



# the Parent LINK

Children's Ministry Edition



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BAPTIST CHURCH

## **ROUNDING EVERYONE UP...SUMMER SIGN UPS START NOW!**

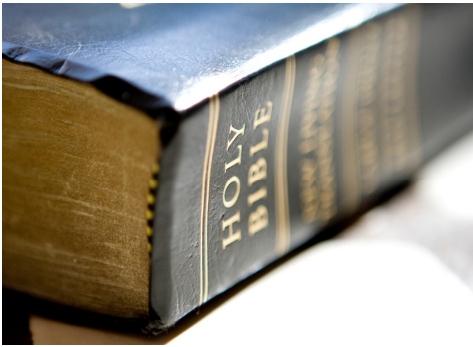
February may be the longest month, but it's one of the busiest at Main Street. We are getting everything ready "behind the scenes" so that you can plan your summer and get registered for all our summer camps and activities!

The biggest event of the month is our Summer Round Up on Sunday, February 19 at 1:00. Camp Peniel representatives will be here to register everyone for day camp (which is July 9-13 this year.) Camp Peniel day camp is for kids CURRENTLY in Kindergarten through 4th grade. It is open to the community- it is NOT our "private" camp, but for this one week our church provides a school bus and Camp Peniel graciously blocks out registration for that week so that kids from Georgetown can easily go. **TO REGISTER FOR THIS WEEK OF DAY CAMP, YOU MUST REGISTER THROUGH MAIN STREET.** Our Summer Round Up is heavily attended, and spaces are limited. We strongly encourage our church family to make plans to stay after church on that day, bring a sack lunch, and hang out until registration opens at 1:00 in order to get the best chance of getting a space for your child. Please be prepared to at least pay your \$50 deposit (or you can go ahead and pay in full) and bring a copy of your insurance card to make the process smooth and quick.

We will also be taking registrations for Preschool and Elementary Vacation Bible School, as well as "Amp It Up" for the GAP and FUSE kids (5th -8th graders.) Highland Lakes Preteen and Youth camp registrations will also be available that day with Brian and Steven. While you are busily signing up your kids in the foyer, we will have a Veggie Tales movie premiere ("Robin Good") in the Worship Center. Don't miss this!!

There are many other activities this month: Souper Bowl Sunday, King's Daughters, Parent's Night Out, Pre-school/Homeschool Valentine's Day Party, and more. PLEASE check the calendar on the back page to make sure you don't miss out on something important and fun!

Toni



## Kate's CORNER



In case you can't tell, Toni and I have SO much fun ministering at Main Street. We are so very blessed to work with your sweet kiddos. :-)) Now we want to invite y'all to join in the fun! We are recruiting for this year's Vacation Bible School. The theme is SKY: Where Anything is Possible with God! Do you believe that? If you are looking for a place to plug in and you are interested in children's or pre-school ministry, I hope you will take this opportunity to jump in on the fun! Elementary VBS is June 4-8 and Pre-school VBS is June 11-15. We are having a meeting for our ROTATION leaders on February 4. If you would like to find out more about this, please email Toni or I. We'll also be taking sign ups at the Summer Round Up for Crew Leaders for both weeks- and also registration for your kids. The next few months are going to be SO exciting- stay updated by checking the website, Facebook, and our monthly Parent Links. You're in for a treat!

Hugs & Blessings,  
*Kate Mullaney*

I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made;  
your works are wonderful, I know that full well.  
(Psalm 139:14 NIV)

Everything God created is good, including our amazing bodies.  
One of the many things we can do with our bodies is praise  
God for caring for us physically.

### Chat with your children about body image by using these discussion starters:

1. Why did God give us bodies? What are some special things you can do with your body?
2. What does God want us to do with our bodies? How does he want us to take care of them?
3. What are some ways we can be kind to our bodies—and to other people's bodies?

## FAMILY EXPERIENCE

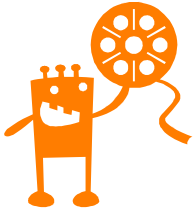
Try these activities to celebrate God's gift of our bodies.  
The first works well with younger children, and the second works well with preteens.

• **Hopping-Popping Bodies**—Help children draw a gingerbread-cookie-type person and then draw arrows from different parts of the body to the outer rim of the paper. From the head, help children write words that describe what they like to learn about. From the hands, write things they like to do. From the feet, places they like to go. From the stomach, things they like to eat, and so on.

Read aloud Psalm 139:14 and use your bodies to express the information on the papers. Have children act like kernels of popcorn. Have family members “burst” open with their answers as you mention each body part. For example, say: “We thank God for our minds to think about....” After everyone has popped up and shared an answer, move on to the next body part.

