

WHAT'S UP?



A newsletter for people in ministry with children and their families

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COMPASS NOT THE CLOCK

For most people, life is driven by the **clock** (our schedules and activities), but we may not be sure of where we are heading. A **compass** is also needed to help set our direction in relation to "true north." This we derive from God's Word, and discern through worship, prayer and sharing. By knowing "true north", our clock is aligned with our compass, so that our days may be spent in best service of God and neighbor. This is true for individuals, families and our ministry programs.

Adapted from Greg Priebbenow's blog (see page 2).

WOW! WORSHIP WORKSHOP

The RCCFM is facilitating intergenerational (or 'all age') worship workshops. These are based on our resource **Worthy of Worship (WOW!)**. The 3 hour workshop looks at a range of issues, including:

- Why make the special effort needed for all-age worship?
- How do visuals, music, movement and hospitality support the flow of worship?
- How can we maximise the participation of people of different ages and people with different ways of processing information?

The workshops can be extended an additional three hours to allow worship planning teams to plan an actual all-age worship service for their congregation.

Currently a **WOW! Workshop** is scheduled for: **Saturday, 4 September, 9am-12noon at Maughan Uniting Church, Adelaide.** If you would like to attend please email:

kathryn.mcdonald@ucwesleyadelaide.org.au

If you would like to arrange for a **WOW! Workshop** at your church or for your mission network, please email rccfm@bigpond.com

RESOURCES

SEASONS OF THE SPIRIT

2010-2011 **Seasons of the Spirit** catalogues are available now. Early order discount applies to orders received by MediaCom before **August 2, 2010**.

Seasons of the Spirit (SoS) is the endorsed curriculum of the Uniting Church and provides a range of inter-related materials for ages 3-5, ages 6-8, ages 9-11, ages 12-14, ages 15-18, adult, multi ages (5-12) and for congregational life. **SoS** combines the strands of learning, worship and service into a unified approach that is lectionary based and produced by an international, inter-denominational team with the chief editor based in Adelaide. View sample **SoS** materials or pick up a catalogue at RCCFM or at MediaCom (14 Eton Rd, Keswick, phone (08) 8371 1399).

MEDIA COM BOOKS

Melissa recently dropped into MediaCom to browse their shelves. These books caught her attention:

- Turbo charged -100 simple secrets to successful children's ministry
- Grand Days -ideas for sharing faith moments between grandparents and grandkids
- Our Baby Died (SA author, this book aims to help children cope with the death of a baby sibling.)
- Josh: coming to terms with the death of a friend
- Jenny: coming to terms with the death of a sibling
- Raising Children to Love their Neighbors (aimed at preschoolers)
- Green Church: caretakers of God's creation (a 6 week study for kids)
- Messy Church
- Prayer book for families

See above article for MediaCom contact details.

BANANA SPLITZ PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN OF SEPARATED PARENTS

Banana Splitz is an Anglicare program for children aged 5-12 whose parents are separated. Banana Splitz is designed to give children the opportunity:

- to be supported
- adjust to separation and divorce
- express their thoughts and feelings, and
- let their families know what they need

Children and young people meet other people going through similar experiences and learn skills to cope with family changes. Programs are usually presented in two-hour units over 4 - 6 weeks.

For more information or to find a group near you or to negotiate for a regional group, contact their office on 8301 4200 or visit:

<http://www.anglicare-sa.org.au/banana-splitz/>

THEOLOGY AND SPIRITUALITY IN CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Prepared for the *2010 Ministry to Children Conference* in Victoria were recommendations for books and resources that are worth exploring from a Children's and Families ministry perspective. Thanks to Chris Barnett (Uniting Church of Vic/Tas Synod) for this information.

5 Recommended Books on Theology and Spirituality in Children's Ministry:

- *Children and Spirituality* by Brendan Hyde
- *In the Midst of Chaos*
by Bonnie J. Miller-McLemore
- *Graced Vulnerability* by David H Jensen
- *Welcoming Children* by Joyce Ann Mercer
- *Joining Children on the Spiritual Journey*
by Catherine Stonehouse

For further information/reviews on these books, please email the RCCFM: rccfm@bigpond.com

WEBSITES

E-JOURNAL OF CHILDHOOD & RELIGION

New this year is an e-journal entitled the *Journal of Childhood and Religion* that contains great articles and book reviews.

<http://www.criticalhistoriography.com/childhoodandreligion.com/JCR/JCR/Welcome.html>

CHILDREN & FAMILY MINISTRY BLOG

In the May edition of *What's Up?* we promoted the resources called "Taking Faith Home" produced by Lutheran pastor Greg Priebsenow. He has recently launched a blogsite, <http://formingfaith.wordpress.com/> focussed on child, youth and family ministry.

