

God's Glory  
Garden

# 'Lil Sprouts

Faith Church Nursery News

November 2011  
Parent Edition

From the desk of Nursery Coordinator...Connie Martin

## Birthday Blessings

To:

Kaylen Jankord

Nov. 11

Peyton Kelly

Nov. 15

Ella Schneider

Nov. 27

When Sandy offered the nursery coordinator position to me three plus years ago, I knew that I was supposed to accept. I had retired from teaching high school two and a half years earlier and had been helping my sister care for our aging parents. When my mother's money ran out, and it looked as though she would be coming to live with me, she cried. I ached for her! In earlier years, she had suffered two major strokes and was trying to adjust to life without my father, who had recently passed away. Then, the prospect of leaving a familiar place and adjusting to living with Charly and me had to be too much for her to handle. I told her not to cry; she would just stay right there where she was comfortable. It was just days later that Sandy talked to me about the nursery position.

The timing of those two events opened my eyes to the fact that God could and would take care of my mother. The salary that I was to earn here at Faith each month was just the amount I needed in order to pay my share of my mother's rent and care in her assisted-living home! My sister and brother would pay the other two thirds. My mother has since passed away, but I kept my job. And loved it! I could think of no better place to work, no better people to work with, no better children to love. At one time, my sister even mentioned that the nursery babies could be the Lord's substitute for grandchildren that I might not ever have. I agreed.

But, God has other plans! Next spring my son and daughter-in-law are

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*Thanksgiving and  
honor and power and  
might, Be to our God  
forever and ever.  
Amen. Rev 7:12*

## November 20 Special Service

8:45-10:15

Breakfast Lines open

10:30

Nursery Open

10:30

Slide show & Music

in Sanctuary

11:00

Worship service

12:15

Service ends



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**How True!**  
**"Before I got married I had six theories about bringing up children; now I have six children and no theories."**

**John Wilmot (1647-1680)**



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expecting twins (Yipee!!!!), and, on a more sober note, our very good friends, the Thompsons, are facing cancer surgery this month. I want to be available to any of them at any time. So, sometime this month, our new Children's Director, Mary Lee Griffith, will interview applicants to find my replacement. I am "re-retiring"! I will most likely be here through November and possibly a bit in December.

What then? Well, you might see me once again with a paintbrush in my hand, helping Brian Smith keep the walls in good condition or with the Beth Moore groupies in the Multi-Purpose Room on Thursday mornings. However, no matter what happens, I am thankful to God for the opportunity to serve you and your family as well as see His mighty hands and heart at work. Furthermore, I know that Mary Lee would appreciate your prayers to make sure the very best person available—the Lord's pick—will step right in and be the perfect "fit."

Here's a song to sing at snack time  
 (to the tune of *Mulberry Bush*):

*Apples taste so good to me,  
 So good to me, so good to me.  
 Apples taste so good to me.  
 I thank God for my food!*

*In the Classrooms...*

**1 Year Old Pansies:**

**This month we will help your child:**

- develop an awareness that God made food;
- enjoy eating food with teachers and other children.

**Picnic Time For Toddlers!**

- Collect a paper bag or picnic basket and a blanket or large towel.
- With your child's "help," pack a lunch or variety of snack items in the bag or basket.
- Lead your child on a walk around the house, ending up in a room with space to spread out the blanket or

towel for an indoor picnic.

- Thank God for the food and then enjoy the food together. Say, ***I like to go on picnics. God helps us have good food to eat.***

**Two Year Old Daisies:**

We will begin our Christmas lessons early in November. There is so much we can teach the little ones about advent and the Lord's birth in short "snippets." Because glueing and coloring and "stickering" are new fun activities for our two year olds, they will be making many Christmas items to share with you. Ask them about the crafts and tell them about Jesus and how God sent His Son as a baby to be the Friend and Savior of those who love Him. There will be opportunities to take the focus away from Santa and secular celebrations and put it back where it belongs: the real "Reason for the Season."