



Heavenly Whispers

New Beginnings Covenant Brethren Church (NBCBC)

Where everyone is welcome and Jesus is Lord!!

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New Beginnings Covenant Brethren Church Mission & Vision Statement: (Matthew 28:19)
Making, growing, equipping and sending disciples of Jesus Christ to proclaim the kingdom of God.

New Members Join New Beginnings Church



On Sunday December 23 New Beginnings was honored with three new members joining the membership. Pastor Karen led the New Members Service of faithfulness to the fellowship to Jeff and Amanda Farmer and Ingrid Sanders with the congregation gleefully accepting them into the fold. Due to some issues at the time, a fellowship meal to honor this momentous step in faith has been planned for April 21st after church. It is such a blessing when folks who have been attending the fellowship regularly feel the call to join in community with the congregation, especially younger adults. May God Bless each in their walk with Him and in service to the local body of believers. I could just hear the angels in heaven rejoicing and singing Worthy is the Lamb.

1 Timothy 4:12 (NIV) Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity.

LAY LEADERSHIP HAPPENINGS

Karen's Korner, by Pastor Karen Wow! What a year so far! New Beginnings is growing and flourishing. Teams are working together and doing an amazing job! There are many who sacrifice their time, talents and abilities to help this church run as it should. God sees your devotion and our prayers are being answered as we all learn the great power in our prayers, especially in our prayers together! As we move ahead in 2024, we must never forget how faithful our Lord has been to us!! We must never forget our humble beginnings and our reliance on God as we began this new adventure! We must remain faithful, humble and obedient to the One Who knows all things! To the One Who leads and guides us into all TRUTH! We must pray for the Lord to give us His vision for this church... to go after the least, the last and the lost. There is much for us to do and many who need to hear the TRUTH of God's Word. We must pray for endurance to run the race that has been set before us!! So, I thank you church for all you do in the Name of Jesus!! All your hard work, your faithfulness and especially your prayers...these are exciting days to be a son and daughter of the King...remember to keep your eyes on Him and your ears open to His voice!! I pray blessing over each and every one of you and I am thankful we are on this journey together!! Blessings, Pastor Karen

Emergency & Safety Response Team by Jerry Fogle Early this year, the Emergency and Safety Response Team (ESRT) started working on the latest revision to the safety plans (ESAPs). The major changes included combining the two plans into one, covering all facilities and adding provisions for lockdown. The new plan is being reviewed by the ESRT and the Leadership Team, and is expected to be implemented later this spring.

On March 10, 2024, the ESRT conducted an information session open to the congregation after worship. There were approximately 15 people on the tour of the SDA facility. The following safety features on both upper and lower levels were pointed out: evacuation routes, exit doors, gathering places, fire interface panel on U.L. only, A.E.D. on U.L. only, wheelchair on upper level, fire alarm pull boxes, fire extinguishers, areas/rooms to hide and camera at front door. Brief discussions were held at various points on the tour. Those in attendance represented a good cross-section of the congregation and it is the feeling of the ESRT that they are now on the same page when it comes to reacting to an emergency at New Beginnings. Future information sessions will be held as warranted.

Worship Team by Bernie Tregoe: I wish to thank all the singers, musicians, and guests who have helped lead our music portion of worship. It has been a blessing to see the willingness of all to help and for some to even step out of their comfort zone. I am always looking for more musicians who feel called to the music ministry. Won't you pray about it and see what God would have you do?



Hebrews 10:24 (NIV) And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds,

LAY LEADERSHIP HAPPENINGS (Cont'd)

Board of Trustees, by Eddie Moser: We are still looking at any and all properties that we are alerted to that may be a fit for NBCBC. For the time being though, it is great to have such a comfortable and beautiful facility to use at a nominal fee. God is Good!! The trustees are also in the process of design, approval by SDA and installation of a Church Sign at the end of the entry. SDA has already approved the installation but would like to review and approve the placement. It has truly been a blessing working with the leadership of the Seventh Day Adventist congregation. I pray our relationship continues to bloom and be even stronger in the future days and months. God has richly blessed us when He led us to this arrangement!! Thank You God!!!

