

**God's Glory
Garden**

'Lil Sprouts

Faith Church Nursery News

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The Road Ahead

In the next two months, God's Glory Garden will be in transition. Sandy Howard looks ahead to retirement and what God might bring to her in that venue. Our new director, Mary Lee Griffith, will shadow Sandy for several weeks to learn the ropes as Director of Children's Ministry at the same time that she moves into a new community in a new part of the country. The road Mary Lee takes will be quite a bit different from the one Sandy will travel. However, the Lord will guide each individually, even

though the trips differ significantly.

Isn't it awesome that God can be so involved in one person's life while He is personally invested in millions of other Christians' lives at the same time? Though made in His image, we have such imperfect understanding of the omnipresence of the Lord. Our God IS awesome. We don't serve a god in a box, an icon on a ledge, or a tyrant who crushes us when we stumble. He has no limits.

So what will the road ahead be like for Children's Ministry at Faith Church? The search committee asked God to provide us His candidate to take over Sandy's position. Much prayer has gone into her selection. And though no one can be sure what lies ahead as Sandy and Mary walk their different paths and as we travel on ours, for that matter, God does. This is His church. I am confident that Sandy and Mary Lee will both walk with God. He will direct their paths. May He do so for all the rest of us as well. —Connie Martin,

Nursery Coordinator

October in the Daisy Class:

"But Noah found favor in the eyes of the LORD." Genesis 6:8

—Your child will learn how God brought destruction upon an evil world but loved and provided for Noah and his family and ultimately for us.

October in the Pansy Class:

"Jesus loves the children." Mark 10:16

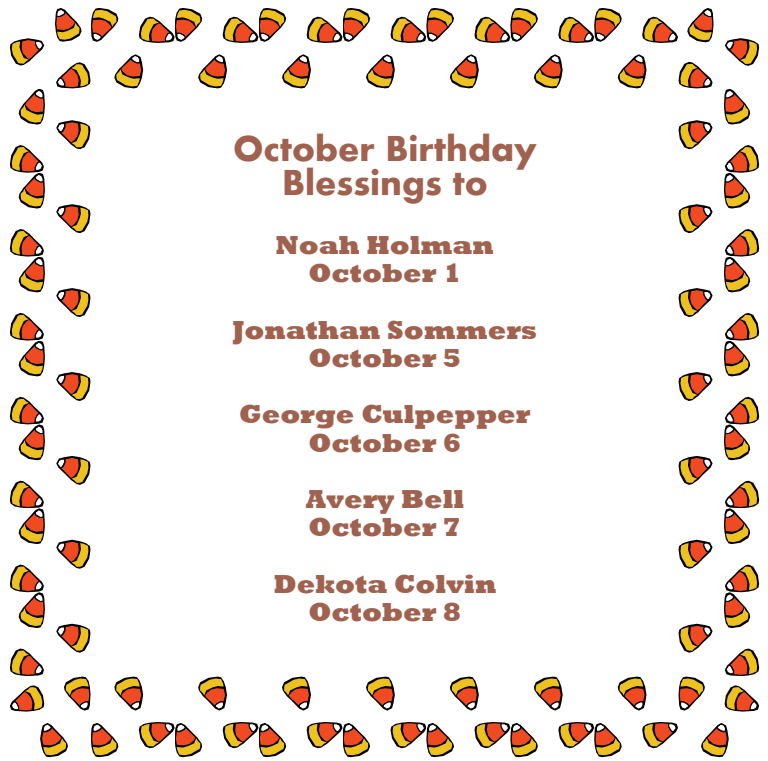
—Your child will develop an awareness of the name of Jesus and associate Him with being loved.

**Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding;
In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight.**



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October Birthday Blessings to

**Noah Holman
 October 1**

**Jonathan Sommers
 October 5**

**George Culpepper
 October 6**

**Avery Bell
 October 7**

**Dekota Colvin
 October 8**

The Big God Story and Noah

Below the extraordinary surface details of Genesis 6-9 in which Noah obeys God and builds then occupies an ark, God reveals much about His nature in this story. It shows He is a holy God who cannot tolerate sin. It shows He is a just God and that sin will not go unpunished. It shows He is a God of mercy in that He spares some. It shows God's power that was unleashed in the Flood. Additionally,

- the Ark of Noah is a rich picture of the salvation provided by Christ who today is our Ark of safety.
- God took the initiative in sparing Noah and his family just as "...God demonstrates His own love for us in this: "While we were still sinners Christ died for us." *Rom. 5:8*. Just as there was only one door to enter into the Ark, there is only one way to God: Christ Jesus. "I am the gate for the sheep..." *Jn. 10:7*. There was great security for the passengers of the Ark. Likewise, if we are in Christ, we are secure. See *Rom.8:31-39*.

Convinced that each Biblical account is God-breathed, we in Faith's Children's Ministry see Noah's ark as much more than a source of cute little pictures and fabric prints with which to decorate the nursery. It is an integral peg on the timeline of the "Big God Story." There is no compromise. God's truth does not rely upon our approval. As our two year olds begin their look at God's provision for Noah in the ark, perhaps we all need to reinvestigate that story, and as little children, "receive the kingdom of God" anew. (*Mark 10:15*) - material taken from *Christian Information Ministries*

Did you Know?

Developers are currently planning The Ark Encounter, a one-of-a-kind historically themed attraction to be built off I-75 within an hour's drive of Cincinnati. In an entertaining, educational, and immersive way, it presents a number of historical events centered on a full-size, all-wood Ark, which should become the largest timber-frame structure in the USA. Plans for the attraction include a Walled City, the Tower of Babel, a first-century Middle Eastern village, a journey in history from Abraham to the parting of the Red Sea, a walk-through aviary, a large petting zoo, and so on. The Ark Encounter will be about a 45-minute drive from the Creation Museum, and while the Ark Encounter will complement the Creation Museum, the Ark Encounter is a separate destination. The museum is set to open in 2014. See arkencounter.com for more information.

Join the Fun!

Harvest Celebration

Sunday Oct. 16, 3-6 p.m.

Loveland's Lake Isabella

A-K dessert, L-S salad,

T-Z side dish

Call Kari @ 831-3770

for more information