

Faith
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Preschool &
Kindergarten

2017 May Newsletter

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May the road rise to meet you.
May the wind be always at your back.
May the sun shine warm upon your face,
The rains fall soft upon the fields.
May the light of friendship guide your paths together.
May the laughter of children & grandchildren grace the hallways of your home.
May the joy of living for one another trip a smile from your lips &
A twinkle from your eye.
May the good Lord embrace you
with the arms that have nurtured you
the whole length of your joy-filled days.
May the gracious God hold you
in the palm of His hands.
And, today, may the Spirit of Love
find a dwelling place in your heart forever.

Dear Parents,
As this school year comes to a close, we thank you for your continued support for the preschool ministry. Thank you for helping us to have such a great year together. We wish you and your child a most promising and rewarding future. Our hope is that Faith Preschool & Kindergarten is a positive step in the direction. I am ever so thankful to our parents, church and preschool staff and of course the blessings of our children. We invite you to share with other parents who wish to consider a private Christian school to consider us. Your testimony is always appreciated.

We look forward to seeing everyone at the spring and Kindergarten graduation programs next week.
We wish all of you a safe and restful summer.

Sincerely,
Beverly Sims

"There are only two lasting bequests we can hope to give our children. One of these is roots; and the other wings."—Hodding Carter Check out our website at www.faithpreschooltally.org

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Congratulations to our 2017 Kindergarten Graduation Class

Walker Beech
Emma Binns
Collin Courson
Braxton Durham
Rylee East
Evaline Hieronymus
Lannaie Jenkins
Greyson Kohler
Eamon Strickland
William Stark
Sam Swerdzewski
Isabella Weldon
Sara-Gabriel Williams
Cooper Woods
Lilly Winters

Join us for
Cookies & Tea

In honor of
Cindy Parry

Thursday, May 18th

Drop by to share your
love and appreciation for Cindy as we celebrate
twenty years
of her service to the preschool ministry.

Thursday morning any time between 9 and 10:00 a.m.
or Thursday afternoon
drop by anytime
between 4:00-5:30 p.m.
Faith Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall

We are also asking each student that had
Mrs. Parry
as a teacher to bring a picture or a written message/sentiment
to be placed in a book to be given to her. If you would like to make a
donation for an appreciation gift for her you may do so in the preschool office.

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Thank you for following this facebook
link <https://www.facebook.com/FaithPreschoolTally/> to like and share our page with your
friends and family. This will keep you connected and up to date on the most current
events, dates and classroom/school news.

VPK 2017/2018

If your child is attending VPK next school year please make sure to turn in your VPK
certificate from the Early Learning Coalition before you leave for the summer. Contact
the preschool office for any questions.

Teacher Appreciation Week

Thank You so much for a wonderful Teacher Appreciation Week. We felt so loved.
A special thank you to our Teacher Appreciation Coordinators Sarah Taylor and Katherine
Peters and all our parents!

Family Fun Night

We hope you all got to join us for Family Fun Night. We had a great time. The school
made \$3000 to go towards school improvements. A special thanks to all of the parents
and staff that helped to bring it all together. What fun we had with good food and
fellowship!

Goose Creek Wildlife Refuge would like to thank all our students and parents for the
wonderful donations for their center. All the animals say thank you as well!

Parent Corner!

A special place for parents to share, care and reach out!
Feel free to share babysitting needs or other child related needs.



Faith Preschool & Kindergarten is an approved school to offer the
STEP UP FOR STUDENTS scholarships to qualified families and students.
For more information, please checkout the SUFS website at www.StepUpForStudents.org.
Faith Preschool currently has eight families participating with the SUFS scholarship programs
and they have been very pleased and successful with the options provided for their child. One
scholarship (Gardiner Scholarship) helps those children with special needs and the other
scholarship (FTC) is income based. Please talk to Beverly in the office if you would like more
information.

