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Children's Musical Makes a Big "Splash"!



This year's Children's Musical, *Splash Kingdom: Come Meet the Lifesaver* was a great success. There were 57 children enrolled this year, and they were amazing! They learned all the music, choreography, and lines within 5 short days. Their final presentation was outstanding. Way to go camp members!

The musical itself was inspiring. The kids learned about Splash Kingdom's (aka Heaven's) CEO, Jesus Christ, and that the only way into the park is by appointment with Him through the course Lifesaving 101. The key to passing the course is learning your ABC's—Admit, Believe, Confess! They had a wonderful time learning about their Savior, about music, and about teamwork.

Thanks to everyone who helped to make this year's camp and production such a huge success. We can't wait until next year...keep your voices in tune and your dance skills sharp!

4^{first place} health

discover a new way to healthy living

Orientation Meeting
Thursday, August 20th
6:00PM

Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your body.—1 Corinthians 6:19-20
 "Although weight management is most often our motivation for joining a First Place 4 Health Group, the focus is not just on the body-or on the number on the scale. That's a crucial difference between First Place 4 Health and other weight-loss programs. By applying disciplines that affect the whole person—the body, the mind, the heart and the spirit—you will not only experience physical health but will also experience total health—health for life!"

We hope you will join us for our orientation meeting on **August, 20th.**

This meeting is simply informative, and by attending, you are not committing to joining the program (regular member meetings will start about two weeks later). Everyone is welcome to attend and encouraged to bring a friend. Questions? Send an e-mail to firstplace@mulberrychurch.org or call the church office (876-3204).

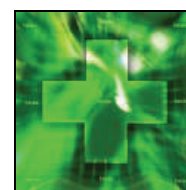
July Statistics

Budget Receipts

Attendance

Date	Amount	Sunday School	AM Worship
07-05-09	\$10,553.00	57	112
07-12-09	\$5,283.00	44	99
07-19-09	\$5,353.00	59	110
07-26-09	\$2,800.00	37	217

Budget Goal YTD: \$215,332.20
Budget Receipts YTD: \$171,370.39



Mulberry's Health Care

Reminder: You have an appointment scheduled for your

Spiritual Health Check-Up

Sunday, Aug 23	10:30AM	Digestive System
Sunday, Aug 30	10:30AM	Hearing
Sunday, Sept 6	10:30AM	Vision
Sunday, Sept 13	10:30AM	Heart (Part 1)
Sunday, Sept 20	10:30AM	Heart (Part 2)
Sunday, Sept 27	10:30AM	Growth
Sunday, Oct 4	10:30AM	Final Check-Up

Please arrive 10 minutes before your scheduled appointment.



For information on other upcoming Children's or Music Events, please visit our website....
www.mulberrychurch.org

A Note from Steve...

"Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your body." 1 Corinthians 6:19-20

I have previously mentioned the recent weight loss competition at a local health club, but I again want to say "Great Job!" to the many Mulberry members who participated. Your commitment and discipline is commendable, and you have accomplished much more than losing a few pounds. To quote one of the participants, "Even if I don't win the actual competition, I have already won." Keep it up, even though the competition is complete!

There is another group within our church currently training to participate in a triathlon in the middle of September. Their task is different but their goal is similar: to honor God with their bodies and to instill more discipline in their lives.

We are beginning *First Place* this fall at Mulberry. It is far beyond a weight management program; it is a

comprehensive approach to help us give God first place in all of our lives. *First Place* combines Bible study, scripture memory, dietary information and exercise, and it is another opportunity for us to intentionally seek to honor God with our bodies. I know that on a consistent basis many within our church seek to honor God in this way apart from any of the specific programs or challenges I have mentioned. Great job to all of you for honoring God with your body and practicing discipline in your life!

I am confident that as we become more disciplined in one area of life, we are able to become more disciplined in other areas as well, and when we are undisciplined in one area, it becomes more difficult to be disciplined in any area. Practicing discipline with our bodies leads us toward more discipline with our hearts and minds. Press on!

In Christ,



Worship and Media

The children's music camp was such a success, thanks to a great staff and a wonderful bunch of kids. You all are awesome! The fun is going to continue into fall...look at what's happening:

Children – Children's Choir resumes on Sunday, September 6th from 5:30PM to 7:30PM. Kids, grab a friend and dive in to God's Strong Tower. We will sing several times this fall during service, and I might even have a couple of surprises in store.

