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Dylan Franklin

Welcome

It has been almost a year since I became the director of the Children's Ministry. Where does the time go? I look back with a smile at the things that I've been able to experience over this year. I am so grateful for the time spent with my "second family"—made up of the families represented by the children in the nursery, early childhood, and elementary classrooms that I have the honor to be a part of each week.

As I move forward, I like to consider the purposes of Children's Ministry. I remember when I interviewed for the position. My stated objective was: to ignite a passion and excitement for Christ in children by showing Christ's love and providing a level of comfort and security to parents. Have I done this? Do our events and our planning take these goals into consideration?

What about with my "first family?" What is my "objective" with my children? As they grow, will Dean and I fulfill God's purpose as their parents? Will we have raised them with priorities that are truly important? Will they desire a personal relationship with the Lord? Will they consider that relationship the most important one they have?

As the new school year is on the horizon but you still have time to just relax and breathe, sit down and think about these things. What priorities do you want to set for your family this year? And as you consider this, remember—baby steps are great! Commit to reading the Bible one night a week, praying together as a family a couple of times a week, speaking a blessing to your child, and having family night with games or an outside activity.

Over this summer, I encourage you to really think about your purpose within the roles God has given you, and I will too – for both of my families.

Dylan Franklin,

Director of Children's Ministry

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DID YOU KNOW?

At ages 6-9, kids begin to comprehend biblical events, identify with the people, and apply a lesson or Bible point to their lives.

WONDERING ABOUT THE CONSTRUCTION IN THE NURSERY?

Good news! We are thrilled to announce the construction is (almost) complete! All children's ministry offices are now located downstairs, adjacent to the nursery. The children's ministry staff is excited for the opportunities these changes will provide to better serve our church body. Come on in and see the new space!

Volunteer Spotlight

Interview with Tim Morgan, Sunday School Assistant & Kids Konnection Volunteer



Tim Morgan

Which areas of 2PC Kids do you volunteer with?

I assist with teaching the first grade Sunday school and I volunteer in Kids Konnection, helping with the 4th and 5th grade boys.

How long have you been volunteering and why did you choose the areas you serve in?

I have been teaching first grade Sunday school for two years and helping with Kids Konnection for one semester. I began volunteering because I believed the Lord was calling me to do something more—to help others based on what He has done in my life. We received a request to volunteer with Sunday school. However, I still believed I should be doing more, so I asked MJ Keasling [Elementary Coordinator] what other needs existed for volunteers. She plugged me in with Kids Konnection to help out with the boys. She also told me that male volunteers were exactly what they had been praying for.

What have you gained or learned by volunteering?

I have gained a few new little friends! I also learned that you never know how God will use you.

Do you have a funny story or memorable moment from volunteering?

There have been many funny moments, but I would rather describe a memorable one. A young boy whose parent was attending Divorce Recovery started coming to Kids Konnection. I was able to share my life story of growing up with parents who divorced and to relate to him in what he was experiencing. I rejoiced to see this boy open up and appear to have a weight removed from his shoulders because I was able to take time to share with him.

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DID YOU KNOW?

On average, 100 children come on 2PC's campus each Wednesday for Kids Konnection during the school year? Of those children, about 50% are visitors!

WANT TO VOLUNTEER WITH KIDS AT SECOND?

Visit 2pc.org/getinvolved/kids

or contact Dylan Franklin at dylan.franklin@2pc.org.

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TREASURE ISLAND

Vacation Bible School last month was a busy and exciting week as children ages 3 through the sixth grade searched Son Treasure Island for the treasure of God's love! 1 Corinthians 13 guided children along the path to finding the truth about loving God and others.

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"I loved watching the teachers interact with the kids and share God's Word through games and crafts. I also liked giving the teachers the help and support they needed throughout the week. I was blessed to be a part of Vacation Bible School this year."

Lauren Theil, SK Core Leader



The 2PC campus came alive as 745 children, 144 teen volunteers, and 188 adult volunteers came to experience Son Treasure Island through games, crafts, and lessons.

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"The teen helpers are always one of the highlights of 2PC VBS for my kids. The contagious joy and Christian example they set for the week is a blessing to our family. I love when my kids then see the 'teen helpers' throughout the year at Second in worship, choir, etc."

Jennifer Thompson

Thank you to all who were a part of VBS!

We were also able to use the week to help others across the world. Each year at VBS we raise money for a particular mission project; this year was for Rev. Judy Mbugua's ministry in Nairobi, Kenya called Homecare Spiritual Fellowship. Judy's goal was to send 400 children living in the slums of Kenya to a retreat center to receive healthy meals and to hear the Gospel proclaimed. The trip cost \$6 per child for the week. This year, we surpassed the amount of money Judy was praying for — the total amount collected during the week was \$5,981.62!

We so enjoyed this week, and the opportunity to teach our children about the love of God. Thank you to all who helped make this week possible!

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Memphis Joy Prom



Earlier this spring, limousines, paparazzi, bright lights, and a red carpet were all spotted at Christ United Methodist Church. Had the Oscars made an (rather delayed) encore appearance at a very unexpected location? Not quite. Although they could maybe have taken a few notes.

On April 26 was the Joy Prom, for special needs individuals ages 16 and up, co-hosted by CUMC and Second Presbyterian. The evening included 100 attendees and 350 volunteers, who served as the paparazzi, chaperones, glam crew, hosts and hostesses, and servers. As guests arrived in limos, each was announced by Rick Trotter before they entered the church.

The evening was suffused with smiles and laughter, and will take place again next spring (date to be announced). It was even covered by Huffington Post and ABC News!

Be a Part in 2015

Dates are set for the next Joy Prom! Email memphisjoyprom@gmail.com for more information or visit memphisjoyprom.org

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Important Dates

- JUNE 21** Rhythm U Arts Camp
Register by July 8
- AUG 15** Family Ministry Banquet
6:00pm in the Gym
- AUG 17** Promotion Sunday
- SEPT 7** Nursery Open House
After the 8:15am service
- SEPT 10** MidWeek Begins
Wednesdays • Dinner at 5:30pm

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