

Dear Wonderful Parents of 4 & 5 Year Olds through 5th Graders:



This past year has been full of God's blessings. We praise the Lord for what He has done. Our Children's Ministries are headed into another THRILLING year in the history of this great church. Once more, your precious children have an opportunity to become a part of something exciting that God is doing at First Baptist! There is nothing like it anywhere else on earth! Make sure your child becomes a part of this EXTRAORDINARY ADVENTURE by becoming a **KINGDOM KID** in choir!

HERE IS THE IMPORTANT DATE:

Wednesday, AUGUST 25 – CHOIR ENROLLMENT NIGHT!!

ALL children enrolling in CHOIR on this night will receive a **FREE KINGDOM KIDZ T-SHIRT!!**

As a Kingdom Kid, check out these other reasons WEDNESDAYS are WONDERFUL:

HYMN TREASURES: This is an incredible hymn memory curriculum with beautifully orchestrated CD's and hymn books. The church has purchased the curriculum materials, but each child will need to purchase their own book and CD to keep at home for \$5.00. Your family will LOVE these beautiful TREASURE PAKS at this bargain price. **Hymn Treasures can be purchased every Wednesday night on the 2nd floor, KIDZ PLAYCE from 5:30pm-6:00pm; or Sundays from Media Sales, 2nd floor, Main Auditorium; or NEW this year, Hymn Treasures may be ordered online at www.fbcjaxresources.com.** Our 1st – 5th Graders will receive a special prize every time they sing a hymn for their teacher. For our **4 & 5 year olds**, there is a **TREASURE CHEST** filled with prizes in every choir room. The children get to visit the treasure chest every time they sing a hymn for their teacher. Every child who sings all 9 hymns will receive a **HYMN TROPHY** at the Children's Choir Celebration!!!

MUSICALS: NOT ONE, BUT TWO FANTABULOUS MUSICAL EXTRAVAGANZAS EVERY YEAR!!! Being a part of Jacksonville's Largest Children's Choir in these musicals is an experience that can't be found anywhere else in town. The lessons learned from and the memories made by these special events are never forgotten by our kids. Make sure your child doesn't miss out on these unique and deeply rewarding, life-changing experiences.

FREE (BRAND NEW) T-SHIRT: Once again every child enrolling in a choir on enrollment night will receive an AWESOME T-SHIRT, a different color for every choir! **All the children wear their "choir T-shirt" every Wednesday night to choir.** It is especially important to wear the T-shirts on the nights that your child's choir sings in church.

ENROLLMENT: On the first night of choir, we would like **EVERYONE** (old and new) to fill out a registration card. We would like to update our records to include e-mail addresses. By doing so, we will be able to send periodical updates and reminders by e-mail, so check your e-mails regularly. We believe that this will enhance our communication with parents and children. On enrollment night, your child will go directly to his or her choir room. The individual choir locations are in the enclosed "Enrollment Brochure." Please bring your enrollment card with you on August 25th.

OPEN HOUSE: We will once again hold an "Open House" for Parents. We invite you to come observe what your child is doing in choir! Primary Open House will be September 22; 2nd-5th grade Open House will be September 29. Times for both Open Houses will be from 6:00pm - 6:30pm.

Jtunes— EVERY Wednesday night we have a **FUN-FILLED** adventure for our **2nd – 5th Grade Kingdom Kidz!** All the kids will go to their regular choir locations at 6:00 pm each Wednesday for their choir hour, but at 7:10 pm, 2nd – 5th Grade kids will come to the Playhouse Theatre for a fun-filled time of praise and worship. It's called "*Jtunes*" and it's a **BLAST EVERY WEEK!** Our prayer is that this weekly FUN event will become a GREAT place for your kids to invite their friends from school to get them "hooked on God" and His awesome music!!! Please encourage your kids to invite their friends and let's make this the BEST YEAR EVER to be a KINGDOM KID!! 2nd Grade parents who pick up their children after church, please pick them up from the Playhouse Theatre, Cool Café side. All 3rd – 5th Grade children will be dismissed to meet their parents unless we are told otherwise by their parent. Make sure your child UNDERSTANDS exactly where to meet you after choir!

Please take a moment to read carefully the "**Choir Enrollment Brochure**" found in this letter. It contains our purpose, details about our program and policies, and opportunities for you to become involved. If you would be interested in working in a children's choir, please be sure to call, e-mail us or tell the choir secretary on Enrollment Night! We are praying daily for Jesus to send us workers who love Him and love children. Those are the only requirements, and you are desperately needed! The brochure also contains our singing schedule for the Wednesday Evening Service for an entire year. The singing schedule can also be found online at the church website (www.fbcjax.com) by clicking on the Children's Music Ministry! This will let you know ahead of time how to plan vacations (so you are here when your sweetie sings) and when to tell Grandma and Grandpa to come for a visit so they can see the world's cutest grandchild singing for Jesus! **Also, in your letter is a separate card listing singing dates and hymns to be memorized for each choir. Please put this on your refrigerator to refer to throughout the year.**

Plans are already underway for the CHRISTMAS MUSICAL for our 2nd - 5th Grade Choirs on Sunday, December 5. And as always, **our primary choirs** will melt our hearts with their **special Christmas mini-musical** on Wednesday, December 8! **WHAT A GREAT CHURCH!** We are so blessed to have the opportunity to lead the church in worship and message on this amazing night! Please make sure your child is a part of it!

God has been so gracious to give me this opportunity to lead your children in this ministry. It has been an overwhelming experience to see how He has directed my path to be a part of the *Kingdom Kidz* ministry. I am excited to see what God has in store for us over the next year! We want your family and friends to experience this with us, so plan to come **EVERY WEDNESDAY** and bring a friend!!!

SEE YOU IN CHOIR!

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Enclosures

Let God Do It!

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