



Children's Ministry NEWS

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CLUB 45

At our last Club 45 meeting we went to Avante Nursing Home on Randolph Road and had spontaneous surprise birthday parties for

seven residents having birthdays in February. Here is what a couple of youth from our group had to say about the experience:

"A few weeks ago we visited a nursing home with baskets of fruit and balloons. We delivered these to people who had birthdays. We also sang them "Happy Birthday" and went around to speak to everyone. I really enjoyed giving everyone hugs and getting to know them. I am really looking forward to visiting everyone again!" — Morgan Rhoad

"I love old people and how enthusiastic they are when they see children. They are so sweet and have a good time with us kids." — Max Hester-Newnam

Our next Club 45 will be **Sunday, March 6**. Thaedra Withrow and Neal Brislin will be leading the program and Trish Baker and Tracy Nipp will be doing dinner. Please bring \$5 to help cover the cost of dinner.

Community Events

On Sunday March 27, from 2:00 - 5:30 Dr. John Rosemond will be leading a parenting workshop at Providence UMC. Activities will be offered for children throughout the afternoon. The workshop is sponsored by the Junior League of Charlotte. To register, go to www.cmsparentuniversity.org or call 980-343-0318.

UPCOMING Events

BINGO NIGHT

Saturday, March 19

5:30–7:30pm (new times!) in the fellowship hall Hungry Howie's pizza and salad for dinner PLUS Bingo, PRIZES, popcorn and ice cream sundaes! Cost is \$12 per family \$4 individual.



Please help by donating prizes (for children & adults). Drop them off in the box outside Melissa's office by Thursday, March 17th.

CREATED BY GOD

Our Human Sexuality workshop for 4th and 5th graders and their parents will be **April 7-9**. To register, email melissalamm@ststephenumc.net or sign up on the bulletin board outside my office by March 6.

Our facilitator, Susan Vaseleniuck, will meet with parents on **Wednesday, March 16th** to give you an opportunity to meet her, ask questions and review the material being used. At least one parent should be at this meeting. More information will be mailed to all participants prior to the workshop.



EASTER EGG HUNT & Catered Zaxby's Lunch Sunday, April 17

Peanut-free candy is needed by Sunday, April 10th. Please drop off in the box outside Melissa's office.

congratulations!

Davis Ingle, 4th grader, son of Paige and Trip Ingle, was inducted into the National Elementary Honor Society (NEHS) at Elizabeth Lane Elementary on February 24. Davis was one of only 23 kids to be inducted this year. Way to go Davis!!!

AWESOME

Trivia contest

Parents think it's impossible for you to draw, read, write notes to your friends, daydream and listen at the same time during worship but here's your chance to prove them wrong! Beginning March 13th, two trivia questions about the worship services will be posted on the website. Email your answers to melis-salamm@ststephenmc.net by the following Wednesday. One name will be drawn from the correct answers for each question. Winners will receive the prestigious honor of having their picture on the bulletin board outside my office, their name in our next newsletter and a fabulous prize. To be eligible, you must be in kindergarten through 5th grade. Answers obtained from "illegal sources" (Brandon, Tom, your parents or grandparents) will be disqualified. However, older siblings can help. Good Luck!

Summer Time

CAMP TEKOA - ST. STEPHEN GROUP

July 10-16. Look for brochures outside Melissa's office or go to www.camptekoa.org.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

July 18-22, from 9am-noon

CHILDREN'S CHOIR CAMP

August 1-5, from 9am-1pm. Performance August 7.

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Celebrating a



Libby Pirone will be **6** on March 3
Mary Cypert will be **6** on March 4
Ruth Cypert will be **6** on March 4
Katelyn DeFriese will be **10** on March 5
Krista Romaine will be **11** on March 6
Garrett Weaver will be **11** on March 10
Halle Dennis will be **9** on March 16
Baxter Dirks will be **8** on March 19
Katelyn Laws will be **3** on March 22
Samantha Midlam will be **5** on March 23
Sophia Fayed will be **5** on March 24
Ruby Johnson will be **8** on March 28
Ross Blong will be **9** on March 30
Meghan Ingersoll will be **9** on March 31
Allyson MacDonald will be **2** on March 31



This month:
Todd Baker, a 5th grader
at Dore Academy.

- If you were dropped off on a deserted island and could only bring 1 thing, what would you bring? [Water Supplies](#)
- If you could have dinner with anyone dead or alive, who would you choose? [Michael Jordan](#)
- Which animal at the zoo would you say you are most like? [Lion](#)
- If you could have a super power, what would it be? [Speed](#)
- What is your favorite thing to do on a day off from school? [Play video games](#)