

CHILDHOOD MINISTRIES

NEWSLETTER

CALENDAR

April 14th

New Members' Class & Luncheon

May 15th

Last MIDWEEK of the semester

June 2nd-6th

**Vacation Bible School
6:30-8:45p**

June 12th

**MIDWEEK Resumes
6:00-7:30p**

June 21st-24th

CROSSTIMBERS KIDS' CAMP

August 4th

PROMOTION SUNDAY

**NEW SCHEDULE
BEGINS**

9:00a

Connect Groups–A

Worship–B

10:45a

Connect Groups–B

Worship–A

CROSSTIMBERS (3rd-6th GRADES) CAMP

CrossTimbers is June 21st-24th (Friday-Monday). Registration is now open and the cost is \$100 which includes a t-shirt and a \$10 spending card. This year's theme is MADE NEW and our key verse is 2 Corinthians 5:17. If you are interested in going as a sponsor (especially guys!!!), please contact Ms. Emily for an application. Register using the QR code to the right or at <https://waterloord.infellowship.com/Forms/476220>.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Vacation Bible School is JUNE 2nd-6th (Sunday-Thursday) from 6:30-8:45pm. VBS is for children who have completed prekindergarten through 6th grade. Our Prek and Kindergarten kids will experience their own rotation, our 1st through 4th graders will go through the Elementary rotation, and our Preteens (5th & 6th graders) will have their Preteen Program.

Remember, it's what grade your child was in for the 2023-24 school year. Register using the QR code to the right or at <https://waterloord.infellowship.com/Forms/476493>.

We are also seeking volunteers for VBS! Contact Emily to sign up! Volunteers who have children between the ages of 0-4 years will be able to bring their kids to our MINI-VBS held at the same time.



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WRBC CHILDHOOD MISSION STATEMENT

WATERLOO ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH BELIEVES PARENTS ARE THE PRIMARY DISCIPLE MAKERS OF THEIR CHILDREN. THEREFORE, OUR GOAL IS TO PARTNER WITH AND EQUIP PARENTS IN DISCIPLING THEIR CHILDREN. WE EXIST TO HELP CHILDREN SEEK GOD AND SERVE HIM AS WHOLLY DEVOTED FOLLOWERS OF CHRIST.

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

Spring is here! With spring, we see so many things that appeared dead come back to life. Redbuds bloom. Grass turns green. Flower shoots begin to peek through the soil. All these are things to celebrate and bring joy to our hearts. But as I was walking past the GAGA ball pit on the playground the other day, I saw something that did not inspire joy. Our GAGA ball pit has a nice new set of mats under it. They serve as protection from mud and dust and provide a cushion for kids while they play. But something was working its way through the tiny slits where the mats connect. WEEDS!!! Sure, I am frustrated because we will need to get rid of those weeds. But I also stopped in my tracks because the sight of the weeds creeping through reminded me of sin and how it creeps into our lives. Just like we know spring is coming and with it weeds, we know that Satan is always looking for cracks in our defenses. We must remember the commands given to us in 1 Peter 5:6-8, "Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you at the proper time, casting all your cares on him, because he cares about you. Be sober-minded, be alert. Your adversary the devil is prowling around like a roaring lion, looking for anyone he can devour. Resist him, firm in the faith, knowing that the same kind of sufferings are being experienced by your fellow believers throughout the world." We can find protection from the weeds of sin in our lives by focusing on God and standing firm in our faith.

FAMILY FUN ACTIVITIES

Absolutely Awesome activities to do with your family in April.

- April is National Kite Month. Grab some friends, some kites, and your kids and enjoy the great outdoors as you fly (or attempt to fly) kites. Talk about Psalm 36:5-6 and how God's love reaches higher than the heavens and His faithfulness reaches higher than the skies!
- Draw a Picture of a Bird Day is April 8th. Drawing pictures with your kids is always a fun idea (whether you're an artist or not) and it's also a great time to talk about how God made all the birds and how each of them is unique.
- April 23rd is National Picnic Day. Enjoy a picnic with your family!



PRESCHOOL & ELEMENTARY

CONNECT GROUPS

- **April 7th:** The Church Grows – Peter Performed Miracles (Acts 9)
- **April 14th:** The Church Grows – Peter Learned that Jesus Is for All (Acts 10)
- **April 21st:** The Church Grows – Gentiles Became Part of the Church (Acts 11)
- **April 28th:** The Church Grows – Peter Was Rescued from Prison (Acts 12)

PRETEEN CONNECT GROUPS

Main Concept: THRIVE

- **April 7th:** Will God hear and answer my prayers? (James 5; John 1)
- **April 14th:** Why should believers memorize and meditate on Scripture? (Psalm 119:1-24)
- **April 21st:** How do believers withstand temptation? (Hebrews 2)
- **April 28th:** What should a believer do after sinning again? (Psalm 32:1-5; 51:1-13)



MIDWEEK

Teddy Bears

- **April 3rd:** God Is in Charge—Exodus 20
- **April 10th:** Jesus Is Alive—John 19-20
- **April 17th:** Jesus Is Baptized & Says No to Satan—Luke 3:1-22
- **April 24th:** Jesus Calls His Disciples—Luke 5:1-11

K-2nd Grade

- **April 3rd:** Apply: Be Kind & Compassionate—Ephesians 4:32
- **April 10th:** Apply: Be Known by Our Actions—Proverbs 20:11
- **April 17th:** Apply: Do All for God—Colossians 3:23
- **April 24th:** Apply: Share the Good News—Mark 16:15

3rd & 4th Grade

- **April 3rd:** Apply: Prayer – Ephesians 4:1-3, Bonus: 2 Timothy 3:16-17
- **April 10th:** Apply: Studying God's Word – Ephesians 4:1-3, Bonus: 2 Timothy 3:16-17
- **April 17th:** Apply: Worship – Ephesians 4:1-3, Bonus: 2 Timothy 3:16-17
- **April 24th:** Apply: Serving – Ephesians 4:1-3, Bonus: 2 Timothy 3:16-17

PRETEEN

- **April 3rd:** Apply: Joy – Colossians 1:10, Bonus: Psalm 16:11
- **April 10th:** Apply: Peace & Patience – Colossians 1:10, Bonus: Psalm 16:11
- **April 17th:** Apply: Kindness & Goodness – Colossians 1:10, Bonus: Psalm 16:11
- **April 24th:** Apply: Faithfulness – Colossians 1:10, Bonus: Psalm 16:11

