

Dear 3rd-5th Graders and Parents,

Beginnings! Beginnings are fun and exciting. The school year is beginning again and I know all the kids are excited and a little nervous about the upcoming year. New classes, new teachers, new clubs, new activities... The fall is full of beginnings for our youth.

JAM and Joy Singers are "beginning" again too. JAM continues all year (even through the summer), but the new fall year is beginning again. We are welcoming new 3rd graders and saying goodbye to the 6th graders who are headed into KREED. It is an exciting time and we have many exciting things planned for the beginning of the year.

I think God gets excited for us when we experience beginnings too. He likes to see us starting new things and see us getting nervous and excited about all life has to offer. I especially believe He is happy and honored when we involve Him in all of our beginnings. God wants to be a part of everything we do, and I am sure He smiles when we talk to him about our apprehensions and excitements we experience throughout the day.

I hope your new school year is full of many blessings and joys! Don't forget to come and join us for JAM and Joy singers, and involve God in all you do!

Blessings,



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Pumpkin Patch

Don't forget to get your Halloween Pumpkin from the Senior High Youth Group this year at their Pumpkin Patch (located at Bethany). They will be selling pumpkins October 10-30 and all proceeds go to help them get to the National Youth Gathering in San Antonio.



Trunk or Treat

This year Bethany will be hosting a Trunk or Treat for Halloween on October 30th from 4:00-6:00. What is a Trunk or Treat? Instead of trick-or-treating in the neighborhood, kids can come to the Bethany parking lot and visit the many trunks for their candy treats. We will need many people to bring their vehicles and decorate their trunks (and give out candy) for this event. Plus, everyone gets to dress up! There will also be a storyteller at 5:15 who will tell some mildly creepy and mostly funny stories. Please see Kim to sign up your "trunk" for this event.



Many cars are needed!

FALL Blast 2011 -- Nov. 18-20

"Rescued"

Join the kids from JAM for Fall Blast at Camp Lone Star! This outdoor retreat for children in grades three through five is filled with learning, fellowship and fun.

During this weekend event, our staff and volunteers focus on the idea of how God the Father has rescued us through His Son Jesus. Using skits, songs and Scripture (Colossians 1:13-14 and Isaiah 46:4) we will communicate the love of the Father through the work of the Son in bringing us into the "...Kingdom of the Son he loves."

Please register your child online, or by talking to Kim Lauer. The cost is \$80 per child and adult chaperones are free. Parent drivers will be needed. The event begins Friday, November 18 at 7:30 PM and goes until Sunday, November 20 at 10:30 AM. Please register by October 2nd. See Kim Lauer with any questions.

JAM (3:30-4:30 SUNDAYS)

September

September 18 – Fruit of the Spirit – We will eat ice cream – with fruit on top- and talk about the fruit of the Spirit and how we can overflow with it.

September 25 – We will have a snack, devotion, and games.

October

October 2 – Friends! Please join us for a talk about friendship, and learn how to be a great friend.

October 9 – No JAM. Kim will be on a retreat with KREED.

October 16 – God's guide! Please join us for a fun talk – and an experiment – about God's guidance for our lives.

October 23 – Halloween Party. Come dressed up, and eat fun treats and play fun games!

October 30- Trunk- or- Treat! Please attend this annual tradition at Bethany!

November

November 6 – We will have a snack, devotion, and games.

November 13 – Scavenger Hunt! Back by popular demand. Come find the treasure.

November 20 – No JAM due to feeding of the homeless and Thanksgiving dinner.

November 27- No JAM due to Thanksgiving Weekend.

December

December 4 – Advent! Please come and learn more about Advent. We will also have time for games.

December 11 – No JAM – long Joy Singer's rehearsal

December 18 – Christmas Party!

December 25 – NO JAM. Merry Christmas!



Joy Singers is a choir for 3rd-5th graders that meets between 2:45-3:30PM each Sunday afternoon. In addition to singing at Sunday worship they also prepare an annual Christmas musical. For more information, you can contact **Kimberly Angerman** (kimangerman@austinlr.com). Invite your friends to join the choir!

Sunday School Volunteers Needed—We need Sunday School workers for Growing in Christ (serving as teachers) and for children's church. Teachers guide children through activities and take an active role in leading these children in their walk with Christ. Fun, engaging, unique activities and dramas each week!

Children's Church Volunteers Needed—Children's church leaders are needed. This ministry takes place during the 11:00AM service for children 4 years old – second grade. Please consider signing up to help fill the schedule.

Please remember that **JAM** is now from 3:30-4:30 unless otherwise noted for special events. Parents are always welcome to come and participate with us.



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Birthdays!



September

- 3- Jakob Morrison
- 4- Luke Dickerson
- 5- McKenzie Henderson
- 6- Caitlin Keegan
- 11- Seth Leifheit
- 12- Michael Jones
- 16- Kaitlyn Bradley
- 17- Charles Sandlin
- 23- Sean Winfrey

October

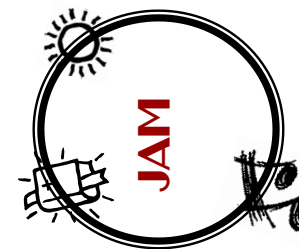
- 1- Patrick Guerrero
- 3- Elijah Greene
Aidan Gunter
- 7- Hannah Rowe
- 8- Jack German
- 9- Hanna Wesner
- 10- Logan Austin
David Riley
- 26- Samantha Clem
- 28- Adam Frankovic
- 30- Grace Brown

November

- 3- Emily Swift
- 7- Rebecca Ply
- 9- Teagan Connor
- 13- Luke Zoch
Jenna Gura
Brook Gura
- 25- Abigail Davis
- 26- Claire Evoy
- 28- Connor Fierro

December

- 1- Julia Felder
- 2- John Austin
- 10- Brady Stuenkel
- 14- Matthew Hyde
- 15- Dylan Rich
- 18- Travis Willi
Jacob Rasmussen
Hayden Crawford
Anthony Erlandson
- 19- Mylan Mier
- 20- Nicholas Muller
- 21- Fletcher Stauffer
- 25- Shane Amundsen



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