22:39-46*)**

### FEBRUARY

**2- David Spared Saul/ David Played Music for the King (*1 Samuel 24/ 1 Samuel 16:14-23*)**

**9- David, Nabal, and Abigail/ Jonathan and David Promised to Be Friends (*1 Samuel 25:1-35/ 1 Samuel 14:49; 18:1-4; 20*)**

**16- Samson/ David Helped Mephibosheth (*Judges 13; 15:1-5; 16/ 2 Samuel 4:4; 9*)**

**23- Nehemiah Rebuilt Jerusalem's Wall (*Nehemiah 1-6*)**

# FAMILY RESOURCES

## CHILDHOOD

### *Faith Formation*

Faith formation is happening even earlier than we thought.

*Recent research by Dr. George Barna shows that a person's worldview begins developing around 18 months old and is fully formed by 13 years old.*

We cannot wait until our kids grow up to intentionally and lovingly disciple them. Childhood discipleship is paramount for carrying out the Great Commission and building God's kingdom. Discipleship centers around these 3 key ideas:

### *Belong*

Biblical discipleship is built on relationships. Children will learn more from walking alongside of you as you live out your faith than they will learn from any lesson or class.

**"Follow my example, as I follow the example of Christ."**

**1 Corinthians 11:1**

### *Believe*

Point your children to the truth of scripture at every opportunity. Our children will learn to trust God's word as they see the most important adults in their life open the Bible, read the Bible, speak of God in everyday ordinary conversations and prioritize gathering together in the local church.

**"but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name." John 20:31**

### *Become*

Beyond sharing God's word, share God's works in your own life. What are the miracles that you've witnessed? The stories of God's faithfulness in your own life? Consider journaling some of the examples of God's faithfulness that are most important to you so that you are able to share this legacy of faith with your children now and into the future.

**"My mouth shall tell of Your righteousness And Your salvation all the day..." Psalm 71:15**

For more Family Resources visit:  
[MountVernon.church/family-resources](http://MountVernon.church/family-resources)



## Volunteer Spotlight

### *Ms. Kate*



### Welcome Desk Volunteer

#### Tell us about your family!

We have moved around for years, but now we all live in Virginia! My 3 year old son Harlan and I, my younger sister and parents live in Richmond. My fraternal twin sister and her family live in Spotsylvania.

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

Lunch. I love taking time for a midday break, and meals at lunch are often served with french fries!

#### Tell us about one of your "happy places"

I love to walk around the art museum, and if it's a nice day, have a picnic outside with Harlan.

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

My favorite song is Amazing Grace. I sang it to Harlan all the time when he was a baby. I love that we sing it here on Communion Sunday.

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

*"Have I not commanded you? Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid, nor be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."*

**Joshua 1:9**

**Christmas 2024/ Winter 2025**