

September 2016

Dear families of preschool students,

We welcome your preschool student to church school! This is the beginning of a more formal time of Discipleship Education here at South Church. Research has shown that faith is “caught not taught” and that parents and other caring adults in the lives of our children are the primary formers of faith. Your influence is profound! We invite and encourage parents to take turns spending time in class each week.

Classes will include Bible stories, crafts, music and movement and lots of time to play and explore as we learn about God’s love for us.

You are invited to our Homecoming Picnic on Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup> after our 10:30 a.m. worship service. This is a great opportunity to return your registration forms (enclosed). **Please do register your child(ren). This helps us to ensure safety, plan accordingly (teachers and supplies), as well as assisting us in communicating with you more effectively.**

The first day of Church School is Sunday, September 25<sup>th</sup>, 10:30 a.m. We begin every worship in the sanctuary with our entire faith family and after the “Words with Children,” we proceed to our class. Please pick your children up in Room 205 (upstairs) immediately following the worship service.

Each week the Church School collects an offering to donate. As part of our goals in being a “Global Mission Church,” our classes will be sponsoring Lady Margareth Ornales from the Philippines again this year. Our older Church School friends have already developed a pen-pal relationship with her. Please help by reminding your child to bring an offering with them each week, even it is just spare change. Christian stewardship is an important practice and will be a regular part of their weekly worship.

On the back of this letter you will find a Church School calendar for the year.. I will be available during the Homecoming Picnic to answer any questions about Church School and the coming year. I look forward to seeing all of you soon!

Growing in faith together,

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