• **Wonderfully Made**—Remind older kids of how wonderfully God has made them. Read aloud Psalm 139:14. Discuss messages that today's society communicates about beauty and body image. Then describe what God sees in each person. Together, create a poster that communicates either Psalm 139:14 or our worth and image in Christ. Hang the poster near a mirror as a reminder of how much God values each of us.





# MEDIA MADNESS



## MOVIES

**Movie:** *Big Miracle*

**Genre:** Drama, Romance

**Rating:** PG (for language)

**Cast:** Drew Barrymore, John Krasinski, Kristen Bell

**Synopsis:** This film is based on the 1989 book *Freeing the Whales*. An Alaskan reporter and a Greenpeace volunteer work to save a family of gray whales trapped in ice in the Arctic Circle.

**Our Take:** Nature lovers and fans of *Dolphin Tale* will likely enjoy this movie. It can spark discussion about people's responsibilities to care for God's creation.



## MUSIC

**Artist:** Kari Jobe

**Album:** *Where I Find You*

**Artist Info:** Jobe, a 30-year-old worship leader in Texas, knew her career path by age 10. Her self-titled debut album from 2009 was accompanied by a Spanish-language version, *Le Canto*.

**Summary:** Jobe uses music to bring people to Jesus, where they find peace, life, and healing. In her hit single "We Are," she reminds Christians that we "impact people's lives in everything we do."

**Our Take:** Jobe's voice and message shine in her pop tunes and acoustic ballads.

The topic of body image is usually associated with teenagers, but it's becoming an issue for younger children now, too. Media and advertising, toys, and peer pressure are among the many factors that make kids question their appearance and build.

But what's said and seen at home matters, too. Often parents inadvertently contribute to their child's body-image issues with their comments or through their own weight issues. A parent's focus on body image can make a child think his or her value is based solely on appearance. Here are tips for promoting healthy body image in your children:

- Emphasize that God created our bodies, which he calls "the temple of the Holy Spirit" (1 Corinthians 6:19).
- Model healthy eating. Show children how to make wise food choices, and don't require them to always clean their plates.
- Accept yourself. Resist an obsession with calories and pounds.



**Turn to the Book**—Read and discuss Bible passages about beauty (see 1 Samuel 16:7; Proverbs 31:30; 1 Peter 3:3-4) and strength (see Isaiah 41:10; Ephesians 6:10-11; Philippians 4:13; 1 Timothy 4:8).

**Branch Out**—Encourage children to try new things. These experiences help affirm kids' bodies in unexpected ways. Also look for activities that diversify children's experiences, fortify their emotional strength, develop their talents and interests, and widen their circle of peers and mentors. Your church or children's ministry is a good place to start.

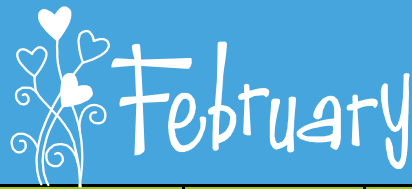
**Unique Creations**—Make clay sculptures of things that are important to each of you. Then talk about why you cherish and care for that item. Remind children that God cherishes and cares for us—and wants us to do the same with our bodies.

## GAMES

Title	Content	Rating & Platform
<i>National Geographic Challenge</i>	Players can brush up on geography, science, and history as they answer questions and complete puzzles. Best for kids ages 8 and up.	E; Xbox 360, Wii, PS3
<i>YourSphere</i>	This kids-only social-networking site offers blogging, games, social interaction, and more. Parents can view all their children's online activity.	YourSphere.com is appropriate for preteens.
<i>iSock</i>	A sock puppet's mouth mimics your speech as you talk. Young children—and their parents—will have fun being creative with this app.	Requires a smart phone with sound; 99 cents at iTunes.

This page is designed to help educate parents and isn't meant to endorse any movie, music, or product. Our prayer is that you'll make informed decisions about what your children watch, listen to, and wear.





# February

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2 9:30 a.m. <b>MSSC Music</b>	3	4 10 a.m. VBS Rotation Leader Meeting at Dukes (RSVP required)
5 <b>SOUPER BOWL of Caring</b>	6	7 9-11:30 <b>PRAY &amp; PLAY</b>	8	9 9:30 a.m. <b>MSSC Chapel</b>	10 6-10:30 p.m. <b>Parent's Night Out</b> <i>RSVP required to attend!!!!</i>	11 10 a.m. <b>King's Daughters</b>
12 8:30-9:45 a.m. <b>Promiseland training &amp; practice</b>	13 10 a.m. <b>Valentine's Party Fun Day</b>	14 9-11:30 <b>PRAY &amp; PLAY</b>	15	16 9:30 a.m. <b>MSSC Music</b>	17	18
19 1 p.m. <b>Summer Round Up &amp; Veggie Tales Premiere of "Robin Good"</b>	20	21 9-11:30 <b>PRAY &amp; PLAY</b>	22	23 9:30 a.m. <b>MSSC Chapel</b>	24 10 a.m. <b>ToTs Library Day</b>	25
26	27	28 9-11:30 <b>PRAY &amp; PLAY</b>	29	<b>Children's Ministry Leadership Team!</b> <b>Toni Howell</b> <b>Children's Minister</b> <a href="mailto:Toni@msbchurch.com">Toni@msbchurch.com</a> <b>Kate Mullaney</b> <b>Preschool Minister</b> <a href="mailto:Kate@msbchurch.com">Kate@msbchurch.com</a>		