Les Sonnettes des Joie and Testament – Get ready! We have a great fall planned, concluding with our annual Christmas concert. Rehearsals for handbells and Testament begin September 14th.

Sanctuary Choir – Come one, come all! (PLEASE, more than one!) Choir resumes rehearsal on August 12th. Yeah, that's right, in two weeks. Tell your friends, bring your friends, drag your friends...they won't regret it. We will be presenting the musical *3:16: The Numbers of Hope* on October 25th, which is based on the book by Max Lucado that many of you have been using for Bible study. Join us in preparing for this great event. And for now I will keep our Christmas plans a surprise, but I think you are gonna love it.

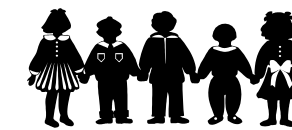
Road Trip – Gaither Vocal Band – Join us to see the Gaither Vocal Band in concert, Thursday, November 19th in Baton Rouge. Contact me for more information. It will be a night of fun for all.

And lastly I invite all of the members of Mulberry Music Ministries (if you are reading this, that's probably you) to join us for what I hope will be an annual event – **Fall Music Kickoff**. It will be August 28th at Sharon Bergeron's home from 6:00PM to 8:30PM. Come join us for food and fun. There are a number of other events, surprises, and social events in the works, but you'll just have to wait and see what I am planning.

Let have fun praising Christ,



Children's Ministry



Can you believe that school is getting ready to start back up again? It goes by too quickly for me! But it will be nice to get back into the normal swing of things. With the start of school comes the start of a fresh new year of children's ministry programs. I'm really excited about getting started back up.

August 16 will be Promotion Sunday. All kids and youth who are moving into a new class will begin those classes on this date. If you haven't been coming to church regularly for the Bible Study hour before Morning Worship, this would be a great time to start fresh. Children's Bible Study is a great time for your child to get together in a small group with friends their own age and learn more about Jesus!

The Children's Ministry Team will host a **back-to-school/fall programs kick-off Pirate Party on Friday, August 28, 6:00-8:30p.m.** Arrrgh, your child will not want to miss it!

Awana begins Wednesday, September 7, 6:00-7:30pm. If you missed out on Awana last year, I encourage you to give it a try this year. It's an amazing program, and I never met a kid that didn't totally love it. Register for Awana online at www.mulberrychurch.org/awana.html, or at the Pirate Party on August 28, or at Awana on September 2.

Children's Choir begins Sunday, September 6 at 5:00p.m. Did your child enjoy Music Camp? He/she can have that kind of fun all year!

OF COURSE...these awesome children's activities won't lead themselves, will they? We need YOU (yes, YOU) to serve your Lord as a children's Bible study teacher, an Awana leader, a music leader, a games and activities leader (Sunday evenings after choir), and /or a party helper. You don't have to go into it knowing everything about everything...you learn as you go! We have an IMMEDIATE need for volunteers in all of these ministry areas, so call me or email me!!! It's awesome to see God at work in Mulberry, and I am so privileged to be a part of it. I hope you will join me in sharing God's love with our beautiful children!

In Christ,



Awana begins September 2nd
@ 6:00PM!

Awana Adult Challenge

The Awana Adult Challenge will be resuming this fall, but it will be new and improved! We are asking adults to form teams of 4. Each member of the team should memorize the scripture verse for the week. They will then quote the verse to one of the children in Awana (we'll give you a list of their names). Each team will receive a point per team member that knows their verse, and an extra point if all 4 members have memorized that week's scripture passage. At the end of ten weeks, the team with the most points will win the coveted AAC trophy! If you are up to the challenge, please speak with Mary or call the church office.

Deacons to Serve for August

Justin Dowden and Bill Boyd

Parent and Child Dedication

Sunday, September 27th
Call the church office or e-mail Haley (info@mulberrychurch.org) if you are interested in dedicating your child.

Congratulations to **Cliff and Jerrie Wilson** on the birth of their great-granddaughter, **Merci Laine Pellegrin**, born on Wednesday, July 15th weighing 6 lbs., 12 oz. to proud parents Brittany and Eddie.