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The Magic of Camp

by Gianluca Bruno

Thanks to the generosity of all those who made a special donation towards children's ministries, including those donors who matched the donations dollar per dollar, four of our juniors were able to experience what I call "the magic of camp." The first group of juniors from Village attended camp in July, from the 9th through the 13th, a second group went the following week. I was blessed by the opportunity to spend a week at junior's camp where I served as camp pastor, with group number one from Village. Camp has played a crucial part in my spiritual formation. Being at Camp Mohaven last month, brought me back to the first time I consciously decided to follow Christ, which happened at camp during a Friday night vespers that ended with communion and foot washing. Did you know that more than 80 percent of adult Christians decided in their heart to follow Jesus before the age of 9? I am one of those people, and it happened during camp. My first commitment to a ministry was at camp. And behold, I decided to become a minister during a camp experience... If it wasn't for camp I would not be part of the history of Village Church today.

I do not want to give the idea that camp provided all the spiritual guidance I needed in my life. My parents, Sabbath school teachers, church, and the Holy Spirit, take all the credit. However, camp provided a place where I could meet God in a special way.

I am not sure what the "magic of camp" is about. It might be the fact that kids are far away from home and

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Mark Your August Calendar

4 - ASI meeting in Louisville.

18 - Back to School Potluck

19 - Village Senior outing. See Imogene for more information.

25 - Picnic, Vesper, Movie & Fun at the Splawinski's. Details will be in the bulletin.

26 - Church Business Meeting. Details will be in the bulletin.

Children's Ministry News

by Selin Mariadhas

God has blessed Children's Ministry with new programs and new energy! The kids, parents and volunteers would like to thank the church for their generosity in contributing to the ministry over the past few months. Your generosity has helped kids have the experience of a lifetime in both Camp Mohavan and Camp SonPower! Your continued support by volunteering, giving and praying is much appreciated.

New Energy!

Children's Ministry welcomes Marian Dawkins as the Sabbath School teacher of the newly created Primary Sabbath School (ages 7-9)! Thank you Marian for helping our Primary children transition from childhood into the important tween years. Marian plans on laying the foundation necessary for combating the difficult issues our primaries will face as they get into their tweens.

Marian's Goals for the Primaries:

- Stress memorizing memory verses to easily recall during hard decision times
- Stress lessons from the Bible to easily apply to everyday life

New Programs!

Camp Mohavan - See *The Magic of Camp*. The children had so much fun that parents have heard comments such as "I wish I could have stayed there the entire summer!" Some of the children are even thinking about being a counselor-in-training next year. Please pray for our Juniors as they are considering this important decision.



Camp SonPower - Camp SonPower has offered yet another fun-filled week of camp to our kids and has given our kids the opportunity to interact with non-Village church kids. We started out with twelve children on the first day and the numbers steadily grew each day. Children were excited to bring their friends. They enjoyed the crafts, Bible stories, dodgeball and other activities. Our conference volunteers (Ashley, Courtney, Kyle, Manny, Matthuel) infused new energy for God into our kids. The role model of the young volunteers (ages 17 to 21) has helped our children realize that you can worship God and still be cool.

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Happy Birthday

- 4 Dan Ruiz
- 6 Harold Ward
- 12 Phillip Poland
- 20 Steven Carroll
- 29 Bob Thompson
- 31 Jean Cassell



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they need to rely more on God. It might be that the environment the kids experience for a week is so different and much better than what our secularized society has to offer. Maybe it is just the right mix of funny songs, fun, and spiritual moments that makes it unique. It will probably remain an unsolved mystery. It is my prayer that our church family will support our youth by giving them more opportunities to experience the "magic of camp". *Pastor G.*

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Juniors Baptism Class - Anita will be reviving the Baptism class for our 10 to 12 year olds by holding the class Monday nights at the church. The Juniors will be going through our fundamental beliefs and in-depth Bible studies which will augment the character studies they are doing in their Sabbath School.

Updates

I would like to thank the ongoing ministry of Anita, Tammy and Laura in Children's Ministry for their selfless dedication to leading our children closer to the Lord.

Beginners/ Cradle Roll (Ages Birth to 2 taught by Laura Thomsen) - Laura uses her enthusiasm, talent in storytelling and gift of song to make the Bible come alive for our littlest ones. This quarter, her class is learning about King Joash, Captain Naaman's little maid and baby Moses.



Kindergarten (Ages 3 to 6 taught by Tammy Carroll) - Tammy helps the children connect the weekly Bible stories into God's bigger picture by using weekly crafts

Happy Anniversary

- 1 Harold & Marie Ward
- 10 Ralph & Jeanne Dunbar



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August Worship Schedule

- 4 Ernesto Mittoo
music - Josh Weeker
- 11 Pastor Gianluca Bruno
- 18 Pastor Gianluca Bruno
- 25 Pastor Gianluca Bruno

Would you like to help with the worship ministry? Please call Sissy at (513) 518-6125.

that fit into a larger puzzle at the end of each quarter. This quarter, her class is learning about helping each other, serving God and worshipping God.

Primary (Ages 7 to 9 taught by Marian Dawkins) - Marian has already made a big impact in this class by telling the kids that she wants to meet their unique needs by starting the new Sabbath School that will go more in depth than the Kindergarten class, but will not be as complex as the Juniors class. This quarter, her class is learning about the meaning of belonging to God's family and how to attract others to God's love.



Juniors (Ages 10+ taught by Anita McDonald) - Anita has been a pillar in Children's Ministry for many years and yet continues to WOW! the kids each week by using new object lessons and science experiments to help them see God's message in a visual, action-oriented, tactile way. Anita will continue teaching the children about characteristics of a Christian to help them make the best decisions as they move towards the rough time of adolescence.

Our Values

- Acceptance
- Outreach
- Prayer
- Hope
- Belonging

Our Vision

In 2012, our diverse and friendly congregation is thriving in an expanded facility to accommodate significant growth. Multiple worship services encourage genuine spiritual growth through relationships with God and others.

Our church is an active community presence that engages Mason and the surrounding area in a variety of initiatives for children, youth and adults. We live our faith exploring biblical truth as expressed through a joyful life.

Our Goals

- Spiritual Growth** ♦ Create Bible-focused small groups for all ages.
- Worship** ♦ Assure vibrant and meaningful worship experiences for believers and seekers.
- Outreach** ♦ Develop visible, creative community involvement through service and faith-sharing.
- Children and Youth** ♦ Commit significant resources to develop thriving youth and children's ministries.
- Leadership** ♦ Equip each member to be an innovative and effective leader in the congregation and in the community.
- Nurture** ♦ Guarantee that every person is cared for by embracing and re-connecting.
- Building** ♦ Improve our facilities so all our needs are met and our community presence is enhanced.

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