## FEBRUARY CHILDREN'S MINISTRY EVENTS

- Feb 2 & 16** **MSSC MUSIC.** 9:30-10 a.m.— *ToT Town— Infants-PreK WITH A PARENT.*  
Mrs. Kate teaches music, instruments and a Bible point every week to our MSSC kids. Preschoolers are invited to come with a parent to sing and dance with our MSSC friends!
- Feb 5** **SOUPER BOWL OF CARING.** —After both services- *For elementary kids and up*  
Kids are encouraged to dress in a "uniform" (such as athletic, scout, military, or what you want to be when you grow up:) and take up a special offering following the services for hunger relief.
- Feb 7, 14, 21, 28** **PRAY & PLAY.** 9-11:30 a.m.- *Tot Town— For preschoolers whose mommies are in Tuesday morning Ladies Bible Study*  
Preschoolers meet in ToT Town for 2 hours of Pray & Play taught by Hannah Howell, babies and toddlers are care for in the Little Farm by our wonderful childcare workers, Kristi Gardner and Corrine Teoh. We have crafts, games, ToT Town centers and a Bible story. Tell your mommy to sign up today!
- Feb 9 & 23** **PRESCHOOL PROMISELAND CHAPEL.** 9:30-10 a.m.— *ToT Town— Infants-PreK, Homeschool kids invited to come help*  
We would love to see our preschoolers and mommies join our Main Street Children's Center kids in chapel! Come see our puppets, music, and sit with your MSSC friends, and have a great time worshipping!
- Feb 10** **PARENT'S NIGHT OUT.** 6-10:30 p.m.— *ToT Town— Infants-4th grade kids.*  
The MSBC Youth will babysit infants through 4th graders so parents can have a Valentine's date. Donations are accepted to offset the cost of D-Now for our awesome youth volunteers. Sign up begins January 30 at 8:30am in the church office. RSVPs ARE required to attend. Hurry and sign up, spots are limited.
- Feb 11** **KING'S DAUGHTERS-10 a.m.— Mom's and daughters elementary age and up**  
Come meet at the church to make a special Valentine for our Seniors Valentine's Lunch. We will then walk down to the Williamson County Museum for their "Hands on History" Valentine's project! This is part service project/ part Valentine's fun! As usual, we will have a devotional and check to see how everyone is doing with their K.D. books. See you there!
- Feb 13** **PRESCHOOL/HOME SCHOOL VALENTINES PARTY.** 10 a.m.-Noon— *ToT Town— Preschool & Homeschool kids*  
Please RSVP to Kate or Toni by Monday, February 6, so that we can make a list of names for Valentines for everyone!
- Feb 19** **SUMMER ROUND UP & VEGGIE TALES PREMIERE OF "ROBIN GOOD"-** 1 p.m.— *Worship Center*  
ALL summer VBS and CAMP registrations (Preschool through High School) will take place on this day. CAMP PENIEL WILL OPEN REGISTRATION FOR OUR WEEK ON THIS DAY. Bring your deposit check and a copy of your insurance card to make the process quicker. OUR CHURCH FAMILY WILL BE ALLOWED TO LINE UP AS SOON AS OUR SERVICE CONCLUDES SO BRING A SACK LUNCH AND BE PREPARED TO STAY. This should put our church kids at the front of the line for registrations. THIS CAMP IS VERY POPULAR AND FILLS IN ONE DAY. Space is limited and there will be a waiting list before the day is done. Make every effort to stay after church so that you will be able to register at 1:00. Camp Peniel is NOT our "own camp," so registration will be open to the community that day also. Your best chance to get your child in is to stay after church and line up immediately. PRESCHOOL VBS, ELEMENTARY VBS, AMP IT UP, HIGHLAND LAKES PRETEEN CAMP and HIGHLAND LAKES YOUTH CAMP registrations will all be available on this day as well!
- Feb 24** **TOTS MAIN STREET BAPTIST LIBRARY DAY.** 10 a.m.— *MSBC Library— Infants-PreK*  
We will have a special guest come lead our story time with stories, finger plays and songs about Winter. You don't want to miss this :-)