Leadership Team report by Kevin Fisher, Chair: The LT has worked hard on reviewing the Church Constitution, Position Descriptions, team chart in preparation for the upcoming congregational meeting. We would like to thank everyone that participated in the "Tools of the Trade" training and we encourage everyone to continue to be disciples of God by bringing someone to Church. As we continue our work, please pray that God will show us the way and prepare us to make the right decisions. God bless!!!

Financial Management Team by Tammy Fisher: The FMT met on April 4 to review the first quarter financials. We have exceeded our first quarter offering budget by 5%; total \$5,234 over budget. Income less expenses are exactly 25% of budget this year so far, which is right on track. We have an overage in the office expenses account due to the purchase of a new printer at the beginning of the year. We will be moving the printer to its own line item. It will not have a budget amount but this will help us to easily track the ink purchases for the printer so we can budget properly for 2025. The liability insurance has increased from \$674/year to \$749. We discussed shopping out the insurance policy and will have a more thorough discussion with the LT and trustees in the coming weeks.

The building fund money market started with just over \$5k in July 2023. With accrued interest and building fund deposits since then (approximately 8 months), the account now sits at just over \$16k. The 9-month CD started with a deposit of \$120k. With accrued interest since then, the CD balance is just under \$124k. The CD matures this month. We will have the final rate from the bank for a new CD around April 21 and will possibly roll those funds into a 12-month CD, depending on the interest rate. We may also move some funds accumulated in the money market account to the CD as well. We will have more information at the congregational meeting on May 5.

Communications by Cathy Hessong: The Communications Team is looking into ways in which to advertise and let the community know about the upcoming Gems Girls Club. If anyone has any ideas please reach out to the team (Cathy Hessong, Joyce Guyton, Joseph Sanders and Kenton Grossnickle). Also, be sure to follow and like New Beginnings Covenant Brethren Church on Facebook YouTube and our Website <https://www.nb-cbc.org/>

Colossians 3:23 (NIV) Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters,

Remember the Date

New Beginnings Covenant Brethren Church – Calendar

3/31/2024

Standing Meetings

Financial Management Team Meeting	1 st Tuesday	6:30 pm	Each Month	Tammy Fisher, FMT Chair
Deacon’s Meeting	TBD	6:00 pm	Each Month	Pastor and Deacons
Leadership Team Meeting	2 nd Monday	6:30 pm	Each Month	Kevin Fisher, LT Chair
Christian Education Meeting	3 rd Monday		Each Month	Pastor Karen & Team Chair
Team Chairs & LT Meeting	TBD	11:30	Quarterly	Kevin Fisher, LT Chair
Worship Team Meeting	Thursdays	12:30	Twice Monthly	Bernie Trego

<u>Classes</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Date/Day</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event Organizer</u>
Ladies’ Bible Study	Lutheran Church	Wednesdays	9 - 10:30 am	Cathy Hessong
Men’s Bible Study	Eddie Moser’s	Tuesdays	6 - 7:30 pm	Eddie Moser
Young Adult Bible Study	SDA	Alt Thursdays	6:30 - 8:00 pm	Kenton, Joseph & Ingrid
Come Alive Prayer	SDA	Friday	12:30 - 1:30	Darlene & Pastor Karen

2024 Events Schedule

Tools of the Trade	1/13 thru 2/3 Saturdays	10—1:00 pm	Myersville Firehall
Communion (4 times per year)	1/21/2024	10:50	During service Deacon’s and Pastor
Communion (4 times per year)	3/3/2024	10:50	During service Deacon’s and Pastor
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Evening of Remembrance & Healing	2/25/2024	6:00	SDA Church
Maundy Thursday/Love Feast	3/28/2024	6:00	SDA Church Deacons & Pastor
Easter Sunday	3/31/2024	9:30	SDA Church Pastor Karen
Congregational Business Mtg (Tentative)	5/5/2024	11:15	Church Business LT & Moderator
CBC Conference & Worship Meeting	7/18—7/20/2024		Chiques Church, Manheim, PA CBC Executive Bd
Congregational Business Mtg (Tentative)	11/3/2024	11:15	Elections etc LT & Moderator

