



Spring Has Sprung!

Upcoming Events

Home Run with Mom

Friday, April 19th @ 6 pm

Play ball with the Mercer Bears!

Sign up on REALM for tickets (\$5 per ticket, \$15 family max).

Service Sunday

Sunday, May 5th @ 4 pm

What better way to spend the Sabbath than sharing the love of Christ with the residents at Bolingreen Health & Rehabilitation. All ages welcome!

NMPC Kids Summer

Look on the back for more details about what's going on this summer!

Springtime is in the air! From pink cherry blossoms to buzzing bees to pollen giving everything a yellow glow, all of our senses (and allergies!) are aware that it's spring. Psalm 19:1 tells us that all of creation displays the glory of God so what can we learn about God from spring?

- **God is an artist.**

Springtime shows off the creativity of God! Did you know there are approximately 250,000 to 400,000 different types of flowers! And these flowers vary in all different ways. For instance, the watermeal plant is about the size of a candy sprinkle while the Rafflesia arnoldii has a bloom with a diameter of up to three feet. God made flowers that stink, flowers that bloom at night, and flowers that you can eat. Technically, broccoli, artichokes and cauliflower are flowers - so really your parents should be reminding you to eat your flowers at dinnertime! God's creativity and beauty spills out into all of creation, most importantly in His creation of people. The different races, cultures, and gifts He gave to us are a wonderful display of His glory!

- **God is faithful.**

God created the rhythm of seasons. Psalm 74:17 says, "You decided where the borders of the earth would be. You made both summer and winter." Each year creation follows a

predictable cycle through the seasons. God made birds to know when it's time to migrate, and He made plants know when to drop their leaves and create new ones. This certainty of the seasons displays His everlasting nature. Hebrews 13:8 says, "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever."

- **God is always at work.**

When looking at a tree during winter, it looks like nothing is happening and perhaps the tree has died. However, the tree is alive, and at just the right time it will sprout new leaves and growth. Just like a tree in winter, there will be hard times when we feel like nothing is happening, and we may wonder if God is at work or even cares. But know this - God never gives up on His children, and He is in control and at work in all things. Psalm 145:13 says, "Your kingdom is a kingdom that will last forever. Your rule will continue for all time to come." Jesus is actively reigning over all of creation so we can have confidence and hope in our hard times that He is at work and will use our struggles for His glory and our good.

- **Springtime displays the gospel.**

In order for new buds to form, the blossoms from the prior spring and summer have to fall and die. In order for there to be life, there must be death. In the same way, out of His great love for us, Jesus had to die for our sins so that we could have a restored relationship with God. Out of His death comes abundant and eternal life. Ephesians 2:4 - 5 says, "But God loves us deeply. He is full of mercy. So He gave us new life because of what Christ has done. He gave us life even when we were dead in sin. God's grace has saved you."

So the next time you see a bee buzzing by or a dandelion blooming in your yard, remember how all of creation is shouting God's glory and the joy of our new life in Christ!

FAMILY TIME

- What is your favorite season and why?
- Take a walk as a family and point out how different parts of God's creation tell of His glory. Pray together to thank God for His creation.

NMPC Kids Spotlight

Let's get to know the Cathey Crew!

How would you describe your sibling?

Andrew about William: Creative, silly, playful and cool.

William about Andrew: Kind, goofy, helpful and smart.

Brothers about Mary Louise: Cheerful, sweet, silly and helpful.

If you could time travel anywhere, where would you go?

Andrew: To the future to the New Heavens and New Earth.

William: To the future when we have helicopter cars.

If you could only bring 4 things on a trip, what would they be?

Andrew: Clothes, shoes, cheese balls and a suitcase to carry everything.

William: Nintendo, Andrew, Piper (my grandparents' dog) and cheese balls.

Mary Louise: Paint, a unicorn, a book and macaroni.

What is something you are learning about God?

Andrew: I'm learning about Jesus's death and resurrection.

William: God tells us to be kind to others.

Mary Louise: You can't see God.



Mary Louise (age 3),
Andrew (age 9), and William (age 6)



VBS 2024

June 24th - 28th

Rising 3K - 6th grade

**Calling all Olympion Athletes
to run the Race of Faith!**

We will be cheering on Team Israelites as they journey to the Promised Land and learn how God is faithful every step of the way.

**Remind your friends
to Save the Date!**

5th Grade Celebration

Join us at
Macon Rocks on
Saturday, June
1st to celebrate
rocking out
of 5th grade!

Register
on Realm.

SUMMER FAMILY READING

Join in the adventure this summer as we read "The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe" by C.S. Lewis.

Reading guides will be available, and we will kick off our summer reading on Wednesday, June 5th.

Preschool Summer Camps

June 3-7 and June 10- 14

Our preschool is offering summer camps for rising 3K - rising 5K. Registration forms are online or in the Preschool Office. Spots are limited!



OUR LORD HAS WRITTEN THE PROMISE OF RESURRECTION, NOT IN BOOKS ALONE, BUT IN EVERY LEAF IN SPRINGTIME.

- MARTIN LUTHER