

APRIL 2025

"I will consider all your works and meditate on all your mighty deeds."

~Psalm 77:12

Greetings NBCC Families! This month's newsletter is a little late in getting out, but there has been so much going on! April has been so busy, strike that, not busy... April has been a lot of fun! (The Boston girl in me wants to say that April was *wicked* fun!) Between the Spring Fling, (admittedly, I thought that people were exaggerating when they said that you could pet a baby kangaroo!) and Family Worship Day and of course Easter Sunday, there has been a lot going on! April has been a lot of fun, and time always flies when you're having fun!

I'm a big proponent of fun. And I believe that church should be fun. And not just for children. We are supposed to find joy when we worship the Lord! Scripture is filled with examples of believers experiencing the awesome power of joy and happiness that only comes from worshipping our God! 2 Samuel reminds us how David danced before the Lord (*David danced before the LORD with all his might. 2 Samuel 6:14*). In fact, in ancient times dancing was an integral part of worship and celebration. People were expected to dance and celebrate God.

The Bible shows us again and again that praising, rejoicing and celebrating God is not only part of the worship experience, but that it is also fun! "Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy, then they said among the nations 'The LORD has done great things for them" Psalm 126:2. As believers, we get to have fun when we worship, we are supposed to have fun and laugh and dance and praise! And as I reflect on the last few weeks at New Beginnings, there was a lot of FUN! I heard a lot of laughter at the Spring Fling! There was so much excitement during the giant egg hunt and everyone wanted to play with the baby kangaroo! It was so exciting to see children leading worship on Family Worship Day! Those kiddos practiced for weeks and their energy was contagious! And I had the opportunity to see a lot of families dancing

during the last worship song! It was incredible! I love seeing children leading worship and I love seeing families worship together. I feel very blessed to be a part of a church that emphasizes the importance of families worshipping together.

Easter Weekend was just as joyful. The children came to church ready to play sing and learn. Their energy was palpable! This month we have been focusing on God's redemptive story. Our series started with Moses and the Burning Bush, and how God sees his people suffering and shows up with a plan. All month long we saw how God had a plan and how that plan was fulfilled in Jesus. We will finish this series on Sunday where we will learn how Jesus revealed himself on the Road to Emmaus. And we will learn that Jesus isn't just somewhere out there, but that he is with us, and wants to be with us...forever.

This Sunday is also **CHOCOLATE SUNDAY!!** The kids have been learning their verses, and if they can recite the memory verses from February and March *and* April, then the chocolate bar is HUGE! Chocolate Sundays are my favorite! And I would be remiss to suggest that if you have a sweet tooth and like to have fun in church, consider joining the Children's Ministry Team! I may be biased, but I think we have the most fun!