

Menu for Wednesday, March 2nd

Parmesan Chicken w/rice & broccoli casserole.

PB&J & chips for kids.

Seekers to set up, serve and to clean up.

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Summer 2011

FAIRMOUNT CHRISTIAN CHURCH CHILD CARE PROGRAM

Inside

Find out what we're planning for this summer here at Fairmount's Child Care Program.

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By: Larry Haake, IV

As I write this, the weather outside consists of temperatures just a degree or two above freezing and snow flurries. A perfect time to talk about the summer, don't you think? Here at the Fairmount Child Care Program, we've been talking about and planning summer since the new year. We're very excited about what we have in store this summer, but before I get to that; I want to talk a little bit about who we are and what we do.

The Fairmount Child Care Program began 15 years ago thanks to the generosity of anonymous individuals who saw a need for a church based after-school program for students in our area. Since then the program has grown and evolved into one where children can come and enjoy themselves each afternoon and during the summers and at the same time learn about Christ and how they can apply His teachings to their lives.

We currently transport children to and from 6 different schools. There are over 90 students enrolled from grades K-6th in our before & after school program.

Traditionally each summer we offer an all day program that features a lot of activities both here at the church and at various destinations across Virginia. One of the things we really are pleased with in our program are the field trips we take. We've been to some pretty neat places from as far away as the Vir-

ginia Safari Park in Natural Bridge to the *Victory Rover* Naval Base Tour in Norfolk. We go to the zoo, the aquarium, the Smithsonian and many other places.

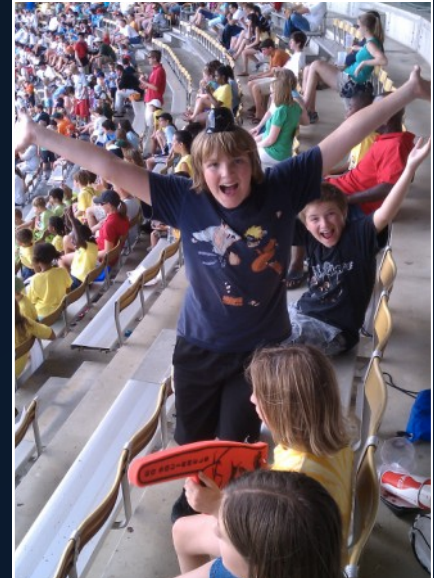
But this summer we're making a change. A change, we hope, is for the better. We're introducing a summer full of themed weeks this year and each week will have a different theme with activities and field trips based on those themes.

For instance...

The week of July 4th-8th we'll be hosting a "God & Glory" week which will focus on our nation and the freedoms God has blessed us with. We'll be visiting such places as the Washington Monument, the USS *Wisconsin* battleship, and visit the Virginia War Museum.

Another week that I'm very excited about is "1950s" week where we'll return to those thrilling days of yesteryear and experience life in the 1950s. We'll have a box car drive-in just like our Children's Ministry is doing next week, but we'll be watching a 1950s movie along with 1950s cartoons and television programs. We're even working on having a 1950s car show, (we're hoping that plan will come together).

We'll spend a week celebrating Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Years during "Celebrate the Holiday" Week and learn about the importance of and the contributions made by our farmers during "Down On The Farm" week. We'll



see giant steam locomotives, jet planes and even a space shuttle during "Planes, Trains & Automobiles" week and spend time hanging out with friends during "Beach Week".

All during the summer while we're having fun with our themed weeks we'll also be learning about Christ and continue to have our tradition of introducing children to Christ through our daily Bible lessons and weekly chapel service.

In recent years we've begun taking advantage of an online presence to get information out to parents and individuals interested in our program and what we do. We're on Facebook (facebook.com/fairmount) and also

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◀ Pictured: Various activities from past summers. Field trips are one of the activities we're very pleased with here at Fairmount.



▲ Our monthly newsletter gives parents info on the Child Care Program and Church activities.

▼ Below: Fairmount Child Care's Facebook page is used to help communicate to parents info on activities and events.

have our own Twitter feed (twitter.com/fairmount). Information is also available at the church's website and we also publish a monthly newsletter named the *Fairmount Focus*.

We are about to unveil our bulletin board just outside the Family Life Center and I encourage you to check it out in the coming weeks. If you are interested in Fairmount's Child Care Program, call the church at 559-8070. We are in the process of enrolling for summer and fall and would love to have your child be a part of our program and experience the fun we'll have this coming summer.



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To develop followers of Jesus who:

Love God,
Love People and
Introduce the world
 to **Christ**

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Our Church: Sunday, February 20, 2011

Welcome to our New Members.

Welcome to **Isaac Grubbs**. Isaac was **baptized**.

Welcome to **Lois Farr**. Lois **transferred** membership.

Welcome to **Judy Garnett**. Judy **transferred** membership.

Welcome to **Dot Thompson**. Dot **transferred** membership.

Attendance & Giving.

8:15 Worship Service: 153
 Children's Worship: 13

9:30 Worship Service: 454
 Children's Worship: 59

11:00 Worship Service: 239
 Children's Worship: 109
 Breakaway: 53

Total: 1080
Bible School: 635

Budget Requirements: \$34,405.00
Budget Receipts: \$30,741.78



Sermon Series
 continues this Sunday.

Your Church Staff:

- Rick Raines - Senior Minister
- Chris Santasiere - Associate Minister
- Mike Langley - Associate Minister
- Tracy Thomas - Worship/Music Minister
- Rose Williams - Children's Ministry Director
- Larry Haake, IV - Child Care Program Director
- Jef Powell - Facilities & Grounds Manager
- Barry Will - Technology Director
- Veronica Brewster - Office Manager
- Bob Massey - Business Administrator