

Over the last weeks of April and into May we will complete another year of ministering to children in our community through several vital aspects of our church programming.

Wednesday BLAST came to an end with a wonderful fun-filled night at the Rawson's home. There were train rides, volleyball, football, cornhole, trampoline, hot dogs, chips, and fruit along with Bible study and praise. We had a great time! Special thanks to our Family Life Director Kimberly Perez for the tremendous growth she has brought to this ministry. We are grateful to all those who have stepped in to assist with meals and programming needs.

The ASK program has completed another year of care for select students in first and second grade to provide one on one mentors to assist with self confidence in vital areas of reading, math, and self-esteem. I am extremely grateful to Beth Vickers and Sandra Hoegemeyer for their direction of this program, which of course would not be successful without the individuals who agree to mentor these students. What a wonderful way of partnering with our schools and meeting needs within our community.

Finally, let me lift up FUMP—our tremendous preschool program that cares for 50+ community children twice weekly as a means of preparing them for elementary school. Along that way we share the name of Jesus, we help them learn social skills, academic skills, and physical skills needed to be successful as they move forward in life. The program has been led by the capable leadership of Sherry Buchanan and Misty Skorupinski. These ladies have gathered a tremendous teaching team that we are incredibly blessed to have as part of the teaching staff. Our graduation plans are underway.

Our Youth program has also seen enormous growth this year. And it is a God sized blessing with a lot of responsibility that comes with that blessing. We are grateful for Roye Moran and his leadership, and for those individuals who have helped along the way. The numbers are approaching 50 especially with the incoming fifth graders. Please be praying for what God might be calling you to do to assist this ministry which will continue throughout the summer while still experiencing some breaks during the summer months.

Each Sunday we have teachers available to care for children and youth. There will also be activities planned for children and youth throughout the summer. Many of them will provide opportunities for families to come be a part of.

And of course VBS is just around the corner scheduled for July 8-11. This will require a full slate of adults and older youth who will come together to share a fun filled 4 day week of Bible stories, fun-filled games, science and crafts and music.

Many of your financial gifts have helped with all of these ministries. And as we always say we do need and appreciate your financial support of the ministries and missions of the church. But let us not forget that we are to be living sacrificial offerings and that is why we share with you this truth: We need your help to keep these ministries running. We are the church that is ready and willing to share and serve Jesus!