Bold Denotes Completed
Denotes Standing Meetings
Activity missed for cause

We are on: Facebook, YouTube, & email: look for us as New Beginnings Church
Our website: www.nh-cbc.org

Hebrews 10:25 (NIV) not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

LEAD THEM TO JESUS**Isaiah 64:6****Romans 3:23****John 3:16****Romans 10:9 & 10****LOST**

You lived next door to me for years
 We shared our dreams, our joys, our tears
 A friend to me you were indeed
 A friend who helped me when in need,
 But what a sadness then to find,
 That after all you weren't so kind.
 The day my life on earth did end,
 I found you weren't a faithful friend,
 For all those years we spent on earth,
 You never talked of second birth.
 You never spoke of my lost soul,
 And of the Christ who would make me whole,
 But do not err my friend again.
 Do all you can for the souls of men.

LEAD THEM TO JESUS**Isaiah 64:6**

All our righteous acts are as filthy rags.

Romans 3:23

For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God

John 3:16

For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life.

Romans 10:9 & 10

9 – If you declare with your mouth “Jesus is Lord” and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.

10 – For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved!

Question:

Would you like to confess Jesus as your Lord and Savior now? Could you say that you believe that Jesus is God's true Son and that you do believe that He died for your sins and was raised again and is now seated at the right hand of His Father in Heaven? Since you have done what Romans 10: 9 & 10 says, what does that say about the condition of your soul starting right now?

PRAISE THE LORD!

Bi-fold Handout Cards
 to lead non-believers to Jesus
 designed by Darlene Moser

Waiting, Does anyone like it? By Eddie Moser

[Isaiah 40:31 \(ESV\)](#) but they who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.

Waiting, does anyone like it?? I don't!! It is no fun to be waiting in line for some service or commodity because many others have the same idea of retrieving something at the same time as you. It is especially frustrating to be “waiting” and thinking about everything else we have to do that same day such as missing a scheduled appointment elsewhere. This can be quite a test of our patience and our faith. But wait...what does Isaiah tell us...those who wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength. How?? Maybe by using the time waiting praying for someone else who is in need; maybe by just lifting a word of thanks to our Creator for that moment in time; maybe calling someone who really needs to hear an encouraging word. Hmmm, good food for thought during those trying times of waiting. Isaiah further advises us that those who wait for the Lord shall soar like eagles. Have you ever noticed how acute the eagle's eyesight is when swooping down to grab a fish for dinner? Maybe we can have our physical and spiritual eyesight sharpened during our periods of waiting just by refocusing our thoughts on The Word and our Lord instead of growing impatient and grumbling. The prophet gives us further encouragement in this passage by telling us we shall run and not become weary and we shall walk and not faint. Can you imagine.... instead of growing weary through the spell of waiting, which in our impatience we think is unnecessary and so frustrating, we can actually be strengthened! Yes, we can if we refocus our energies on Jesus instead of on our circumstances. If we just would learn that He is by our side to help us in all things in this life and that through him we can do all things.... even WAIT!! (Phil 4:13). So the next time you find yourself in a line waiting, think how patient Jesus has been with us during our impatient, stubborn, not very loving attitudes at times and feel his presence transform the trying time into a restful and peaceful time with Him.

