

MOUNT VERNON KIDS NEWS

Mark Your Calendar!

KampJAM

June 16-20, 9am-12pm

Drop off in the Fellowship Hall

Registration is now full/closed.

Vacation Bible School

July 14-18, 9am-12pm

Registration is now full/closed.

Promotion Sunday

Sunday, August 17

Children will be promoted to their
2025/2026 Sunday School class.

New! First Grade Bible Presentation Ceremony

Sunday, August 17, 12pm
Fellowship Hall

For our Rising 1st graders and families
Registration is required for this special
event. Register by August 3.

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Awana Kick-off

Sunday, Aug 31, 5:45-7:30pm

Registration opens July 18.

Dear Mount Vernon Kids & Families,

Summer is upon us, and with it opportunities to change the pace and rewrite the routine of your family's daily life. Now is the time to think about the habits and activities that you want to build in to each slower morning, later evening, or time travelling together.

The next three months are a great time to focus on your child's familiarity and confidence with using a Bible. We call this "Bible Literacy", and you can read more about it in the Family Resources section on the reverse of this newsletter. We will provide simple steps that you can take in your home to support your child as he or she develops in knowledge, practicable skills, and application of God's word.

Each Sunday morning and Wednesday night this summer, your children are invited to gather together with other Mount Vernon Kids as we continue to grow closer to the Lord together. See you then!

In Christ,



Michelle Ives, Minister for Children & Families

A Peek Inside our classrooms



Sunday School lessons this spring (elementary kids/ preschool kids, if different)

JUNE

1- Paul and Barnabas Were Missionaries
(Acts 13)

8-Paul and Silas Praised God
(Acts 16:16-34)

15-Paul Preached in Athens
(Acts 17:16-34)

22- Paul worked with Aquila and Priscilla
(Acts 18:1-4, 18-28)

29- Paul Spoke to an Angry Crowd/Paul
wrote to Timothy (Acts 21:15-40; 22:1-30/
Acts 16:1-4; 2 Timothy 1:1-5; 3:14-17)

JULY

6- Joseph Helped His Family / Abram Chose
to Get Along (Genesis 37; 41:53)

13- Joseph Forgave His Brothers (Genesis
43-45/Genesis 37; 41:53-56; 42-43; 45;
46:28-34; 50:15-21)

20- Hannah's Family Worshipped God (1
Samuel 1; 2:19)

27- A Couple Helped Elisha (2 Kings 4:8-37)

AUGUST

3-Jesus Taught About Forgiveness/Jesus
Taught About God's Care (Matthew 18:21-
35/Matthew 5:1-2; 6:5-13)

10- Jesus Taught How to Pray (Matthew
5:1-2; 6:5-13; Luke 18:9-14)

17- Jesus Taught How to Serve/Jesus
Taught to Help Others (John 13:1-20)

24-Jesus Taught Through Parables/ Jesus
Told About a Loving Father (Luke 15/ Luke
15:11-32)

31- Jesus Taught He Would Return/Jesus
Told About a Kind Man (Matthew 24:29-31,
36-44; John 14:1-3/Luke 10:25-37)

FAMILY RESOURCES

THE IMPORTANCE OF *Bible Literacy*

"Nothing less than a whole Bible can make a whole Christian." -A. W. Tozer

The State of the Bible USA 2024 (American Bible Society) shows that the percentage of the American population that reads the Bible at least 3 to 4 times a year has declined from **50%** in 2011 to **38%** in 2024. The percentage of Americans engaging in Scripture at least once every week has declined from **33%** in 2011 to **18%** in 2024.

Families, our children will not *accidentally* become actively engaged in scripture. The world around us is devaluing scripture more and more each year. **One of the best ways we can set our kids up for scripture engagement is to provide a strong foundation of Bible Literacy- their ability to know and use God's word with increasing confidence and independence.**

How do we build Bible Literacy?

Build Bible knowledge. Key concepts to teach:

1. The Bible is God's word, inspired by the Holy Spirit.
2. The Bible is perfect, true, and complete.
3. The Bible teaches us about God the Father, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit.
4. The Bible instructs us in how we should live.

Practice Bible skills. Key skills to know:

1. Identify parts of the Bible.
2. Identify and find the books of the Bible.
3. Practice reading the names of Bible people and places.
4. Practice opening the Bible to find a specific verse.

Strengthen application of God's word.

1. Read God's word together, and follow up with discussion. Ask "What did we learn about God?" "What did we learn that He wants us to do?"
2. When discussing real life choices and dilemmas, ask, "What does God think about this? How do you know?"
3. Study the lives of heroes of the faith, real life examples of men and women who lived out God's word throughout history.

For more Family Resources to build Bible Literacy:
MountVernon.church/family-resources



Volunteer Spotlight

Mrs. Melissa



Children's Ministry Assistant for Sunday Mornings and Supplies

Tell us about your family!

I have been married to my husband Myron for 45 years. We have 2 children and 4 beautiful grandchildren.

What is your favorite meal of the day?

I love breakfast food!

Tell us a hidden talent.

Sewing, but I don't always have time to enjoy it.

Can you tell about a time God really amazed you?

I cannot think of just 1. Philippians 4:13 reads I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me. I am constantly amazed at the times God gives me the strength and goes with me in doing those things that I thought impossible.

Why do you love Mount Vernon Kids?

Mount Vernon Kids is a quality program that shares the gospel and encourages growing in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Tell us a scripture that is special to you:

"Fear not, for I am with you; Be not dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, yes, I will help you, I will uphold you with My righteous right hand."

For I, the Lord your God, will hold your right hand, Saying to you, 'Fear not, I will help you.'

Isaiah 41:10 & 13

Summer 2025