

Billtown Baptist Children & Youth



NEWSLETTER

A New Season

It has been another magnificent season for the children and youth at Billtown Baptist church. We are thankful for an incredible God who sees us through everything, is with us every step of the way, and for a congregation that supports the children and youth in their presence and the community beyond. It is fall already and we are about to start getting back into the routine of school, extracurriculars, youth group, and Sunday School.

The summer showcased an incredible team of adults, children, and youth, who worked together to help make the VBS at Billtown a big success. We shared our love for Jesus and dove into friendship with God. We had a total of 29 participants throughout the week, from the age of 3 up to 14, including 9 youth leaders who took on roles of either leading stations or groups. The youth leaders did an incredible job and continue to grow in their leadership skills, sharing their love for Jesus with all those around them. We also had 12 adults helping in various roles throughout the week. VBS wouldn't be possible without a tremendous amount of support from the church community, whether you were a leader, decorator, helper throughout the week, supplied necessary items, prayed for a week of learning about Jesus and diving into a friendship with God, or any other support that was offered, we thank you!! It is a privilege to be alongside you as we support a generation to come to know Jesus.

A reminder that as Sunday School is about to start up for the fall the children and youth each have a mailbox, so feel free to leave notes, cards, or anything else. I have seen the smiles on their faces when they know someone is thinking of them and it is wonderful.

This fall the younger Sunday School classroom will embark on a children's book series called, With Jesus, I Am.... It focuses on their identity with Jesus, and all that they can do with Jesus by their side. They also will be learning new songs that we hope to share with the congregation on a monthly basis. The older youth Sunday School classroom will be continuing their worship band to

share with the congregation, their crafts and communion Sunday the first Sunday of the month, as well as learning more about the Bible through trivia, and doing a book study called, Navigating Gospel Truth for Teens: A Guide to Faithfully Reading the Accounts of Jesus' Life. A huge thank you to all the Sunday School teachers for prepping, planning, and organizing each week!!

This fall we will continue with our second annual Sunday School Christmas party for Jesus and running a Secret Santa between the adults and children & youth which will be hosted on December 22nd. As well, the children and youth Christmas concert will be on December 15th.

This fall I will be going through the Youth & Children's Ministries Registration form which is kept on file at the church and determining if there are any that need to be complete or updated. I will be in contact with just those who I need information from. We're planning some fun upcoming events (see below) both during and outside of Sunday School that I wanted you to be aware of to mark on your calendars (all events are at Billtown Baptist unless otherwise noted). As I connect with other local churches in seeing how we can collaborate with our children and youth ministries, be on the alert for more opportunities to come up in the future.



Some of our 2024 SCUBA VBS Crew

IMPORTANT UPCOMING FALL DATES: (Some of the dates may be subject to change or may be dependent on weather).

September 7th: Back to School Ice Cream Social @ 2-4 pm. Join us at the church for ice cream cones or sundaes to mark the end of summer and back to school.

September 8th: Sunday School Opening @ 10 am

October 5th: Bonfire @ 6:00. Join us for a bonfire of hotdogs, smores, songs, and skits at a location to be determined (weather permitting).

October 25th-26th: Challenge 2024 (grades 6-12) at the New Minas Baptist Church. More details and registration to come.

November 16th: Pizza, Ice Cream and Games Night @ 4:30 pm - bring games to share along with pizza and ice cream provided for supper. While registration is not required it is helpful to know how much to prepare.

November 30th: Hanging of the Greens @ 7:00 pm (a service to decorate the church, everyone is invited). For those attending they will have an opportunity to play the tone chimes.

December 14th: Youth Christmas Give Back @ 1:30 pm - we will be creating and assembling Christmas crafts and treats to deliver to Billtown community members.

December 15th: Sunday School Christmas Concert @ 10 am - Youth will be performing their Christmas Production during the Sunday Service at 10 am. Everyone is welcome!!

December 22nd: Birthday Party for Jesus/Secret Santa @ 10 am - children will have the opportunity to celebrate Jesus' birthday with a party during SS. Secret Santa gifts will be delivered by the Three Wise Dudes.

December 22nd: Potluck - there will be a potluck following the service.

Should you need to contact me for more information or registration my cell is (902) 670-0573 and my email is angela@billtownbaptist.com. If you are receiving this newsletter by paper and would instead like it by email, send a message to the email address.

I look forward to seeing you during Sunday Services and any other events as opportunity allows!

Blessings, Angela Pound

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