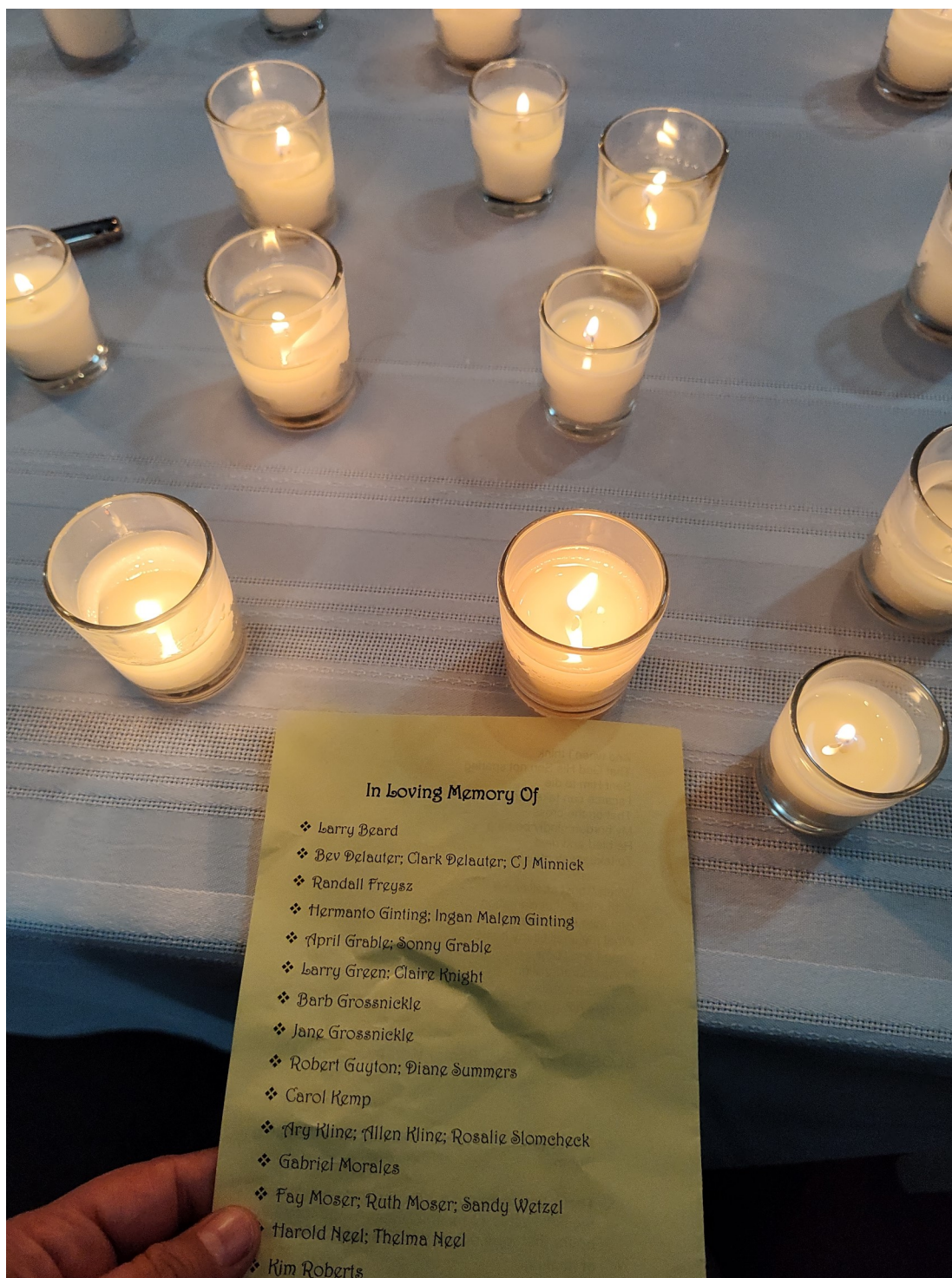
Children's Church by Donna Myers: In the months of March and April we have focused on Jesus and how he taught us to serve others and help us grow to be more like Him. We learned about the events that happen to Jesus leading up to Easter and right after, through the washing of feet, prayer and the waving of palm branches and shouting Hosanna upon His entry into Jerusalem. We learned of His death upon the cross and the stone being rolled away. The tomb was empty and Jesus is Alive! We are very thankful for all the young children coming to our Children's Church, we hope they are having fun and enjoying the learning experiences as much as our dedicated teachers do!

Sometimes the little ones like their grandma to accompany them to class and that is ok too as we see Alyssa with her grandma Cathy here.