Faith Preschool & Kindergarten also offers financial assistance to families from the Scott Dailey
preschool scholarship fund. Please contact Beverly or the preschool office if you think you may
qualify or would like more information.

CLASS NEWS!

Two Year Olds with Mrs. Pearson and Mrs. Van Iddekinge

May is a special month for our classes. We begin by celebrating with our Mother's Day Tea.
Mother's Day Tea
May 4th & May 5th
8:45-9:15

In May we will be exploring the sea, beach and summertime fun. The children will pretend to
be a swimmy fish, a crawling crab, a wiggly octopus and a splashing dolphin. We will end our

year with a beach party. Beach towels, swimsuits, water shoes and sunscreen will be needed for the beach party.

End of the Year Beach Party
May 17th & May 18th
11:00
Sidewalk and ground area
near the Church
Parents Invited

April was a busy month! Thank you dads for coming to Cool Cookies for Cool Dads. The children were so proud and excited that you stayed for their circle time. Parents our garden is beautiful and colorful - thank you! The children loved planting their flowers and are tenderly taking care of them. Last but not least, thank you all for giving us a wonderful Teacher Appreciation Week. Your generosity touched our hearts.

Our room mother's Laura Arnold and Jamie Carbonell are the best!!! We can't begin to tell them how appreciative we are for everything they've done to help us this year. May is also the end of school year when we have to say goodbye till the new year. We have been blessed with our sweet little ones. Thank you for sharing them with us. We have such precious memories and your little ones will always have a place in our hearts. We will miss our angels, so please keep in touch. Have a safe and fun summer and we'll see you in August. God bless you all!

Two Year Olds with Mrs. Parry and Mrs. Phillips

We begin May by crafting Mother's Day gifts and sharing a special snack with our moms! We are thankful for all you do! We conclude the month (and our school year) with a fun unit on sea life.

Please join us for our spring program on Wednesday, May 10th at 9:30 in the Fellowship Hall (both classes will participate). Our class parties (think "water play") will take place on Monday, May 15th and Tuesday, May 16th at 11:00 am. Children should bring a swimsuit, towel, and water shoes or sandals for activities to begin after snack. Parents are welcome!

Special thanks to our amazing moms: Julie Cosper (Mason's mom) and LeyAnn LaFace (Wren's mom) these two have made our year incredibly easy and FUN! We are grateful to all our parents who helped make this year a huge success.

This has been a year of tremendous growth for our young ones: greater self-confidence, special friendships and an increasing sense of autonomy. Our hope is that each child has grown with the knowledge that school is a safe, loving and FUN place to be. We thank you for sharing your precious children with us. We will miss you all!!!

Three Year Olds with Mrs. Williams and Mrs. Lambert

It is incredible that there are only 3 full weeks of school left in this school year. The time has flown by! It has been a wonderful year and we have had a super group of kids - and we just added a new student! We want to welcome Elle and her family to our class whom have just relocated from overseas. We are so glad to have her! That puts us at 8 children on Tuesday/Thursday and 16 children in our Mon./Wed./Fri. class when you are planning your child's snack day.

During the month of April, our class has been learning about caterpillars and how they morph into butterflies; as well as learning about other insects. Some insects depend on flowers for survival - which will lead us right into our next unit on flowers and what they need to grow. We will be "opening" a flower shop in our dramatic play area which should be lots of fun! Make sure to drop by our garden next week and see what we have planted! We will close out the year with our unit on the deep blue sea.

We are having a Mother's Day Tea on Monday, May 8th at 8:45 in our classroom.
Our Spring Program is on Wednesday, May 10th at 11:00 in the Sanctuary.
Our end-of-the-year Splash Party is on Monday, May 15th. Details to follow.

It has been a joy and a privilege to have your child in our class this year! It has been amazing to watch them grow - learning how to get along with others, making friends and having fun at school! Thank you for sharing them with us! Have a great summer!

