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AUGUST 12, 2025

CHURCH CALENDAR • WEBSITE • GIVE



Promotion Sunday!

August 17 • 10 am

This Sunday, August 17 will be the first Sunday in your new Sunday school class for the 2025-2026 school year! Your child should be in the same Sunday school class as the grade they are in.

All elementary kids begin in the Community Room at 10 am for large group and then move with their small group leaders for small group activities to their age specific classroom where they will be picked up.

If you have questions about which class your child will be in, please contact us.



Parent Open House

August 17 • 10 am

Parents, please join us in Room 304 in the East Building at 10 am. You can drop your kids off in the nursery or community room and head up to the third floor for refreshments and a time to learn more about what there is to look forward to in children's ministry this year!





Greeters and Children's Worship Helpers Needed!


As we all get back into the school year routine, we hope you will consider sharing your time and talents to help our kids and families know that God loves them and so do we! 2 simple ways to do that are by serving as a children's worship helper during the 11 am worship service or a greeter as people arrive for Sunday School or 11 am worship. Take a look at [this Sign Up Genius](#) to learn more and get signed up. Have questions? Contact [Kate May](#).




Back to School Newsletter!

Hopefully you received a Back to School Newsletter from us in the mail! If not, or you prefer digital copies of things, you can click the image of the newsletter to read our digital version with links.

If you did not receive this newsletter in the mail, but would like to receive mail from us, reach out to [Anna](#) and she will get your mailing addresses updated in our system!



Back to School Newsletter
2025-26



A Message From Kate

"There is a time for everything and a season for every activity under the heavens."

-Ecclesiastes 3:1

I sometimes struggle with this verse from Ecclesiastes because it seems like I am always waiting! I had more time. Our lives are filled with many things that sometimes make it hard to cherish and live fully in every moment. This is why I was particularly drawn to an article from parents.com recently, "Working Parents Who Have A Strong Bond With Their Kids Do These 10 Things." Even if you don't work outside of the home, I bet there are things that feel like they get in the way of bonding with your kids so keep reading!

1. Use commuting time to have open ended conversations about their day. Maybe it's not commuting time, maybe it's bath time or meal time, but use the time that you have to engage in meaningful conversation. Did you know that each week we post questions for conversation on social media based on the week's Sunday School lesson?

4. Incorporate meaningful moments into bedtime routine. Children's Ministry at Centenary gifts families Bibles and devotion resources at bedtime moments to help you to incorporate faith moments at home. If you don't already, try using these Bibles and devotion books in your child's nightly routine. If you need new recommendations, please reach out! Also, when we pray with your kids, we ask them 2 simple questions that you can use at home: what would you like to say thank you to God for? What would you like to ask God to pay extra special attention to?

7. Be intentional about giving your full attention when you can. We all know when someone is distracted while spending time with us and our kids can tell too. Set a great example for them by being as present as you can when spending time with them. If you need to take care of something let your kids know that you are going to take a minute to take care of something because you want to give them your full attention, take care of it and then return.

Interested in the whole list? You can read the whole article [HERE](#). In the meantime, be reminded that you are doing a great job, your kids are amazing, it is my privilege to spend time with them, and I am here for you!

God loves you and so do I

-Kate

Upcoming Events
Kindergarten Worship Readiness
August 10 - 10 am

Backpack Blessing and Sunday School Open House
August 10 - 5:30-7 pm

Promotion Sunday and Parent Open House
August 17 - 10 am

Nourish: Wednesday Night Ministry Returns
September 3
Dinner from 5:15-6 pm - Auditorium
Programming for all ages 6-7 pm

Bible Sunday
September 21
9 AM Auditorium
11 AM Sanctuary
Kindergartners and 3rd graders

4th and 5th Grade Retreat
September 26-27
Camp Hanes

Bed and a Book Build
October 4 - 10 am - Noon
Tuscul Stadium

Bible Celebration
October 5 - 5-6:45 pm
3rd and 4th Graders & their grown ups!

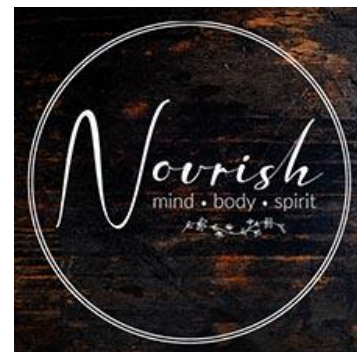


NOURISH RETURNS

September 3 • Dinner, 5-6 pm; Programming 6-7 pm

We hope you can join us for the fall kickoff of Nourish! On September 3, we will have an interview with our new senior minister Willis so we can continue to get to know each other! You'll also be able to hear about class options. We have something for children, youth and adults!

Dinner reservations can be made through Realm. We have a new deadline for these, the Thursday the week prior. Dinner costs are \$10 for adults, \$7 for ages 4-12 and free for children 3 and under.





CREATIVE ARTS EXPERIENCE

Go ahead and save the dates for Creative Arts Experience for the 2025-2026 season.
See that calendar here!

Creative Arts Experience returns
Wednesday, August 27 with a Kick-off Pizza party!
Dinner at 5 pm
Children's Programming at 6 pm

Add these fall Child-in-Worship dates to your calendar!

- September 28
- November 9
- December 7

Reach out to **Virginia Sheffield** with any questions!



FLAT JESUS

Download Flat Jesus [HERE](#), color him, and cut him out so you are ready to have some awesome adventures! Take me with you on your vacation, to the beach, the mall, or even the gas station. Snap a pic and include me too! Remember I am always with you.

This week's Flat Jesus adventure: School is starting soon! Can you make a Flat Jesus to stay in your backpack?

Share your picture/video with us on [Facebook](#) or Instagram (@centenary_kids_ministry) or by email.



KINDNESS CHALLENGE

This week is National Smile Week! See how many people you can share kindness with by smiling at them!



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