Leah and Wade Feaga are pictured below working together on a project in Children's Church. Leah has been doing a very good job of being the acolyte and lighting the candle during worship service from time-to-time. Praise God for the children...the future of the



New Beginnings is blessed to have a beautiful group of children learning about Jesus from our very qualified staff who love the Lord and love to see the children learning of Him!!



NBCBC Remembrance Service February 25, 2024 by Eddie Moser: We held our first service of remembrance of our loved ones who had passed recently to be with The Lord. The service was a very reverent service conducted in an attitude of prayer and thanksgiving...yes thanksgiving, that our loved ones reign in Heaven with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Each family had the opportunity to light a candle in honor of their loved ones and there were some 50 to 60 candles lit at the end of the service. Those in attendance enjoyed light snacks at the conclusion of this very significant service. Many thanks to the Outreach Team for orchestrating this service.

Romans 14:9 (NIV) For this very reason, Christ died and returned to life so that he might be the Lord of both the dead and the living.

Fellowship Team by Judy Abel On Feb 25th the team prepared and served cookies, chips with dip, coffee and home-made punch after the beautiful "Evening of Remembrance Service" was completed. On March 17th after church service we hosted a congregational meet-n-greet luncheon consisting of a variety of sandwiches, chips, fresh fruit salad, cheese plate and desserts to include cupcakes, cookies and watergate salad along with various beverages. The event was attended by 60 members and guests and we had the pleasure of singing happy birthday to Alfred Freyz and Doug Miller. It was a very joyful day full of fellowship and fun.



The Fellowship team decorated the tables and prepared the food for :

- Remembrance Service
2/25/2024
- Fellowship Meal 3/17/2024

Team Members:

Judy Abel
Anne Marie Edelen
Garry Grossnickle
Patsy McGaha
Ruthie White

What a wonderful job they do and the food is always so sumptuous.



The New Testament word for "fellowship," *koinonia*, expresses the idea of being together for mutual benefit. [Hebrews 10:24-25](#) shares this idea, saying, "And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near." Two reasons fellowship with other believers is important are because it helps express love to one another and it encourages good works.

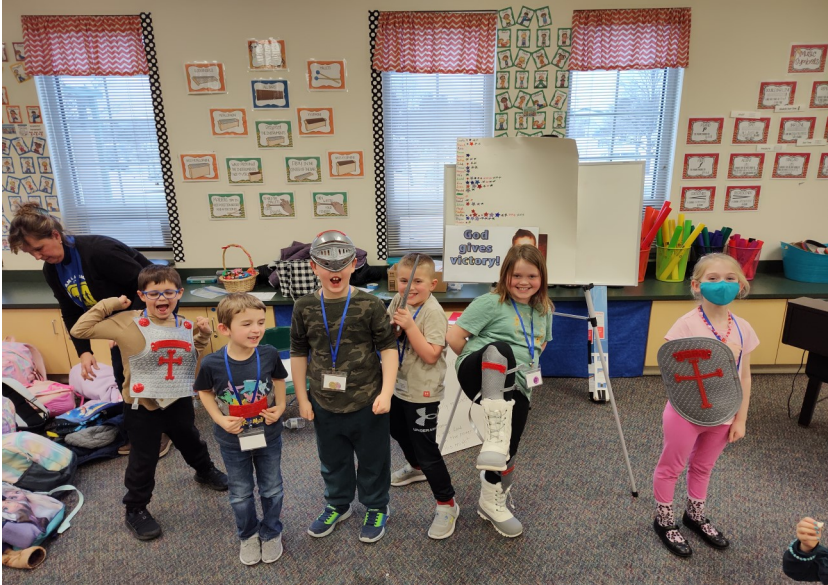
Young Adult Group

Young Adult Bible Study Group by Kenton Grossnickle: New Beginnings young adults have been meeting for some time now on alternating Thursday evenings at the church. Leadership/teaching responsibilities are being shared since most have full-time job responsibilities. The Young Adult Group, for its monthly event in March, went to the ClueIQ escape room in downtown Frederick. The theme was "Operation Jingle Bells". We had a lot of fun and believe it or not, we did escape!

