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Upcoming Events

- ◆ Bazaar
October 1, 2, 3
- ◆ Disciple I Begins
October 12
- ◆ Spic N Span Day
October 24
- ◆ Combined Service
& Luncheon
November 1

Coordinator's Comments

Can you believe summer is over already? School is now in full swing and so are our church activities. CLOWN has begun, Disciple is beginning this month, and we have begun a new study series in Sunday School about new ways to serve our church and the surrounding community.

More activities means increased needs in the nursery. As volunteers, I count on your availability to help out. I understand that many of you lead busy lives, as do I. But should you find a spare moment to help out, I would truly appreciate your help.

Your dedication thus far has been a tremendous help, and our nursery certainly would not be functional without you. Please continue to be a blessing to our children; your influence, though short

Dear Parents,

In case you are unaware, we continue to try to improve the care and the environment that we offer to your children while they visit the nursery. Now that many of the physical nursery needs have been met (although there are still more to come!), I would like to shift my focus to the individual social and emotional needs of your child(ren).

Please read the letter attached to this newsletter and consider submitting your child's photo and information so that we can get to know them better.

We are also considering a clothing exchange program to be started in the next couple of months—just in time for the holidays. I will be sending more information as details come together.

Although some of our children are too young yet to be involved in receiving the Word, we would like to start the process through art, literature, and

the time may be, will influence them for the rest of their lives.

This issue of our newsletter highlights several upcoming dates and events for which we need coverage. Please consider donating your time and energy to helping out during these events and let me know as soon as possible if you would be willing and able to help.

Please also continue to consider helping in the nursery during the Christmas Eve service, and let me know ASAP if you are able to serve.

For those who were unable to attend the meeting, please look for minutes coming in the mail in the next couple of weeks. God bless and Happy Fall!

music. If your child has a favorite, book, song, or project, or if you yourself remember your favorites from your childhood, please submit them so we can pass them along to others.

My goal, second to building a Christ-like foundation for your children, is to offer your children a fun learning environment, and I hope that we are off to a good start in providing this to them.

I would also like to extend the offer to you to grow your faith in Christ by attending Sunday school or the upcoming Bible studies at our church. We are providing nursery care for all events where children are present.

We continue to look forward to working with you and your children. God bless!



WHEN I GROW UP

After a church service on Sunday morning, a young boy suddenly announced to his mother, "Mom, I've decided to become a minister when I grow up."
 "That's okay with us, but what made you decide that?"
 "Well," said the little boy, "I'll have to go to church on Sunday anyway, and I figure it will be more fun to stand up and yell than to sit and listen."

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

A mother took her three-year-old daughter to church for the first time. The church lights were lowered, and then the choir came down the aisle, carrying lighted candles. All was quiet until the little one started singing in a loud voice, "Happy Birthday to you, happy birthday to you..."

Evening Volunteer News

I first would like to extend a huge thank you to **Connie Miller** for being willing to cover the nursery on Wednesday nights during CLOWN! Connie may not be able to cover every week, however, so I would appreciate some volunteers to step up for a week here and there throughout the year. Please let me know if you are interested.

We will not be providing nursery care for the bazaar; however, I would like the nursery to be open for the covered

dish luncheon on November 1. Please let me know if you are able to cover during the luncheon.

As the holidays quickly approach, I **would also like to recruit volunteers for the Christmas Eve service** ahead of time. I would like to have several volunteers available for the large turnout that we expect. Please keep this in mind and let me know as soon as possible if you are interested in helping out.

Volunteers at Bat: October

October 7	5:15-7:30 PM	CLOWN	-	Whitney Wagner
October 14	5:15-7:30 PM	CLOWN	-	Whitney Wagner
October 21	5:15-7:30 PM	CLOWN	-	Whitney Wagner
October 28	5:15-7:30 PM	CLOWN	-	Whitney Wagner

Volunteers on Deck: November

November 1	12:30 PM	Covered dish luncheon	TBD
November 4	5:15-7:30 PM	CLOWN	- Whitney Wagner
November 11	5:15-7:30 PM	CLOWN	- Connie Miller
November 15	3:00 PM	Calvary Boys Concert	
November 18	5:15-7:30 PM	CLOWN	- Connie Miller

September's Accomplishments

In April, we started transforming the nursery! It's not much yet, but I have faith that every little improvement will contribute to a great nursery! This month, we:

- Continued asking for donations of a dehumidifier and a large blanket, Donations will save us from spending unnecessary amounts of money on these larger, more expensive items.
- Connie generously donated a blanket to the nursery just in time for the winter months! It is located in the basket beneath the bassinet.

Goals for October

This month I am planning on doing some more research on the changes we would like to make in the nursery.

Here are some of the goals I hope to accomplish this month.

- Continue to ask for the donation of a dehumidifier for use in the nursery.
- Finalize plans for a new child-sized table.
- Begin decorating nursery.

Other Dates to Remember

Coming up in the next couple of months, there are several events of which I would like to remind you, the first being our **October Nursery Volunteer Meeting**, which will be held on **Thursday, October 1**, at **6:30 P.M.**

The church **bazaar** will be held on **October 1, 2, and 3**. Please drop by the park building to support Paula Shearer and her volunteers!

