

WPHC Children's Ministries Volunteer Newsletter



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WE ARE OVERCOMERS! It doesn't take much now-a-days to get weighted down by the things of this world. Every day we see brokenness, pain, poverty, war, hunger, hatred, greed, broken families, neglected elderly, loneliness, and spiritual emptiness - sometimes all in the first five minutes of our day!

HOWEVER, we know from Romans 12:20-21 that we need not be overcome by evil, but can overcome evil with good. This is by far, one of my favorite verses. In fact, whenever "Debbie Downer" comes along or "Pessimistic Pete" decides to invade my space, I remember those words that Paul spoke to the Romans. I can overcome evil with GOOD!

There is POWER in serving up a dose of "good." Supernatural power from a spoonful of sugar?! Certainly! Sometimes we make light of it, or play down the fact that we are doing "good deeds," but we need to remember that these are the very things that overcome the evil in the world. So . . . I say no more false humility. No more "playing down" the compliment. We need to proudly work those soup kitchens, compassionately serve our brothers & sisters in the community, joyfully participate as volunteers in our local schools and even more so, serve diligently here in our local church.

Children come to WPHC from all different backgrounds and various home lives. If we are not actively doing good in order to overcome evil, evil will attempt to overcome us AND OUR CHILDREN! We don't want to miss our golden opportunity to overcome evil with good. The enemy hates it when we work together. The Bible reminds us to not grow weary in doing good!

I know I'm preaching to the choir; however if we could just realize the size of the punch we are walloping to the enemy each time we serve, we will make a tremendous impact on the world and the children directly around us.

Family Night Wednesday, October 5th. It is a great opportunity to sit with new families looking to connect! (not to mention, the food's pretty good too) ☺

R.A.S.O.R.S 1st & 3rd Sunday night of each month (10/2, 10/16). Classes are available to all children from pre-school to 5th grade.

JBQ (Bible Quizzing) 2nd & 4th Sunday night of each month (10/9, 10/23).

THANK YOU to all those who helped with the Royal Rangers Awards Banquet! It was a great evening that wouldn't be possible without volunteers like you! Congratulations to all our Royal Rangers and to the commanders who worked so hard to help them reach their achievements!

JUNIOR BIBLE QUIZZING (JBQ): The JBQ team begins this month with its' first official quiz meet on Saturday, October 16th at the Stoneville Pentecostal Holiness Church. Pray for them as they travel to and participate in this meet. FMI see Daniel and Jessica Roberts or Pastor Charles.



"In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven." Matthew 5:16

WELCOME NEW VOLUNTEERS Roger Walsh & David Johnson are among WPHC KIDS newest volunteers. Roger is the husband to Rita Walsh and is serving alongside her as a substitute in the role of pre-K teachers and greeters in the Children's Welcome Center. David is the husband of Carly Johnson and has taken a teaching role in the RAINBOWS class on Wednesday nights. If you or someone you know has an interest in getting involved, please see Pastor Charles. Volunteer applications are available online at wphc.net. Volunteers must have completed the New Member class as a prerequisite.

"And let us consider how we may spur one another on towards love and good deeds." Hebrews 10:24

JUST ANOTHER SUNDAY FACE I recently spent a few hours with volunteers, Daniel & Jessica Roberts. Daniel & Jessica are the parents of Dylan & Gwen Roberts. Once again, it didn't take me long to realize, how valuable it is to get to know people outside of Sunday and Wednesday. Both Daniel and Jessica share an amazing testimony of how God spared their lives in a terrible car wreck just weeks after they were married. They are truly living testimonies of His mercy, grace and healing power. If that wasn't enough, Daniel has a heart wrenching testimony about his childhood and how God has redeemed his brokenness. It will bring tears to your eyes and a grateful appreciation for the God that we serve.



Daniel & Jessica serve as coaches for our quiz team. Everybody has a story behind the faces we see on Sundays and Wednesdays. Take time this week to ask someone, "What has God done in your life?" You'll be glad you did!

