

MOUNT VERNON KIDS NEWS

Mark Your Calendar!

Family Christmas Celebration
with KidJAM presentation
"The Kingdom Trees"
Sunday, December 14
6pm-8pm

Following the KidJAM musical presentation, families are invited to complete a nativity keepsake craft.

Christmas Eve Services
Wednesday, December 24
1pm, 3pm, 5pm

Childcare is available for ages 3 and under.

Parent Child Dedication Service
Sunday, February 8, 2026
9am & 10:30am Services
Sign up by February 1
mountvernon.church/kids

Dear Mount Vernon Kids & Families,

One of our family's very favorite things to do at Christmas is to drive around looking at all of the beautiful, twinkling, or even tacky lights. We love them all! It really is a joy to see our community coming together to celebrate our Savior's birth. As you see the lights this year, and maybe as you fill your yard or house with lights of your own, take the opportunity to remind your children the truth that God's word tells us about the light of Christ:

Psalms 119:105 "Your word is a lamp to my feet And a light to my path."

Ask: What happens if you walk in the dark? How is God's word a light to our path?

John 8:12 "Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, "I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life."

Ask: What do you think Jesus means when he talks about people walking in darkness? How does Jesus give us the light of life when we follow Him?

Matthew 5:16 "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven."

Ask: What is something that you can do that shines the light of Christ? What do you think will happen when other people see that light?

In Christ,

Michelle Ives

Michelle Ives, Minister for Children & Families

A Peek Inside our classrooms



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

DECEMBER

7-Angels Spoke to Mary and Joseph/
(Matthew 1:18-24; Luke 1:26-38)

14-Mary Visited Elizabeth (Luke 1:39-56)

21- Jesus Was Born in Bethlehem/
Jesus Was Born (Luke 2:1-20)

28- The Wise Men Worshiped Jesus
(Matthew 2:1-12)/ Escape to Egypt
(Matthew 2:13-23)

JANUARY

4- Jesus Healed the Officials' Son
(John 4:46-54)

11- Jesus Calmed a Storm (Mark 4:35-41; Luke 8:22-25)

18-Jesus Fed the People (John 6:1-13)

25- Jesus Walked on Water (Matthew 14:22-33)

FEBRUARY

1-Ruth Chose to Help Naomi (Ruth 1-2)

8- Hannah Prayed (1 Samuel 1)

15- A Widow Helped Elijah (1 Kings 17:1, 8-16)

22-Esther Helped Her People (Esther 2:2-18; 3:8-13; 4:1-17; 5; 7-8)

FAMILY RESOURCES

INTENTIONAL DISCIPLESHIP

this Christmas

Looking for ways to intentionally focus your family on CHRIST this Christmas? We have gathered some tried & true activities and traditions from some of our MVBC ministers' families to keep the birth of Jesus at the center of the busy holiday season:

"In our family, we gather around the table at mealtime (we prefer breakfast!) and light a candle on our advent wreath. We read from an advent devotional ("The Christmas Countdown" by Margie J. Harding and "Wonders of His Love" by Champ Thorton are two of our favorites for families with 5th grade and younger kids.) This helps us focus on Jesus and how He is our Hope, Peace, Joy and Love during the advent season." -**Carnall family**

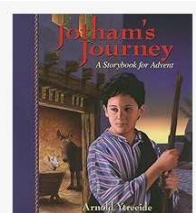
"Every year we use the advent set by GoodKind. We display the blocks on our mantle. It has great visuals on the blocks and a little devotional." **Jones family**



"We have a tradition of decorating the Jesse Tree using handmade felt ornaments made by my mother that go along with the book "God With Us". The Jesse Tree is a way to follow the lineage of Jesus through the Bible, leading to the birth of Christ.

We love advent calendars, and this particular one is special as it keeps the focus on Christ. We use a small artificial tree, but have used sticks from our backyard before. You can get as creative as you want!

We read from the book, hang the ornament, and sometimes have discussion and then pray." **Franklin family**



"Our family used Jotham's Journey as a book for Advent when our kids were younger. It made that time period come alive for our family." **Robertson family**



For more Family Discipleship Resources:

mountvernon.church/onlineresourcesforchristianparenting

Volunteer Spotlight

Mr. Enoch



9:00 2nd Grade Sunday School teacher
Awana substitute

Tell us about your family!

I am truly grateful to God for blessing me with a loving wife, Seble, and three wonderful sons: Noah, Matthias, and Elon.

What is your favorite meal of the day?

Dinner is my favorite because it is a time to gather with my family, share blessings and give thanks to God for His goodness throughout the day.

What is your favorite song?

One of my favorite songs is "Good Good Father" by Chris Tomlin.

Why do you love Mount Vernon Kids?

I love Mount Vernon Kids because it is a joy to see children learning about God's Word and growing in their faith. It gives the opportunity to plant seeds of truth and encourage them to know Jesus personally.

Tell us a scripture that is special to you:

This verse reminds me that the truth we plant in children today will stay with them for a lifetime.

"Train up a child in the way he should go; and when he is old he will not depart from it"

Proverbs 22:6

Christmas 2025/ Winter 2026