



Spring/Summer 2025

Don't Forget to Remember!

How often have you forgotten where you left your shoes? Or a homework assignment? Have your parents ever claimed you have forgotten your manners or the "magic word" of please? So often we forget things in our lives – big and small. As you grow up, you are learning so much, and it's pretty much impossible to remember everything all the time. That's why God has given you parents, teachers and friends to help guide and remind you of what you've been learning (or where you left your shoes).

Forgetfulness doesn't just happen to children either. In fact, God knew that His people would often forget important things He taught them. All throughout Scripture, God reminds His people the importance of remembering who He is and what He has done. In Isaiah 46:9 God says, "Remember the former things, those of long ago; I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like me." At this time, God's people were living in Babylon where people worshipped false man-made gods. God was reminding His people that He is the one true, living God who faithfully saves them.

Psalms 105 and 106 were written for God's people to "remember the wonders [God] has performed, His miracles and the rulings He has given" (105:5). These Psalms retell the story of God's enduring faithfulness by starting with God's promise to Abraham to delivering the Israelites from Egypt and bringing them into the Promised Land. And in Luke 22:19, Jesus broke bread at the Last Supper and said after He handed it to His disciples, "Do this to remember me." In the next three days, Jesus would die on the cross, come back to life and bring forgiveness and restoration between God and His people.

You may ask yourself how the Israelites could be tempted to forget there was any other God other than the one who saved them over and over again? Or why God's people needed to be reminded of how God did amazing miracles to lead His people to the Promised Land? Or even more of a headscratcher, how in the world could Jesus's followers forget to remember Jesus, the promised Messiah, who died and came back to life for our salvation?!?

As our Creator, God knows us better than we know ourselves, and He knows that our hearts are prone to wander from Him. As Isaiah 53:6 says, "We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to our own way." Despite all He has done for us, we are tempted to forget His goodness. We forget that His way is the best way. We fail to remember that God is in control. Therefore, in His perfect love and care for us, God gives us reminders to remember who He is, and remembering anchors our hearts against the stormy hardships, temptations and challenges we will face in this broken world. He gives us His Word that fills up our hearts with His truth. He gives us the sacraments of baptism and communion, which among many other things, give us physical reminders of Jesus' faithfulness, love and sacrifice for us. He gives us a church family to help us remember who God made us to be. He gives us a sunrise and sunset each day to remind us of the "work of His hands" (Psalm 19:1) and so many other reminders of His glory and greatness.

I'm so thankful that we serve a God who never forgets to remind us of His love.

Family Time

As we approach this Easter season, I encourage you and your family to take time to remember Jesus's love and sacrifice, and NMPC Kids has several ways for your family to do this:

- **Pick up a copy of the devotional "Darkest Day/Brightest Night." This two-week devotional helps us set a time to reflect and rejoice as a family. (Copies available in the narthex for \$14 per copy.)**
- **Participate in Palm Sunday. Our children will be singing during the Palm Sunday Worship service. Learning the music is a great way to remember the truth that Jesus is the one who saves.**
- **Join the Easter Egg Hunt. Before the Easter Egg Hunt, we will have a short devotional to remind us why we celebrate Easter. Each family will leave with a set of Resurrection Eggs, a learning tool that helps your family walk through the Easter story through Scripture.**

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Easter Egg Hunt (April 19 @ 10 am)

Our celebration will include remembering the Easter story as each family creates their own set of Resurrection Eggs followed by an Easter Egg Hunt! Register on REALM.

Youth Led Wednesday Night (April 23rd)

The youth group will again be taking over our Wednesday Night activities! Join us for an evening that is always a good time!

Faith & Family Night @ Macon Bacon (June 6th @ 7 pm)

Let's make this summer a homerun! Join us for a fun evening of friends, baseball and the best hotdog in town. Tickets are \$17 and include all-you-can eat concessions, plus an awesome hat!

VBS (July 14th - 18th)

We are reaching for the heights of God's glory! Calling all rising 4K - 6th graders to join us on an adventure through the book of Luke where we will be following Jesus on His journey to victory!

NMPC Kids Spotlight

Let's get to know Abigail & Benjamin!

How would you describe your sibling?

Abigail: Benjamin is fun, energetic, playful and gives really good hugs.

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

Abigail: Cute outfits, make-up, hairbrush, iPad

Benjamin: Paw Patrol lunch box, Mickey Mouse blanket, Kisses and Cuddles book, toy trains

Describe your perfect Saturday morning.

Abigail: Sleeping in, eating Chick-Fil-A for breakfast and shopping with mom

What are you learning about God?

Abigail: God is a true King, Lord of Creation and a Ruler without end.

Benjamin: God made me and all things.



Benjamin (age 2) and Abigail (age 10) enjoying the Cherry Blossom Festival!

Parenting Conference Friday, April 25th

Join us for an evening of wisdom and insight on a topic that affects us all!

Cameron Cole will be presenting the seminar "Disciplining Our Kids in the Digital Age: A Pathway for Safe, Wise Technology Use."

This is an evening you won't want to miss no matter the age of your child!

Dinner and childcare provided.

North Macon Preschool Camp!

Come join the Little Explorers Camp!

The camp is for rising 3K - 5K and will be held June 2 - 6.

Applications are available online or the Preschool Office.