Three Year Olds with Mrs. Durham and Mrs. Larkin

I simply can not believe that in 3 short weeks these precious children will be moving on to VPK. They have learned and grown so much this year and have brought us great joy! We will be sad to send them off, but we know they are more than ready for the next big preschool adventure!

April was full of wonderful learning opportunities about Easter, and insects and bugs. We started the unit with some monarch eggs, which we watched and documented as one hatched, ate, and grew. We were so lucky we even witnessed as a class the caterpillar become a chrysalis! The whole process is such a miracle! Hopefully, a beautiful butterfly will emerge in the next few days! I hope you have been hearing many big words at home from this unit such as: larva, pupa, metamorphosis, and proboscis! I bet they can even tell you how many legs and body parts insects have, and the name of each body part! The kids amaze me with what they retain!

Katherine Peacock made ants on a log (and shared many butterfly facts with me), and Gretchen Sims made snack bag butterflies with the class, which were wonderful additions to our unit. We tasted honey, and drank juice from straws just like a butterfly drinks nectar with their proboscis.

Thank you to everyone who helped with teacher appreciation goodies, and door decorating, as well as basket donations for family fun night, and Easter Party treats! You have all gone over and beyond, and Gaynell and I are very thankful for all that you do!

We aren't slowing down as we finish out the year! In addition to reviewing all of our colors and numbers, we will be learning about (and celebrating) our mom's, as well as learning about sea life! Don't miss our Muffins for Moms on Monday, May 8th at 8:45. Our spring program will take place on Wednesday May, 10th at 11:00, and our splash party will be on the following Wednesday, May 17th at 10:45. In addition to all of this, we will be celebrating our summer birthdays, including Mrs. Larkin's. Please send in a flower or card on Friday, May 5th to show her some (early) birthday love!

We wish you all a wonderful summer and hope to see everyone for hugs in the fall!

Four Year Olds with Mrs. Fannin and Mrs. Roberts

May is here and our year together is sadly coming to an end. Where has the time gone!! We have a busy month of activities planned for your wonderful children.

Our unit for this last month together is an author study – Eric Carle and Spring at the Pond! We can't wait to create the most beautiful butterflies, lovely ladybugs, delightful dragonflies and slithery snakes you've ever seen!!

Our **Muffins for Mom** is on **Friday, May 12th at 8:45...** We hope that you can bring your child to school and let us pamper and celebrate you!

This year's **VPK Celebration** will be on **Wednesday, May 17th at 11:30** in the Fellowship Hall. Please mark your calendars for this short ceremony and celebration for your children. Our **End of The Year party** will be on **Thursday, May 18th at 11:00am**. We will send more information on our "Ladybug Luau" later.

We would like to take the opportunity to thank our wonderful room parent, Nicole Trafton (Jonathan's mom) and all of her wonderful helpers - you did an awesome job for our children. We also could not have had such a great year without all of our wonderful parents. You are truly the best!!!!

As the year comes to an end, we would like to again tell you how blessed we were that your children came into our lives. We will **TRULY** miss each and every one of them and they will hold a special place in our hearts. They have enriched and blessed us each and every day. Thank you for sharing them this year! Have a wonderful Summer!

Four Year Olds with Mrs. Mott-Smith and Mrs. Inerra

The merry month of May is upon us, and so the end of the school year. First of all, we want to thank each and every one of you for what you have contributed to make our year so special. Your involvement shows your priorities are your children and that is something you will never regret. May you always be your child's best advocate.

Our trip to Happy Trails Ranch was a huge success. Not only did we learn to respect these beautiful horses, but had the courage to ride them! Thank you, parents, for helping your children earn their way by helping out at home. Learning the value of the dollar was part of this experience.

We now turn to our Mothers Day Tea, which allows us to show our appreciation for our amazing moms. Please see your school calendar and watch for the special invite coming home. We have already been busy preparing for this special event.

