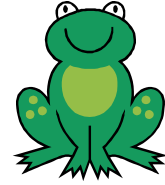


WHAT'S UP?



A newsletter for people in ministry with children and their families

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BASICS TRAINING

On Feb 21st, we held a Children's Ministry Basics Training workshop that covered 16 principles for working with children. We looked at our relationship with Jesus, loving kids, communication, being flexible and well planned, being active, knowing ages and stages, and shared tips on using initiative, visuals, questions, crafts, music and different learning styles. And of course we discussed the importance of having fun! It was a great morning and the feedback was fantastic. We will be packaging the workshop together so it's available for use with teams locally.

If you're in need of resources, ideas, training or just want to share, chat, brainstorm or discuss something with someone please give us a call or send us an email. We are here to resource you.

Blessings, MaryJo and Melissa

2009 TERM 1 DATES

KCO @ Home: 14 - 15 March
Easter: 10 - 13 April

For other 2009 children's and family ministry events check out:

<http://www.sa.uca.org.au/site/page.cfm?u=340>
and http://www.kidsrus.org.au/sa/sa_index.html

TRAINING & EVENTS

SCRIPTURE UNION TRAINING DAY

When: Saturday February 28th, 9.00am- 4.00pm
Where: Adelaide West Uniting Church
Cost: \$20 (includes morning tea & lunch)
For info. and to register contact Scripture Union on p/ 8371 0811 e/ anitam@sa.su.org.au

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY PRAYER DAY

For kids and adults to pray for children's ministry in South Australia.

When: 10am - 12noon on Feb 28th

Where: Life Christian Centre, 245 Angus St Adelaide. **More info:** Elia Georgio - 8232 5556.

KUCA CAMP OUT 2009: KCO@HOME

Groups all over the state will be hosting a special KCO@Home on March 14-15. Check out the website for theme, program, resources, promotion, groups to join & lots of encouragement.
<http://www.sa.uca.org.au/site/page.cfm?u=132>

CHRISTIAN JOURNEY WITH CHILDREN

Christian Journey with Children A

Two weekend seminars on: the nature and purpose of ministry with children; nurturing the spiritual lives of leaders and children; teaching and learning with children; the Bible with children; and building Christian community.

When: 7-9:30pm Friday 15th May, 9am-5pm Saturday 16th May & 1-5pm Sunday 17th May.

The second weekend is 9:30am-4pm 20th June and 1-5pm 21st June.

Christian Journey with Children B

These two weekends focus on children in worship and sacraments; celebrating Christian festivals; mission and outreach; pastoral care; ministry with families; intergenerational ministry and skills and resources.

When: 24th October 9:30am-4pm & 25th October 1-4pm and 21st & 22nd November

Courses led by: Deidre Palmer & Patricia Brady.
Where: Adelaide College of Divinity

For more info. or to register: contact Nichola on 8416 8427 or nichola.shaw@flinders.edu.au

PARKIN-WESLEY COLLEGE

Ministry of Pastor

The Uniting Church has introduced the new specified Ministry of Pastor. This 'umbrella' ministry will include people currently serving as lay pastors, community ministers, youth and children's workers, pastoral care workers, evangelists and others. Parkin-Wesley offers courses to help you gain faith understandings and practical skills needed for this ministry.

Certificate in Ministry/Diploma in Ministry

A Certificate or Diploma can help prepare you for leading in youth and children's ministry, aged care chaplaincy, lay preaching, lay leadership in a congregation and other ministry roles, including Pastor. The Adelaide College of Divinity offers Certificates II and IV in Ministry, and a Diploma in Pastoral Ministry. You can study these full-time or part-time. Scholarship assistance is available. Other courses also available.

For further information contact Nichola on 8416 8427 or nichola.shaw@flinders.edu.au

Visit: www.parkinwesley.org.au

BREATHE: NATIONAL IN-SERVICE 09

The Theme: Breathing is the very essence of being human. It is what energises us, gives us clarity of thought and is the common bond between all humans, regardless of background. For the church breathing is our relationship with God. We get energy and clarity of thinking from God and our common bond is our longing to know God and do the will of God.

At *Breathe: National In Service 09* we will be energised, clarify our thoughts about ministry and connect with God. We will learn to *Breathe* differently and effectively. We invite leaders to come and join us to take a breath.

When: August 2nd - 7th 2009

Where: [Nunyara Conference Centre](#)

Cost: Adults: \$550 full time or \$100 per day.

For children over 2: \$200 full time (incl. accom, food & childcare.)

For children under 2: \$65 full time (incl. accom, cot, highchair & childcare) \$10.50 for linen (if req). Free airport transfers.

Registrations: [Online](#) or Contact either:

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RESOURCES

EASTER EXPLORER INTERGENERATIONAL SERVICE

This worship service celebrates the Good News of Jesus' resurrection. It provides an opportunity for people of all ages to interact and explore what they believe. The service can be used in large or small congregations, and can be adapted for home use. Download it from <http://www.sa.uca.org.au/site/page.cfm?u=353> Also visit our website for Lenten activities for families.

SNACK MUSIC

This Melbourne based band for kids is coming to Adelaide to play at a church on March 29th. They are looking for somewhere else to play after lunch on Saturday the 28th March, to make the most of their trip from Melbourne.

If you have a church service, an outreach event, a fete or any other program for kids and families happening on that Saturday or would like to initiate such an event with the support of *Snack* they'd love to hear from you.

Contact Brendan on brendan@snackmusic.com.au

For more info. about *Snack Music* visit their website: <http://www.snackmusic.com.au/>

BIBLE SOCIETY'S THE GREAT RACE ACROSS SOUTH EAST ASIA

The Bible Society's Annual Project for 2009 is about Vietnam, Cambodia and Laos and includes a DVD and SEEDS magazine for every child. The project shows children the fascinating histories, beautiful countryside and welcoming people to be found in these three neighbours. Learn about customs, food, clothing and transport through games, crafts and recipes. Also use simple fundraising ideas to raise money for Bibles for the "South East Asia Project."

To order your free SEEDS magazines and additional resource materials contact the Bible Society on 8292 4888 or infosa@bible.com.au. Also check out www.bible.com.au to download free project materials.