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### All-Church Fall Kickoff

On Sunday, September 15th we will kickoff the year with an All-Church Celebration! Everyone is invited to join as we launch our new Fall Series! Also, be sure to stick around between and after services for refreshments and activities the whole family will enjoy.

### Family Ministry Night

This Fall our intentional focus will center around a comprehensive and strategic initiative to provide cohesive ministry for the whole family. While we

already facilitate opportunities to minister to children, youth, and adults of all ages, at times the flow can seem disjointed. The sporadic offering of these gatherings can make participation difficult for families with kids in a wide range of ages and for congregants who live a considerable distance from the church.

**After great discussion and prayer among the ministry staff, as well as input from small focus groups and ministry volunteers, we have decided to move all children and youth ministry programming to Sunday**

**Night!** Our goal is to create a "one-stop-shop" where families can come and participate in age appropriate ministries all at one time. This means mid-week Children's Ministry, Club 56, and Sunday morning Middle School will be moved to Sunday night along with High School Youth Ministry.

We chose Sunday night for several reasons; including an attempt to eliminate the time crunch many experienced during the week as a result of work, as well as the desire to avoid other activities such as sports or clubs.

*What about Adults?* We are proud to announce that we are currently planning to offer several opportunities for adults to engage. Besides the obvious opportunity to serve in Children's or Youth Ministry we are planning to launch several new Community Groups that will meet at the church on Sunday nights. Additionally, we will be facilitating a number of seminars throughout the year ranging from Exploring Basic Spiritual Disciplines, to Identifying Spiritual Gifts, to Parenting, and even Establishing Priorities. Finally, we also understand that it can be tough for Mom and Dad to find time in their busy schedules for one another, so we aim to facilitate "date-nights" in our lobby for the purpose of strengthening marriages through personal connection (resources will be available if needed).

### **Program Details:**

The Children's Ministry FamBlitz Live!*Back to School Bash*, as well as Middle School and High School "*Break-ins*" will get things geared up for the year. We will officially kickoff all programs on the evening of **Sunday, September 15th**

from 6-7:30pm at the church.

With this new night the name of our children's ministry program will change to *"Sunday Night Thrive!"*

Please feel free to contact me with any questions. I am so excited about this next season of ministry and how God will continue to work in and through CCWC!

He is faithful!

Pastor Steve

## Children's Ministry Highlights



On Sunday, July 28th we had 34 kids and 10 adult counselors head to Kid's Camp 2019. It was a great week as the kids enjoyed playing games, lots of swimming and making friends with other kids from the Greater Ohio District. However, the greatest part of our 4 days at

Scioto Hills Camp was the kids coming together during chapel and singing with all their energy during our time of praise and worship. It truly was a great week for all kids and adults!



**August 18, 2019**

We hope you can join us for this special service dedicated to families and the children will be participating in the worship time. Let this be a time of celebrating the children God has given us and praying for them as they return to school. There WILL NOT be children's ministry programming offered during the 9:00 AM or 10:30 AM service. Nursery will NOT be available.



**August 28, 2019**

Bring your family out to FAMBLITZ as an end of summer bash! FamBlitz Live is a crowd participation show designed to keep your family moving!! With the theme of inspiring families to think like a team, parents and kids participate on stage and from their seats in a variety of games and challenges. A Biblical message is woven in throughout games and crowd challenges. FamBlitz Live is a high energy event that the whole family can enjoy. There will be music, visual effects, original games and crowd energy.

**Ministry Leader Spotlight**

**Author  
In Our Midst-  
Dale Minor**

Dale Minor was raised a Methodist before going to Seminary and becoming an Anglican priest. He is retired from pastoral work, but continues to use his gifts at CCWC to teach a Sunday School class, participates in the CCWC Prayer Committee, and is a small group facilitator.



He started writing newsletters and devotionals in the 1970's and has continued until he has about 200 people who receives his weekly, "E-Musings." These musings are thoughts that he puts together about how he sees God and encounters Him in everyday life.

He is the author of two books: "*His Familiar Voice*," and "*Homesick for Eden*." Both books are about his personal journey. *His Familiar Voice* speaks of hearing God speak to him through the various stages of his life and how the Holy Spirit has become a real force in his life.

*Homesick for Eden* is a book about how we were always meant to live in the Garden and Eden and what would Eden look like if the fall never occurred? God has placed within us a longing for the world he wanted us to have.

*"The search for utopia, for paradise, for the idyllic is ever present with us, and if we are to embark on this search, we ought to start with what we know about our beginning. "*

We will be having copies of *Homesick for Eden* available for you to purchase in the coming weeks in the church lobby.