

Children's Chatter

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FBC Kids



Such is the generation
of those who seek Him,
who seek your face, O
God of Jacob.

Psalm 24:6

In His Arms

"The Lord your God is with you, he is mighty to save. He will take great delight in you, he will quiet you with his love, he will rejoice over you with singing." Zephaniah 3:17

"And as I watch, you start to grow up. All I can do is hold you tight knowing clouds will rage and storms will race in but you will be safe in my arms. Rains will pour down, waves will crash around, but you will be safe in my arms. Castles, they might crumble. Dreams may not come true. But you are never all alone, because I will always, always love you." *In My Arms*, Plumb

It doesn't seem so long ago when I was a stay at home Mom with two small children. I thought those days of constantly caring for them would never end. There was mealtime and bath time and play time and not nearly enough nap time. I couldn't wait for them to be able to make their own sandwiches and take baths on their own. I thought my living room floor would always be covered in toys, but time passed and now I have a 15 and 12 year old. How did that happen?

Zephaniah 3:17 is one of my favorite verses. It brings to mind an image of God watching over me, singing to comfort me – much like I did my own children. I loved to sit in the rocker with them in my arms and sing while they drifted off to sleep. I was such a worrier then. Every time they got even a little sick I was convinced they had some little known disease. I held their hands and gave stern warnings about all the world's dangers. There was no safer place than in my arms. Now, I don't know if you've seen my children lately, but Hannah's a few inches taller than me and Eli is a growing boy who has no interest in being in my arms any longer than he has to. He'll hug me if I ask, but he prefers to love me from afar. I still worry. I worry about Hannah driving soon and all those boys who text her. I worry that Eli won't find the right friends and that he plays way too many video games. I know that my influence is waning. When they were little they trusted that everything I said was the truth and they listened intently. Now they think I'm way too old to really know what I'm talking about. I learned long ago that as hard as I may try, I can't really keep them safe. They're going to go out and make mistakes. They're going to test the limits, much like I did when I was growing. They're going to make poor choices and be hurt. They are as susceptible as any child to disease and accidents. And I wonder – is no where safe?

And then another day starts and I as I pray I remember that the only truly safe place is God's arms. So I pray a prayer of thanks that God loves them and revealed Himself to them while they were young. I pray that He'll continue to care for them. Then I pray that He'll put people in their lives that will always, always draw them back to Him, because I know how prone we all are to wonder. As I acknowledge that they are His children first, I feel at peace for the moment, because I know that they are truly safe in His arms.

Weekly Opportunities



Genesis Express
Sunday, 10:00

Missions Mania
Sunday, 6:00

AWANA
Wednesday,
6:30



Children's Camp 2012



Sign up now for CentriKid Camp scheduled for June 26 - 30, 2012. We'll travel to Ridgecrest, North Carolina for Lifeway's camp for students who will have completed third through sixth grade. The cost of camp is \$250, but we do plenty of fund-raising to help offset the fee. Students must sign up and pay a nonrefundable \$50 deposit by February 12. If you have any questions about camp, feel free to contact me or you can go to lifeway.com and search camps.

AWANA Schedule 2012



The following are special nights planned for the rest of the year. We had a great first semester. Thanks leaders, and kids, don't forget to invite your friends!

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| January 11 | Lights Out Night |
| February 15 | Pajama Night |
| March 21 | Nature Night |
| April 11 | No AWANA (Spring Break) |
| April 26 | Last AWANA for this school year |

Don't forget, if Scott County schools are out or dismiss early due to inclement weather, there will be no AWANA.

THANKS



I hope you were able to attend the Children's Musical, "Arrest These Merry Gentlemen." The kids did a great job! Thanks to Josh, Kent, Tessa, Mark and others who helped in organizing and putting together this production!

MISSIONS MANIA

Missions Mania is for kids 1st through 6th grade and meets on Sundays from 6:00 to 7:00 in the Genesis Express Sunday School Drama Room. Please join us for this fun time as we learn about missionaries and how we can be on "missions" for God. If you would like to assist in Missions Mania, please let me know.

