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# KidsUpdate

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A newsletter for the parents of children in the Faith Church Children's Ministry

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## Mark your calendar

- March 8 — Daylight Savings Time begins (spring forward one hour)
- March 15 — Whitewater Bible Camp presentation for 4th/5th/6th graders
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## Kids Easter Celebration & Parents Night Out

**Friday,  
March 27, 2015  
6:30-9:00 p.m.**

Advance registration required.  
Sign up today!

Children, infants through 6th grade, will spend the evening focusing on the true meaning of Easter through games, crafts, story-time, snacks, and an "empty tomb" egg hunt — while parents enjoy an evening out.

This is a great opportunity to reach out to friends and neighbors by inviting their children to come and participate, while the adults go out for dinner or an evening activity together, or for parents to have a special date night.



**Register your child by e-mailing [mbroening@faithchurch.net](mailto:mbroening@faithchurch.net).**

**Registration due by noon on Tuesday, March 24.**

**To sign up to volunteer, e-mail [kdistefano@faithchurch.net](mailto:kdistefano@faithchurch.net).**

**Or come to the sign-up table in the East Alcove.**

## A Word from Miss Mary Lee

We are now taking reservations for the March 27 Kids Easter Egg-stravaganza and Parents Night Out. We had over 150 kids attend our last Parents Night Out, which was thrilling!

To be fully prepared to provide a great experience for your children, we are asking that you register your child (or children) as soon as possible, but certainly no later than NOON on Tuesday, March 24.

If you are uncertain about your participation (or the participation of friends you may have invited) — but you think it is likely you will want your kids to attend — then please go ahead and make reservations for your children. It is easier for us to adjust to cancellations than last-minute additions.

We want as many kids and families to participate as possible, and we look forward

to meeting some of your friends and neighbors who don't have a church home. We so desire to provide a meaningful and well-staffed experience for your children and their friends.

Thanks for cooperating!

*Mary Lee*



## Whitewater Bible Camp — Here on March 15

Whitewater Bible Camp will be held this year from July 12-17.

This is a great opportunity for

our 8- to 12-year-old kids to participate in a wonderful week of fun, excitement, and important spiritual growth.

Representatives from Whitewater Bible Camp will be here on Sunday, March 15, to meet families in the East Alcove (between two services and after the 10:45 service). They will also be doing a presentation about camp for our 4th

through 6th graders during each Sunday School hour.

Summer 2015 camp brochures are available at the table in the Children's Wing Lobby (outside Miss Mary Lee's office).

Some scholarships are available upon request. Please see Mary Lee Griffith if interested.

[whitewaterbiblecamp.org](http://whitewaterbiblecamp.org)



## Meet the Hesse Family

Our missions focus for the month of March is the Hesse family (pronounced Hëssë) pictured below. Eric, Miriam, and their boys are living in Cincinnati as they await the day when they can leave for Germany.

Our children will be able to meet them on Sunday, March 22, during Sunday School.



Eric and Miriam Hesse, with their sons Ethan (12), Micah (9), and Gethro (5)

## About the Hesse Family

Eric and Miriam met at Wheaton College and have been married for 17 years. They have three sons: Ethan (12), Micah (9), and Gethro (5). Ethan is in 7th grade, and Micah is in 4th grade. Gethro came home to them (from Haiti) in November of 2014.

Eric, Miriam, Ethan, Micah, and Gethro are adjusting to being a

family. As you can imagine, there are ups and downs, good days and really tough days. Pray that Gethro would grow to trust them and learn to listen to them. Please also pray that God would mold and shape them into the family He desires them to be to reach people for Christ in Berlin.



## Why Berlin?

Berlin is a strategic, influential, multicultural, diverse city. It's a city in a country where the reformation was born, and yet where most churches are empty. As in many urban centers, Berlin is full of wonder and full of heartache. It's a place in need of the gospel.