Editor's note: I'm so glad they escaped!! We need this group as they represent the future of New Beginnings. Praise God for calling this group together to study His word, discuss how to apply that Word to their lives, and thus live Godly lives for Jesus. It is so encouraging to see three members of this group already serving Jesus in numerous ways. Way to go guys (and gals)!!!

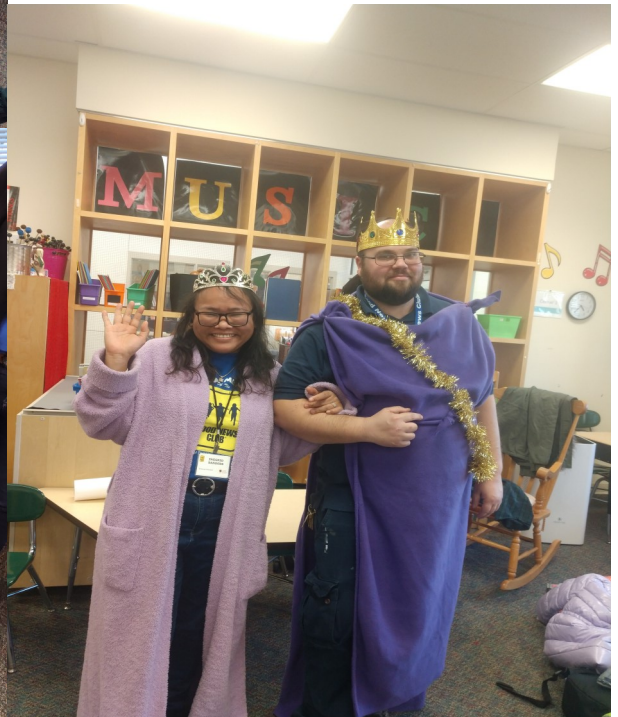
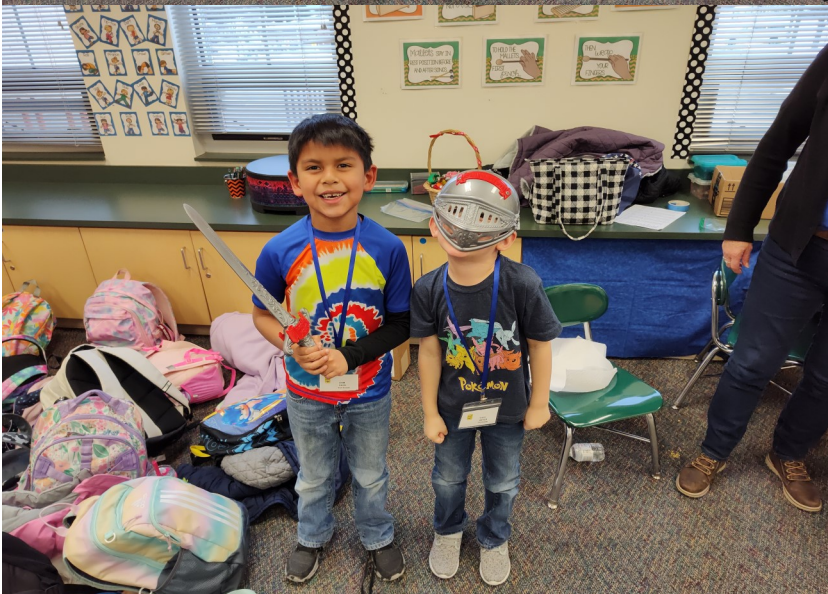


Ephesians 6:4 (NIV) Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord.



Good News Club by Ronda

Whitmore: The GNC just started our last session for the season. We are studying the Power and Glory of Jesus. We are learning the Lord's prayer. And hopefully we will be able to share with you the GNC kids prayer journal. I am so amazed at how God is using these journals and how interested the kids have been with them. Thanks again for your Support and Prayers in this ministry.



Deuteronomy 11: 18-19 Fix these words of mine in your hearts and minds; tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. 19 Teach them to your children, talking about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up.

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