

Dear Families:

Welcome to the 2025-2026 Sunday School year! I am looking forward to working with you in order to grow your child's relationship with Jesus!

Upstairs, Pastor Bruce will be guiding the congregation in a study of the Ten Commandments. We are going to do the same thing downstairs so that families can have good discussions on the same topics at home. This week we learned about the first commandment: "I am the Lord thy God. Thou shalt have no other gods before me." Being Christians, we know that God is THE ONLY true God. He is our creator and gives us all that we have. Because of this incredible love He has for us, He deserves our constant worship. However, in our daily lives, many things compete for our love and attention. Needs of our family, work responsibilities, homework, friends, social media, sports, playing, video games- all of these things demand our time. When we take our time and our attention away from God and give to something else- even something GOOD like homework or our family- we are breaking this commandment. If we put God first and THEN devote time to other important things, everything else falls into place.

This week, make sure God comes before everything else. As soon as you get out of bed, talk to God. Praise Him when you see something beautiful outside. Thank Him when you are with your family. Thank Him when you're doing chores around the house for a place to live and food to eat. Ask God for help before you start your homework, play your soccer game, or head off to Scouts. Before you practice your instrument, tell God that you are going to try your best to make beautiful music for Him. God so wants to be a part of your life!

I know it seems early, but the class has already begun to think about this year's Christmas Pageant. We have a tentative date of Sunday, December 21, during worship. We hope your child will be able to participate with us!

Thank you for being with us today!

Carol McClellan, CE Director