G-Crew and CLOWN have both begun for the fall again. **G-Crew** continues to meet on **Sunday evenings** from **6** until **7:30 P.M.** **CLOWN** is held on **Wednesday nights** from **5** until **7:30 P.M.** Dinner starts at 5:15 P.M.

Please also mark on your calendars that I have scheduled our next **Nursery Volunteer Meeting** for **Thursday, January 7** at **6:30 P.M.** If you are unable to attend, please let me know in advance.



We are still in the process of collecting donations for the update of the nursery, mostly in the form of monetary donations (for snacks and drinks) as well as individual items needed for the nursery (dehumidifier). If you would like to contribute to this cause (or know somebody willing to donate), please contact me so we can forward these donations to the proper place.

Thanks!

Schedules for July - December

Reminder: Please continue to make me aware of any discrepancies in your schedule for the end of the year so that I can make sure the nursery is covered. Also, I will soon be starting on schedules for 2010. If you already know when you will be out of town, please let me know so I can make sure you are not scheduled during that time.

Service Schedule for October

	<u>October 4</u>	<u>October 11</u>
Traditional Service	Patsy Geiselman	???
Sunday School	Whitney Wagner	Stacie Snyder
Contemporary Service	Cheryl Shearer	Jennifer McWilliams
	<u>October 18</u>	<u>October 25</u>
Traditional Service	Stacie Snyder	Kris Clark
Sunday School	Jen Trout	???
Contemporary Service	Barbie Matthei	Whitney Wagner

Service Schedule for November

A COMBINED SERVICE WILL BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 1 AT 10:15. ALL SCHEDULED VOLUNTEERS FOR NOVEMBER 1 SHOULD REPORT TO THE NURSERY AT 10:15 A.M. THANK YOU!

	<u>November 1</u>	<u>November 8</u>	<u>November 15</u>
Traditional Service	Deb Schaefer	Sue Lindt	Lori Shaulis
Sunday School	Jennifer McWilliams	Pam Fry	Whitney Wagner
Contemporary Service	Pam Fry	Jen Trout	Paula Shearer
	<u>November 22</u>	<u>November 29</u>	
Traditional Service	Bethany Lehman	Deb McGuire	
Sunday School	Stacie Snyder	Jen Trout	
Contemporary Service	Joni McKenzie	Cheryl Shearer	

HELP WANTED!

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You may notice that some parts of the schedule are filled in with question marks. These are dates when the scheduled volunteer is unable to cover the nursery, and as of right now, I have been unable to fill these time slots. If you are available at any of these times and would be willing to cover or switch, please let me know as soon as possible! I would like to have these covered immediately so that we can ensure there is always someone in the nursery.

We continue to have days where volunteers have not shown up for their scheduled time slot in the nursery. I just want to remind you to ***please check your schedule consistently*** and to ***notify me in advance if anything comes up and you cannot make it***; parents should not have to take over the nursery—especially when they have not had their safe sanctuaries clearances—keep this in mind for the safety of the children. Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated!

We are also recruiting volunteers for the Christmas Eve service—preferably three or four and possibly more. Please let me know if you will be interested in helping out.

Product Recalls

BabyBjorn Babysitter Balance and BabyBjorn Babysitter Balance Air bouncer chairs have been recalled, because small, sharp metal objects found in the padded area of the bouncer can protrude, posing a laceration hazard to children. 6,500 units were recalled, including **model numbers 009064US, 009065US, 0090066US, 009069US, and 09001US**. These bouncers were sold by baby product retailers and mass merchants nationwide, online retailers, and catalogs from September 2008 through July 2009 for about \$170-\$190. Discontinue use immediately and contact BabySwede, LLC for instructions on how to return the products for inspection and relabeling. If any metal pieces are found through inspection, you will be provided with a new BabyBjorn Babysitter Balance product.

Little Tikes has recalled their **Clubhouse Swing Set** including 1,950 units (**model numbers 400V and 612398**) sold at various retailers including Toys R Us and Walmart from October 2008 through March 2009 for about \$450. The swing sets did not come with assembly directions for the swing seat harness. If the swing sets are not assembled properly, they can detach, resulting in fall and injury during use. Please discontinue use of the swingsets until you have obtained and carefully read the assembly instructions for the swing seat harness. Obtain instructions by accessing the Little Tikes web site or by calling the company's hotline.

About 41,000 **Baby Jogger City Mini Strollers** were recalled, because their restraint buckle could break or unlatch, allowing the child or infant to fall out. The recall involves both single and double strollers, including **model numbers 67100, 67102, 67103, 67104, 67105, 67109, 67170, 67172, 67173, 67174, 67175, and 67179**. These strollers were sold at juvenile products stores, mass merchandisers, and department stores nationwide and on various websites from November 2007 through July 2009 for between \$220 and \$400. Stop using the strollers immediately and contact Baby Jogger to receive a free replacement restraint buckle and installation instructions.

Big Lots Stores, Inc. has recalled 20,000 wooden bunk beds, because the mattress support slats and side support railings can break, posing a risk of the bunk bed collapsing and a fall hazard. **Model numbers WP-9108-1 and WP-9108-2** were sold nationwide at Big Lots stores from May 2008 through February 2009 for about \$300. Stop using the beds immediately and contact Big Lots to return the defective parts and receive a free repair kit.