

WPKC Children's Ministries Volunteer Newsletter



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A recent Children's magazine stated that 45% of children say they feel more comfortable talking to someone online than in person. The reason? It's easier to be who you want to be when nobody knows who you are and if you don't like the situation, you can just exit and it's over.

How true that is of this generation . . . this convenient format for meeting other individuals means no accountability, no pressure, no relationship. If you don't like the situation, "click", and it's gone. This generation of children already does so much more online than previous generations. They shop, converse, make friends, play games, share photos, etc. As they reach adulthood, will they also worship online? Will the physical church itself be replaced by a bunch of on-liners surfing the internet looking where they can "fit-in"? Fact is, they already do! Children are already online looking for various forms of love and acceptance.

Today's technology allows us to do what we want to do, go where we want to go, say what we want to say AND have absolutely no accountability. If we don't like it, we just "click" and we're gone. But the truth is, we need relationship . . . with God and with others! God created us to have relationship with Him. I like the fact that I can talk to Him at anytime, anywhere, anyhow. I also like the fact that I am accountable to him. I can't just click Him out of my life. He sees all, cares for all, and knows all and yet continues to desire time alone with each of us.

As we minister to this generation of children, we need to stress the importance of building relationship. We need to model healthy relationships with each child and stress the fact that our God is a God of relationship. He desires a relationship with us and we were made to have relationship with Him. That means the good, the bad, and the ugly. . . no clicking out.

GLOBAL OUTREACH TRIATHLON The Second Annual Triathlon is Saturday, May 21st from 10:00 to 12:00 PM in the church parking lot. This is a Global Outreach fundraiser that challenges our kids to walk, run, and ride (or any combination of those activities) to help raise money for the Children's Global Outreach Offering. We encourage you to participate and show your support by sponsoring a child for that day. While some have pledged a flat amount, others have pledged \$2.00, \$3.00 per lap! Regardless of the amount, my goal is to see as many children participate as possible. Everyone can do something! I hope to see you that day!

SUMMER WEATHER - With the summer weather approaching, please help me by reminding the children to keep their shoes on in the building and on the grounds. Safety and health hazards increase with children walking around barefooted.

THANK YOU Special thanks to all those who helped with our Global Outreach Egg Project and Easter Egg Hunt. In a short period of time, we collected almost \$300.00 in our offering and the children had a great time hunting Easter eggs on Saturday, April 23rd. We had 3000 eggs and gave away over 40 filled Easter baskets.

MOTHER'S DAY Join us as we celebrate and honor our mothers in services on Sunday, May 8th!

"FUNDAY NIGHTS" A fifth Sunday night is coming up May 29th at 6:30 PM. While you attend the leadership meeting in the fellowship hall, the children will have a Talent Show in the lower level fashioned just for them. This quarter's FUNday Night will also include an introduction into bible quizzing known as Bible Quest .

ROYAL RANGER NEWS Next month, Friday & Saturday, June 3rd & 4th is Ranger Kids Field Day! See David Mikeal or myself for more information.