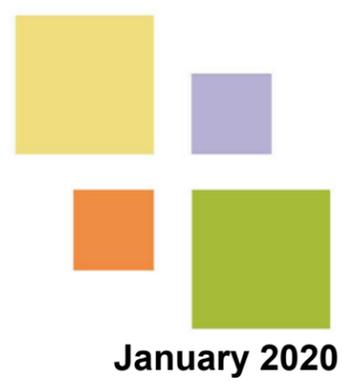




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| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
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| | | | 1 Happy New Year! | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| 5 Life Groups 9:30 am Kids Worship 11 am TL 3 pm | 6 | 7 | 8 Nehemiah Kids Leaders in Training 6:30 pm | 9 | 10 | 11 |
| 12 Life Groups 9:30 am Baptism Class 9:45 am Mr Keith @ Kids Worship 11 am | 13 | 14 | 15 Nehemiah Kids Leaders in Training 6:30 pm | 16 | 17 | 18 |
| 19 Life Groups 9:30 am Kids Worship 11 am | 20 MLK Jr. Day | 21 | 22 Nehemiah Kids Leaders in Training 6:30 pm | 23 | 24 | 25 Tender Hearts Pancake Breakfast 9 am |
| 26 NextGen Day Life Groups 9:30 am Kids Worship 11 am TL 3 pm | | 28 | 29 MagKIDS @ IMB Commissioning Service | 30 | 31 | |



Growing Authentic Kid Disciples

Elementary & Preteen

Sundays
Life Groups 9:30 am
Kids Worship 11:00 am

Wednesdays
Nehemiah Kids & Leaders in Training 6:30 pm

Encourage One Another Often

POWERSOURCE

ASK JESUS:

1. To remind you to frequently encourage family members.
2. To bless you through the Bible, prayer, worship, and fellowship.
3. To provide people in your life who serve as encouragers, especially during tough times.

A recent New Year's trend involves choosing one word as a theme or focus for the next 12 months. For parents, a great word to choose—and remember regularly—is “encourage.”

Encourage means to “give support, confidence, or hope to,” in other words, to give someone courage. Sometimes this means cheering for our kids, and when they are older, it means reminding them of who they are in Christ. Genuine messages of love and support nurture a child's sense of safety and well-being. Godly affirmations also build self-worth—one based not on individual merit but on the fact that our heavenly Father created and loves us.

Encouragement is needed more now than ever, especially from those that kids deem most important. With kids

experiencing mental health disabilities, depression, and challenges at home, the hope that encouragement gives will make a difference in their lives.

Encouragers follow Jesus' example of service, humility, and generosity. Like Barnabas—a member of the early Christian community whose name means “son of encouragement” (see Acts 4:36)—you can serve God by selflessly encouraging others.

Parents, we need support and encouragement, too. This is a great time to join a Life Group to give and receive assistance, share insights and ideas, and pray for one another.

Read on to learn more about the importance of encouragement—and how to live it out in your family. May God give you renewed courage as we start 2020!
~Joni



Workshop 2/9/20 9:45am



HOW DO KIDS GROW?

What really matters?

Most Christian parents place a high value on passing their faith to their kids, the next generation. MagKIDS also shares that value. We see kids as people with eternal souls that are being mentored to love and serve God throughout their lives. We are driven by the vision of growing authentic kid disciples. While adults learn the path to discipleship through participating in our classes, kids learn through participating in our MagKIDS programs. Each of which is targeted at a different aspect of kid discipleship.

Kid & Preteen Life Groups: Sunday 9:30 am

Every disciple needs to study the Bible. It's how we gain wisdom, allow ourselves to be lead by God, and how we get to know God Himself. In MagKIDS, we study the Bible most comprehensively in our Life Groups, reviewing the major stories every three years.

Kid & Preteen Worship: Sunday 11am

God desires that we worship Him and this desire is for kids as well as adults. For kids to worship, they need to engage in singing, a message, and to personally respond to God's Word.

Kid & Preteen Midweek: Wed. 6:30pm

Disciples serve God and our midweek is designed to give kids opportunities to serve and go share God's love in our community. We develop leaders.

An Encouragement Primer

Encouragement is vital and powerful yet amazingly simple. Look kids in the eyes and talk to them on their level. Parents, reach out and touch them gently. Call children by name lovingly—not just when they're in trouble! Listen carefully and be willing to learn. Accentuate the positive. Be generous with praise. Compliment frequently, sincerely, and in public. Show interest in children's hobbies. Give credit where credit is due. Give age-appropriate challenges. Ask, "How can I help?" Also work on your own self-worth; you can't love and encourage others if you feel unloved, unlovable, or discouraged.

