



## Goodwin Memorial Baptist Church Sunday School Newsletter

### Planting Seeds for Sunday School Growth

*It's school time again!* You're probably feeling excited and maybe a little sad that summer is over. Some of you feel nervous or a little scared if it really were your first day at school because of all the new things: new teachers, new friends, and maybe even a new school. Fortunately, that's not the way for **GMBC Sunday School**. We have carried on consistently throughout the summer. But the summer is over (unofficially). As adults you may choose to try a different class this year. We have a few classes to choose from.... Adults, Senior adults and Men's classes; Even the men's classes have female visitors from time to time! If you feel like a change why not try out a new class. If you choose to stay in your current class, our teachers are ready with the new curriculum to teach the word of the gospel. Children change classes according to their Grade. Children, please discuss with your teacher if you believe you should now be changing classes.

*welcome back* after a very hot summer! Each week we strive to help you better understand the lessons. We;

- Reinforce what you've learned or know from the Scriptures
- Help to clarify your understanding of the bible
- Discover together what God is saying to you personally through the week's lesson
- Apply the Bible truth to your relationships, your work, and your everyday life

*And we invite you* to invite someone who is looking for a church home, a place to worship, or who simply wants to know more about the Gospel.

*Welcome Mrs. Twilah Shipley  
who will join the  
Sunday School Ministry  
as co-teacher of the Middlers class*



### **And we need you!**



*We are always looking for members who are willing to and have the gift of teaching to become a Sunday School Teacher. Or you may want to serve as a substitute teacher, we would like to hear from you! Please contact our Superintendent, Deaconess Virginia Mickens for further details.*



*Praise Party* was the theme of this year's *Vacation Bible School*. 2010 brought in approx 100 students per day! Added to that were 53 volunteers who took the time to teach, support, feed, provide security, and help generally wherever they were needed! We celebrated the saving grace of Jesus Christ with head, heart, hands, feet, and SOUL!! Through Bible study, crafts, skits, movement, contemporary music, and well-loved hymns and songs; GMBC's Praise Party created passionate worship for all who attended. Your donations to supply t-shirts to our children proved to be more successful than we imagined! Your generosity enabled us to supply t-shirts not just to the children, but the adults and volunteers as well! Goodwin Memorial Baptist church Members.... **YOU ROCK!!**

*On behalf of the Sunday School Ministry, we thank each and every one of you who came out to support this well worthy cause! See you next year!*



**“Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly..... and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs to God”. (Colossians 3:16)**

## Children's Church Activities

Children's Church celebrated its first annual weekend dedicated to the members of Children's Church and their family and friend's. August 21<sup>st</sup> started with the Children boarding the Goodwin bus and traveling to the Living Waters Theatre – Sight and Sound in Lancaster, where they enjoyed a spectacular performance of the Psalms of David! David's life as a child king and his influences over hundreds of years thereafter!

*“Children's Church is now full to capacity” was the notice we respectfully placed on the Chapel door!* Sunday came, and the children hosted their first Family and Friends day inviting their friends, family and siblings! We were proud to say over 70 people attended!

Awards were presented to the highest achievers

- Myisha Bellamy
- Zaria Carter
- Ciara Carter

The Criteria for the award was

- Consistent participation in Children's Church
- Obedience
- Commitment to the word

Each child received a certificate, together with a note book with scriptures.

*Also,* to surprise of one of our officer: Children's Church introduced one more award that would be presented to one child only at the end of the year. We the officers of Children's Church were proud to present this award in the name of

### **The James Carter Achievement Award.**

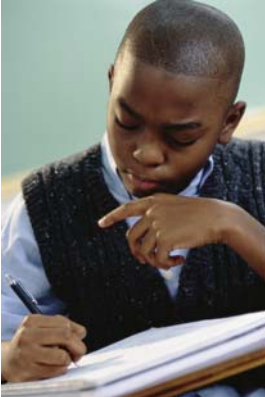


*Myisha, Zaria and Ciara receiving their awards for Dedication and Consistency. Mr. Carter giving a thank you speech accepting the achievement award in his name. Children preparing for Alter Call.*

We will be looking for a child each year to receive this award based on the love, commitment, dedication and humbleness in all that they do, both spiritually and in the secular world. Because, for those of you who know Mr. Carter, he would expect nothing less!!! Mr. James Carter has been in Children's Church for over 19 years. He is a dedicated and hard working individual. He always comes prepared to teach, minister and even joke around with our children. And he does this with a smile on his face, which we all know is the gateway to his heart!

The officers of Children's Church are blessed to have you Mr. James Carter in Children's Church Ministry. And we thank you for your consistent dedication and commitment, which is what this award truly represents. **Bother James Carter will present the award to the chosen child in the last Sunday in December 2010.**

***See you in the Family Life Center next year!***



**Sunday School Ministry starts at 9.30am with Devotional Period in the Sanctuary. Remember.....**

Come out to Sunday School and fellowship with your church family. Bring a friend.

We will help you find a class suited to your needs! No transportation?? No problem. Call the GMBC office during the week, or before 6.30am Sunday morning. Leave your contact information .

**The Transportation Ministry**  
will call you back.  
**717 238-4400**

### *Important dates for your calendar*

***Teacher's Training October 9<sup>th</sup>!***

***If you are considering, or would like to enquire about what it take to be a successful Sunday School Teacher, please join us for Teachers Training! More details to follow!***

***Sanctuary Sunday School- September 19, 2010***  
***Minister John Wilson- Sr. Adult Teacher***

***Board of Advisor's Meetings:***

***September 23, 2010***  
***November 9, 2010***

***Teacher's Meetings: 6pm***

***November 9, 2010***

### ***Sunday School Administrative Staff***

***Rev. Dr. James D Jackson - Senior Pastor***  
***Deaconess Virginia Mickens – Superintendent***  
***Ruth Moore - Assistant Superintendent***