CHILDREN AND SPIRITUALITY

One of the excellent links Greg (see above) has provided is to the Child Spirituality site <http://childspirituality.org/> Here you will also find an amazing array of papers from the Third Triennial Children and Spirituality Conference <http://childspirituality.net>. Plenty to read here!

TRAINING -SA

SU PRIMARY AGE TRAINING EVENING

Date: Tuesday 20th July, 7.00pm - 9.00pm

Venue: Scripture Union, 28 Croydon Road, Keswick

Topics: Working effectively with small groups

Opening the Bible creatively with children

For anyone involved in ministry with children - in local churches and schools - this is a great opportunity to learn some new skills, share ideas and gain confidence in working with children.

Cost: Donation. Supper provided.

RSVP July 19th to Jenny on p/8371 0811 or e/ jenny@sa.su.org.au

STARTING POINTS PARENTING SEMINARS - FACILITATOR TRAINING

Starting Points is an Australian, four-session program, created by Focus on the Family, that teaches parenting practices to parents and carers of 0 - 4 year olds, including grandparents.

Pre-school programs, such as playgroups, are invited to become facilitators of this program.

A facilitator's training session is being held on

Date: Thursday 22nd July

Registration at 8.30am, for 9am - 5pm

Venue: At The Salvation Army Ingle Farm, cnr Bridge and Maxwell Roads, Ingle Farm

Cost: \$285 (Early bird and multiple rego discounts available.)

Registration forms available via email from RCCFM or for more information visit www.families.org.au and click on left side on *Starting Points* logo.

TOOLBOX PARENTING SEMINARS - FACILITATOR TRAINING

Toolbox Parenting Seminars are a unique and fresh approach to parent education. In an informal and friendly environment, participants are equipped with practical skills and strategies and explore key parenting principles.

This workshop is for people wanting to become facilitator's of the *Toolbox Parenting Seminars*.

Date: Saturday 31st July

Time: 9:15am for 9:30am - 4:00 pm

Venue: Centre for Learning, Magill Lutheran Church, 19 Edward Street, Magill

Morning tea supplied. Please BYO lunch.

Cost: \$100 per person.

For more information visit www.ParentsInc.org.au, phone 03 9720 3314 or Julie 08 8265 6314.

Registration forms also available through RCCFM.

YWAM TRAINING SEMINARS

Destiny by design

Date: Saturday 31st July & Sunday 1st Aug

Where: YWAM, 197 Norton Summit Rd, Norton Summit.

Speaker: Joylynn Landshut from the International DTS centre in Cape Town, South Africa

This seminar helps participants understand more fully their life calling, and equips them to help others do the same. Six life-coaching keys are explored: dreams, experiences, soulprint (personality), identity, gifts, and network. The seminar focuses on applying biblical truth to everyday life by using a combination of lectures, interactive exercises, PowerPoint presentations and a workbook, leading students on journey of discovery concerning their identity and the purpose for which God created them.

Cost: includes all meals and refreshments - for two days. Concession rate is \$75.

To book or for more information contact:

Youth With a Mission SA base 8390 1040, ask for Ray or Natalie, or email focus@ywamsa.org.au

CHILD SAFE ENVIRONMENTS

Reporting child abuse and neglect training.

Thursday 12th August, 9:30am - 5:00pm.

At the Anglican Ministry Centre (Adelaide College of Divinity) 34 Lipsett Terrace, Brooklyn Park.

Bookings and enquiries: Contact Melanie on 8416 8440 or email mmorris@adelaide.anglican.com.au

CHILDREN FOR CHRIST TRAINING DAY

When: Saturday 21st August, 10am - 4pm

Where: Children for Christ Resource Centre, Unit 4/644 Port Rd., Beverley (First driveway on left past Bus Stop 16 driving away from city).

Cost: \$20 (includes notes and resources).

This training day will help equip you to run children's outreach, holiday club programs and children's church.

Topics include: Evangelism of children, Leading a child to Christ, Story telling, Visual aids, Worship, Memory verses, Games, Discipline and How to plan and run a program.

To register: Phone 82448746 or email childrenforchrist@bigpond.com

KIDSREACH TRAINING IN SA

Introduction to Children's Counselling

On Monday 6th September for \$75

Pastoral Care of Children and Families

On 7th - 10th September for \$250

Cost to attend both: \$285

Venue: Laura Baptist Christian Community Hall, Victoria St, Laura.

These courses are for anyone involved in ministry or care of children, such as teachers, CPSWs, pastors, parents and children's ministry leaders.

Kidsreach is an interdenominational Christian ministry directed by David Goodwin who will be presenting these courses.

For more information or to book:

Email David Goodwin at david.kidsreach@gmail.com

Or visit: <http://www.kidsreach.org.au>

For venue and accommodation info. contact hosts:

- Wendy Smith on 08 8663 2576 or via smithsfarmstay@internode.on.net
- Mignon Ottens on 0427 001 738 or via deottens@activ8.net.au