DECK THE HALLS! Parents & children can help us "deck the halls" for Christmas in the Children's wing on Friday & Saturday, November 11th & 12th. We will be putting up all our Christmas Trees and decorating! Come and join us for a great time together!

NURSERY THANKS Thank you to all those who participated in our nursery shower. We are grateful for the many gifts received for our nurseries.

"But as for you, brethren, do not grow weary of doing good." 2 Thessalonians 3:13

CHRISTMAS MUSICAL 2011 This year's Christmas musical, "Dude, You Hear What I Hear?" will be presented on Sunday, December 18th at 6:00 PM. Practices are every Sunday from 4:30 - 6:00 PM. **If you would like to volunteer to supply a snack for these children one Sunday afternoon at 5:30 PM, please see me or send me an email at cbouchard@wphc.net.**



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD 100 shoeboxes are being filled by our Royal Rangers & M'pact Girls Clubs during the next few months. **Bake sales will be held on Sunday, Oct. 2nd & Sunday, Nov 6th to help defer the costs for shipping.** If you would like to help bake something or donate items towards the OCC shoeboxes, please see David Mikeal or Carol Bouchard. Drop-off boxes are placed in various locations in the church for your convenience. Thank you for your support! Our OCC representative is Susan Hatton.



HONOR STAR CROWNING Madeline Mesa will be crowned an "Honor Star" on Wednesday, October 26th at 7:00 PM. Madeline is the daughter of Ricardo & Luz Mesa and is a 6th grader at Hudson Middle School. This is a tremendous achievement and recognizes that Madeline has completed all of the requirements in the Stars 3-year program. You won't want to miss this beautiful ceremony. Please see Carol Bouchard FMI.

FUNDAY NIGHT Sunday, October 30th will be a FUNDAY night of fun! The festivities will start at 4:30 PM and will end concurrently with the Adult "Night of Praise" service that evening. A bonfire is planned along with a hayride on the property. Hotdogs & s'mores will be served. We need your help! If you would like to volunteer for that evening, please see Pastor Charles.

SYATP The fourth Wednesday in September each year is designated as "See You At The Pole", a time of prayer at the flagpole of our public schools. While we have students from all over the county participate in their own schools, this year, we had adult volunteers participate at two specific school locations, Gamewell Elementary & Whitnel Elementary. Here are some of their reports:

"We had great participation! There were a lot of children there. The presentations were excellent. The children heard and sang about Jesus! I myself enjoyed starting the day off with such inspiration. Whitnel Elementary children are a blessing! Thanks for including me."

"I was amazed at the participation of the teachers, staff and the children. We sang together, several children read scriptures and we all prayed as a group. God is still working in the hearts of his people, and in our children!"

"You cannot imagine how moving and anointed everything was. The pastors stood in the middle of all the children, staff and parents and each one prayed, read scripture and talked a few minutes. Then my friends began to sing "Amazing Grace" and we all stood in the presence of God. People were crying, lifting their hands to God and singing the song. Nobody was in a rush. All I can say is that "God moved" and I am so very thankful."

"We received a blessing this morning. So glad there were a lot of children participating. The children being told that Jesus loves them and that He would always be there was a gift in itself. It made my day much brighter!"

PRAYER WORKS! Make time to pray with your child each morning before they go to school! Your consistency and attitude of submission to God's plans for the day will make a lasting impact on you and your child. You will be glad you did!

BLOG How much blog could a blogger blog if a blogger could not blog? The answer is "not much!" Yes, I have started a blog and you can read my Friday blogs entitled, "TGIF!" under "charlesbouchardwphc" at wordpress.com or access it through my facebook profile.

YOU KNOW YOU'RE A CHILDRENS' VOLUNTEER WHEN . . .

- you ask your 18-year old if he has to go "potty."
- you threaten the guest speaker at church not to go over in his message or you'll release 20 million sticky-fingered children to pray a "blessing" over his car.
- you count (out loud) as your own children get in your vehicle to go to church.
- the sound of running water or a flushing toilet instills immediate panic.
- You use band-aids as bookmarks in your bible.



HAVE A GREAT OCTOBER!

