

## FROM THE CHURCH SCHOOL GRAPEVINE . . . .

Here's news from our children's division - as told by children elected to be reporters from their classes (or by their teachers)!

In future editions of THE CHURCH SCHOOL GRAPEVINE, we hope to share juicy tidbits about youth activities and adult classes, as well as up-to-date news from the children.

Our target is to produce a C.S. GRAPEVINE about every six weeks. Deadlines for articles will be announced in The Messenger. We encourage each class to elect a reporter, and when deadlines are announced, please send us news about what your class is doing.

We think there is value for the Duke Memorial community if, in this case, the "left hand does know what the right hand is doing"!!!!

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### 4 and 5 Year Kindergarten

Teachers: Jim and Joy Long, Iris Byerly

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#### "Flash - History Repeats Itself!"

Just recently our 4 and 5 year old class took the same trip that Moses did when God called upon him for his service. The only difference was that this famous trip of courage took place at Duke Memorial.

After much preparation, the children started their adventure hand-in-hand. They walked around the room searching for food "like Moses" to take on their long journey. They were lucky -- for they came upon some carrots, celery, raisins, cheese and crackers.

After traveling for a while, they happened to come upon shelter. (Actually, it consisted of a sheet over 2 bookcases). Everyone got in and we then sang songs, told stories, and ate our "precious" found food.

Everything was going great, and the kids seemed to be enjoying re-enacting this "special event" when someone said, "When do we get our Juice and cookies?"!!!! Back to reality!

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### First Grade

Teachers: Deanie Jackson, Vicki Walker, Mamie Jo Harrell

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We went to watch Mr. Hoyle ring the bells in the bell tower. (Mr. Hoyle really appreciated the thank-you notes sent by the boys and girls.) We climbed lots of stairs to get there. On the way back to our room, we saw snowflakes and were so excited.

We have been role playing some of our feelings and everyday incidents that happen to us. Mark (Bollinger) and Dodd (Browning) acted for us. Matt (Dunaway) and Seaton (Amick) helped us, too.

Dr. Walker cut a tree from the woods for us at Christmas, and we had fun making decorations for it. Mamie Jo made cookies for us and we ate and ate!

Mandy (Mixon) "likes to hear the bells ring". Lee (Caldwell) says, "Thanks to Mr. Hoyle for ringing the bells for us."



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## Second Grade

Teachers: Jean Charlesworth, Carolyn Settle, Caroline Dixon

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Each second grader invited an adult to be with the class on January 29th to share ideas of how we grow by sharing love one to another.

(I happened to walk by the second grade room that morning. Can you imagine why I just had to stop and watch a while when I saw a roomful of adults and children, sitting knee to knee, talking to one another so intensely? They were so engrossed in talking, listening, and laughing together that I'm sure not a soul knew I was standing there watching. Boy, did I wish I had a camera! But how could even a camera catch the feeling of real community present in the second grade room that morning! ----mab)

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## Third Grade

Teachers: Ann Tyor and Alice Tise

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We, in the "T and T" (Tyor and Tise, or Terrific and Talented) class of third graders have been studying the Old and New Testaments. In the Old Testament we studied that the 39 books are made up of history, law, prophecy, and poetry. We also learned how to find scripture passages by referring to the contents.

From time to time we treat ourselves to refreshments. On one such occasion we popped popcorn and ate it along with juice. We also played a game for several Sundays, which helped us learn the names of the books of the Bible. A teacher would hold up cards, one at a time, with the name of a book of the Bible; the teams, boys against girls, would call out which Testament that book was in. It was very fast-moving and close, but the boys finally came out on top.

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## Fourth Grade

Teachers: Glenn and Nell Brindley, Beth Veasey

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Hi! The fourth grade Sunday School class is studying the life of Jesus. We all know about Jesus' birth in Bethlehem, but not much is written in the Bible about Jesus as a boy our age, except for the time his parents thought he was lost for 3 days during their trip to the Passover in Jerusalem. He wasn't really lost, though. Mary and Joseph found him in the Temple talking to the rabbis or teachers. He was asking them all sorts of questions so he could learn and understand more.

Jesus was baptized, just like many of us were. Pastor Smith showed us the baptismal font in our church. Did you know it has 8 sides? Do you know why?

We really like the plays and the famous paintings in our Sunday School books. Many of them were painted hundreds of years ago by very famous artists.

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## Fifth and Sixth Grades

Teacher: Mary Canada

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The fifth and sixth grades have been studying "How Jesus Reveals God to Us". A specific lesson was "God's House and Ours." We talked about how our sanctuary looks and compared others to it. As a part of this lesson we made models of sanctuaries. In these models we included the pulpit, altar, candles, cross, chancel rail, baptismal font, pews, and rug. We had a lot of fun.

--- Christie Bollinger and Dawn Lampley

(A display by the fifth and sixth grades has been put up in the hallway outside the library. You might want to stop and look next time you go by.)