The Hesse's will be working with ReachGlobal, the international mission of the Evangelical

Free Church of America, as long-term staff members of the Berlin Team.

To see the city transformed for Christ, their ministry will include the following:

- Modeling a way of life that multiplies (discipleship)

- Equipping church planters
- Reaching diverse cultures (190 nations are represented in Berlin)
- Developing ministry partnerships



## What's Next?

Right now, they have commitments for 100% of their start-up fund and 87% of their ongoing, monthly support. They can leave for Berlin as soon as they are fully funded. As non-European Union citizens, their Visas will not allow them to work in Berlin. To stay and minister there, they need to be fully funded, but they can buy plane

tickets when their support level reaches 95%.

During their first year, the primary goal is to learn the German language and get familiar with the city of Berlin in order to build a strong foundation on which to develop their ministry in the coming years.



## Prayer Requests the Hesse Family

- 1) That God would shape their family in love and on mission for God's glory
- 2) That Gethro's certification of citizenship would arrive soon (Once they receive his certification of citizenship, they can apply for his U.S. passport, a requirement for travel to Germany.)
- 3) That God would supply the financial support they need to leave for Berlin (Pray for Eric in particular as he speaks to churches about their ministry. While some churches are able to commit to ongoing support, others have to decline, which can be discouraging.)
- 4) For God's grace as they transition to Berlin and begin to learn German and adjust to life in their new home

If you are interested in becoming prayer partners with the Hesse's, just contact Eric at [eric.hesse@efca.org](mailto:eric.hesse@efca.org) or visit [www.eepurl.com/v8WVfb](http://www.eepurl.com/v8WVfb) to subscribe to their prayer newsletter.



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## Kids @ Faith — Making disciples one child at a time

We love kids at Faith Church! The mission of our Children's Ministry is to make disciples one child at a time. We are grateful for the opportunity to partner with parents in this all-important responsibility. It is God's vision and our prayer for each child in our ministry that...

"according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with power through His Spirit in the inner man, and that the Messiah may dwell in your hearts through faith. [I pray that] you, being rooted and firmly established in love, may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the length and width, height and depth of God's love, and to know the Messiah's love that surpasses knowledge, so you may be filled with all the fullness of God." (Ephesians 3:16-19)

The Children's Ministry exists to partner with parents as together we lay the spiritual foundation where real transformation takes place in the lives of the preschoolers and elementary children who



attend our ministries at Faith Church. Our purpose is for children to experience a life-changing relationship with Jesus Christ and grow in that relationship as reproducing disciples of the Lord Jesus. We desire that each child come to the place where he or she chooses to imitate the whole life of Christ by being in communion with God, in community with others, and on mission with Christ.



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Making disciples one child at a time

## Upcoming Events

**Sunday, March 22 —  
Funny Munny Store**

**Sunday, March 22 —  
Meet the Hesse Family**  
Your children will have the opportunity to meet the missionaries we are featuring during the month of March

**Friday, March 27, 6:30-9  
p.m. — Kids Easter  
Celebration and Parents  
Night Out**  
Reservations required—Please make as soon as possible (but no later than noon on Tuesday, March 24)

**Sunday, March 29 — Palm  
Sunday**

**Sunday, April 5 — Easter  
Sunday**



**Sunday, April 26 —  
Funny Munny Store**

**Sunday, April 26 —  
Sunday School Staff  
Appreciation Lunch**  
We honor our wonderful Sunday School staff with a special lunch and gift

**Tuesday through  
Thursday, May 19-21,  
9:30-11:30 a.m. —  
Preschool VBS**

VBS opportunity for 3-year-olds through Kindergarten age children

**Sunday, May 31 —  
Funny Munny Store**  
Between 9:15 and 10:45 hours, and at noon

**Monday through  
Thursday, June 29-July 2,  
9:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m. —  
Elementary VBS**  
VBS opportunity for children in Kindergarten through 6th grade