

# *NBCC KIDS*

## NEWSLETTER

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**“When anyone lives in Christ, the new creation has come.  
The old is gone! The new is here!”**

**~2 Corinthians 5:17**

Spring always conjures up images of beauty, renewal and restoration. The days begin to get a little longer, and the sun feels a little warmer and I always feel an increase in energy and motivation. But spring also means something else...baseball. Growing up in Boston, March didn't necessarily mean that spring had sprung. In fact, usually March brought ridiculous snowstorms, complete with damaging wind that was bound to blow the power lines down, and leave much of the area shivering and miserable. But the one thing that could bring some hope that spring was actually springing, was the prospect of the Red Sox reporting to Fort Myers FL for Spring Training.

“Truck Day” was always headline news. That's the day the big Red Sox truck would load up all the gear and make the long drive to Florida from the icy arctic, otherwise known as, Fenway Park. It would offer residents so much hope to see the big truck emerge from Yawkey Way and the throngs of people who would brave the cold to see the truck off, knowing that in another few days the team would also be departing for the warmer climate, and start the annual preseason.

In my house, baseball was a “Big Deal”. My husband is a Sox fan through and through. He can tell you where he was on October 25, 1986 when Bill Buckner missed that crucial ball. Most Bostonians can. And when they relive that moment...well it can make a grown man cry. Of course that moment was entirely swept away when in 2004 the Sox annihilated St. Louis, again, I have seen men weep over that game too! But, aside from having a Red Sox loving husband, we also have 2 sons, who despite my best efforts, are also baseball fans.

Now, I have to be honest here, I am not a Sox fan. I am not a fan of any baseball team actually. Baseball bores me. It's long, and monotonous and I don't see the appeal. I realize I am in the minority, especially in my house! My youngest son plays baseball for Geneva College just outside of Pittsburgh, and although I am extremely proud of him, and impressed with his athletic accomplishments, (which he most certainly did *not* get from me!) I still find it terribly boring. I went to many, many games over the years and I would cheer my boy on, but I always brought a book.

All that to say, with spring in the air, and the Sox ranked 4th in the Grapefruit League, and my son's team gearing up for a big season, it seems like most conversations in my house center around a few key things: Endurance. Hope. Faith. And Commitment.

***“For you have need of endurance, so that when you have done the will of GOD you may receive what is promised.” ~Hebrews 10:36***

In baseball, players don't just play one good inning and quit, they have to endure the entire game. Conversely, even if they play poorly and are taken out of the rotation, they still have to *endure* the remainder of the game, and the entire season. Despite exhaustion, heat, struggles and loss, they keep going because there is a goal. The same is true of us. We need to endure. We can't stop doing what is right even when we're tired, or we're struggling, or experiencing loss. We may want to give up, but there is a goal.

***“Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.” ~Romans 8:24(a)-25***

In baseball, a lot of the game is about waiting. A player may go several innings without getting a hit. But they still hope their time will come! A team might be behind, but they don't give up. They wait for that perfect opportunity. Just look back at the 86 World Series for reference! The Mets were down 2 runs in the bottom of the 10th inning, and the rest is part of Boston's tragic history (something about a curse of the Bambino?!). Even fans (or moms who love their kids) sit through slow innings, hoping that something could happen. As a Christian, we hope in something we don't yet see. We wait patiently, even when nothing seems to be happening. And we trust the outcome, even before it arrives.

***“For we walk by faith, not by sight.” ~2 Corinthians 5:7***

Baseball is a game of faith. The batter steps up to the plate, not knowing what pitch is going to come hurtling at him. He doesn't know if it will be a wild pitch that could cause an injury, or a nice soft pitch that he could hit out of the park. But he still commits to the play. Players in the field have to run to track a ball, not knowing where it will land, trusting only in their instinct and training. A team can be down, bottom of the ninth, bases are loaded with a full count, but they play as hard as they can, with confidence because they believe they can win. As believers, we don't always see what GOD is doing, and we don't know how things are going to turn out. But we keep moving forward, in faith, trusting in something bigger and better.

***“Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the LORD, not for human masters.” ~Colossians 3:23***

In baseball, players give their full effort, even when no one is watching. Not every play is a homerun! Even the best hitters fail most of the time! A lot of the game is routine, but good players hustle every time, even when the crowd isn't cheering. Even when the crowd is boo-ing, they still work hard. Baseball teams only work well when the players put the team first. Intentionality matters. Sacrifice plays, taking walks, making the hard plays. It's not just about impressing the coaches or the fans. Major League Baseball has 162 regular season games, and for each game the players need to be consistent. Giving your best each and every time. Not just when it's exciting and your team is winning. But showing up and exhibiting good character. How the player reacts to a bad call, or a crushing defeat, matters.

How we act as followers of Jesus matters. Even when things are hard and we are facing a crushing defeat, we still work hard because we know that we are not working for others, but working for our LORD. Our “team” is serving GOD! Our purpose goes beyond wins, or stats, or recognition. Serving GOD means we don't quit after an error. We don't blame others, and we stay humble and work with the right attitude.

I may have to give baseball a second chance!

We have just started a new series in Kingdom Kids, “Created New”. Last week we learned how we are made in God's Image. We learned that GOD created the universe and everything in it, including us! His most precious creation. This Sunday we will look at how sin entered the world, and that despite Adam and Eve disobeying GOD, He still cares for us, and promised a Savior. On March 29th, we will look at the Crucifixion and how Jesus was sacrificed to defeat sin and fix our relationship between us and GOD!

Easter is April 5th and we will look at the Resurrection! Jesus isn't dead, he is alive! And we will finish the series on April 12th with the New Creation. We will explore how GOD loves us so much that he sent his son to die for us so our relationship with GOD can be healed and that we are made new! It's a big concept for sure, but by asking kids how they have changed over the last year, and asking kids how they have seen GOD change people in their lives. And asking the kids to think about their role in being made new, and the choices they make and how that impacts their faith. It's a weighty notion, but I will be breaking it down into pieces the kids can visualize and recognize.

As always there is a lot happening at New Beginnings! The annual **Spring Fling is March 28th!** We will have a huge egg hunt and lots of fun activities! The fun starts at 11:00, and you don't want to miss it! **Easter is April 5th** and we have **3** services that Sunday, at 8:00, 9:30 & 11:00! **Chocolate Sunday** is March 29th! The kids have been doing a great job memorizing their verses! I love giving out so much chocolate!

I want to take a moment and thank the amazing leaders who serve faithfully every week to ensure that the children are engaged, safe, worshipping and learning. I have the best staff and I am so incredibly blessed and grateful to each of them. I also want to thank all the teens and pre-teens who are learning what it means to serve. We do have a lot of fun, but I am truly amazed at the compassion and kindness that I see being poured out week after week. From crying babies, to energetic 5th graders who have so much energy and everything in between! Working with your children is my privilege, and serving alongside so many wonderful people is just an added blessing!



Thank you for allowing me to be a part of your children's lives and faith journey.

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