Our units for this month are Sea Life, Mothers Day and Summer Fun. Letters are X, Y and Z. Watch for a very special keepsake alphabet book coming home. We have worked on it since the fall. Not only does it depict each letter of the alphabet in a delightful way, it shows the growth of a special part of your child.

It has been a pleasure and a privilege to have had your child at Faith. Have a safe and happy summer.

Four Year Olds with Mrs. McDaniel and Mrs. Williams

A,B,C...Z!!! Z is for Zoom! Our School year has flown by. We are finishing up our alphabet study and enjoying every minute of it. We are thankful for our class and every thing we have learned.

We went "down on the farm" at the Tallahassee Museum last week to get a feel for what farm life was like in the 1800's. In class we made our own yummy butter and Strawberry jam!

As our year winds down we will review our key concepts, talk about ways to enjoy summer, stay safe and **KEEP ON LEARNING!**

Please save these important dates, May 10th is the Spring Program, May 11th is our Mother's Day Brunch, May 17th is the VPK graduation and May 19th is the last day of school.

Look out Kindergarten here we come!

Kindergarten with Ms. Gumanis and Mrs. Christiansen

Can you believe the school year is almost over? What a productive busy year we have had. We are so lucky to have been able to teach such a wonderful class!

May is also busy, busy, busy! Graduation is on May 10th. This is always an exciting time! We are so proud of this great group of boys and girls, but so sad to see them leave.

Moms please join us on May 12th @ 8:45 for a special treat. We have been working on a gift for you.

Our class party will be on May 19th @ 11:00.

Have a safe and joyful summer!

Music with Mrs. Cooke

Dear Parents,

I can't believe how quickly the end of the year is approaching. I'm enjoying every last minute I have with your children who are such a joy to work with every day! They have really worked so hard as we are preparing for our Spring Program. I can't wait for you to see them shine! Please make plans to join us **next Wednesday May 10th** for the two year old program in the fellowship hall at 9:30 and for the older children in the Sanctuary at 11:00. Kindergarten students will need to be dressed in their **Sunday** best for their graduation ceremony, but

everyone else please come in fun, brightly colored "beach attire". Sun glasses, hats, and other accessories are encouraged!

Thank you all for making my first year here so incredibly wonderful and welcoming. I am looking forward to next year but will miss a lot of faces! Please let me know if you have any questions at all! And we will see you next week for our programs!

Faith Presbyterian Church News

Calling all VBS Heroes!

At VBS Hero Central, we will help children discover their strength in God through Bible stories, missions, crafts, games, science activities, music, and lots of fun! Sign up to volunteer by contacting Windy Taylor, wytaylor103@gmail.com, and join us in the excitement at VBS Hero Central: Discover Your Strength in God. VBS this year is June 19 - 23.

Registration News for 2017/2018 School Year

If you have not returned your contract for the 2017/2018 school year please do so as soon as possible. We need those to be returned to guarantee your spot for next year. Thanks!



DATES TO REMEMBER!

Wednesday, May 10 - Spring Programs and Kindergarten Graduation
9:30 Two Year Old Classes Fellowship Hall
11:00 Three, Four and Kindergarten Classes Sanctuary

Wednesday, May 17 - VPK Graduation
11:30 Fellowship Hall

Thursday, May 18 - Tea Honoring Mrs. Parry
Fellowship Hall 9-10 or 4-5:30

Friday, May 19 - Last Day of School

June 5 - 16 - Preschool Summer Camp

Monday, August 14 - Orientation 2017/2018 School Year

Tuesday, August 15 - First Day of School

Birthday Celebrations



Liz Peters May 14
Lark Mott-Smith May 30
Gaynell Larkin June 20
Johanna Gumanis June 30
Vicki Fannin July 15
Mary Kent McDaniel July 29

Please help us to make our teachers feel special
on their birthdays with a homemade card or flower from your garden.
We love them!

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