Fill 'er Up! Decorate a glass jar and place it in a special spot in your home. Cut patterned papers into strips, giving family members their own pattern. Starting January 1, fill the jar with love notes, Bible verses, quotes, and affirmations for each person. On Valentine's Day, read the notes as a family. Carry on the tradition at regular intervals all year long to keep everyone's "encouragement tanks" topped off.

"Acts" of Encouragement

Beforehand, brainstorm situations where kids and adults might need encouragement (for example, taking a test, feeling sick, being new to a class or job). Write each one on a slip of paper. Then play Encouragement Charades. The person who picks a slip acts out that situation. The first person to guess it then acts out a way to offer encouragement. (Speaking is allowed for that part!)

Be a Barnabas Form pairs. Give each pair a book. Have one partner walk across a room and back with a book balanced on their head. Have the other partner walk along and offer encouragement. Then change roles. Afterward, ask: "How did it feel to have someone there all the time encouraging you?" Read aloud Acts 11:22-24. Ask: "What types of encouragement did Barnabas offer?"

What made him such a good encourager? What types of encouragement do you need most? In what ways can you encourage other people?"

God Uses You! Encourage family members by reminding them that God chooses and works through them. Say: "In the Bible, God chooses ordinary people for special tasks. David, a shepherd boy, defeated the giant Goliath and later became king. Mary, a teenage girl, became baby Jesus' mother. Let's see how God makes these choices." Read aloud 1 Samuel 16:7. Ask: "What do you think God cares about? Why do you think God works through average, ordinary people? How does that encourage you to listen to and serve God?"

That's Encouraging! Say: "Family members are special encouragers to one another, as we see in the Bible. When Mary hears she's going to have baby Jesus, she visits her cousin Elizabeth." Read aloud Luke 1:39-45. Ask: "How might Elizabeth have made Mary feel? What is it like when someone encourages you? What kinds of encouragement can we give each other?" Pray, asking God for help to encourage one another—especially family members.

"So encourage each other and build each other up, just as you are already doing."
—1 Thessalonians 5:11

MEDIA MADNESS



MOVIE

Title: *Dolittle*

Genre: Adventure, Comedy, Family

Rating: Not yet rated

Cast: Robert Downey Jr., Emma Thompson, John Cena, Selena Gomez

Synopsis: In Victorian England, an eccentric, widowed veterinarian prefers the company of animal friends—with whom he can talk. But when the queen gets sick, Dr. Dolittle must summon up bravery and sail to a mysterious island to find a cure.

Our Take: This film is a feast for the eyes, with stunning scenery, historic settings, and lifelike animals. It will lead to discussions about God's wonderful world and the vast range of creatures he made. The movie shows the benefits of venturing outside your comfort zone, but scenes of peril may be too intense for some children.



MUSIC

Title: *Citizen of Heaven*

Artist: Tauren Wells

Synopsis: In his second album, this breakout Christian pop artist offers a dynamic mix of worship songs. His debut album, *Hills and Valleys*, landed him four Dove Awards, including New Artist of the Year. Before going solo in 2015, Wells fronted the band Royal Tailor and led worship at church. Collaborators on *Citizen of Heaven* include Kirk Franklin and Rascal Flatts.

Our Take: On ballads as well as upbeat tunes, Wells is a master of catchy and inspiring lyrics. The new single "Close" describes encountering God and listening to his voice, while "Miracle" offers thanks to God for "every mountain that you move" and "what I've seen with my own eyes."

Games, Sites & Apps

Guess in 10

In this series of card games from Skillmatics, players can ask 10 questions to get hints about a certain animal, city, sport, or famous person. Educational as well as fun, the games build problem-solving and communication skills. Each pack costs about \$14. Best for ages 6 and up.

Kids Corner: Terrene Episodes

In this ReFrame Media series, "Liz" and his reptilian middle-school friends have adventures and sometimes get into trouble. From parents and neighbors, they learn about biblical principles and faith-based decision-making. Other "Kids Corner" programs tell Bible stories.

Disney+

This much-hyped new streaming service offers loads of content for just \$6.99 a month. Material ranges from animated favorites to the "Star Wars" franchise and original content such as *The Mandalorian*. Kids can set up their own profiles, but some users warn that parental controls are lacking.

This page is designed to help educate parents and is not meant to endorse any movie, music, or product. Our goal is to help you make informed decisions about what your children watch, read, listen to, and play with.



MINISTRY TO KIDS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

It's just about that time! Our annual Pancake Breakfast 2020 is January 25 at 9am. Come and join in the fun of what I hear are the world's **best** pancakes! We've got lots planned for 2020, contact Janett Taylor at 951-733-1972 for more information.



Christian Scouting

Want to involve your kids in scouting? Magnolia Church hosts Trail Life for guys and American Heritage Girls for gals. For more information, contact Steve Pennington at SPennington15@yahoo.com or Kimberly Wyant at Wyant@aol.com



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