

# KIDS MINISTRY HAPPENINGS



*Matthew 19:14 - "Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven."*

## Kids Pastor Devotional

One of the most difficult things for a parent to do these days is remain undistracted and present with your family. Cell phones with constant connection may have increased our productivity, but they have certainly had a detrimental affect on the connectedness of a family. According to the Barna Research Group, "Nearly seven in 10 teens (68%) agree that devices keep them from having real conversations, and a third (32%) says devices sometimes separate them from other people. Younger generations see a paradox in which tech simultaneously connects and disconnects them from their peers." These statistics are not only true of teens, but also of their parents.

Proverbs 22:6 reminds parents to "Train children in the way they should go; when they grow old, they won't depart from it." Part of this training is

modeling right behavior for children to follow. If we spend our lives distracted by technology, then our children will grow believing this to be normal. We must be thoughtful parents, training our children to be relational and present in their daily lives. In this way, they will not be pulled away by the negative effects of this world, but will hopefully have their eyes open to the wonders of God's Creation and seek to build lasting relationships with people around them. When we as parents model Christ-like behavior for our children, then they will grow in Christ-likeness themselves!

Let us put away our phones, remain undistracted, and focus on the children God has placed in our lives.

~ Pastor Matt

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*FCC Kids*  
EVENTS

| February 18                        | February 23        | March 31      | April 28           |
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| Elementary Camp Registrations Open | Gen 56 Skate Night | Easter Sunday | Volunteer Training |

*Parent*  
RESOURCE

[www.habitsofthehousehold.com/](http://www.habitsofthehousehold.com/)

This resource has incredible insight into building Christian habits in the home. Check it out today!

# Preschool Corner

Spring is almost here, and I am so excited for all the special celebrations that come with it!

In March, we will be celebrating Palm Sunday with a 'Welcome Parade' complete with palm branches in our preschool rooms, and learning a special Resurrection lesson outside in our garden playground on Easter morning.

May and June, we will be celebrating moms and dads with special lessons and crafts. Make sure you save some room on the fridge!

I am also happy to say that we will be bringing back our tradition of giving all our 3-year-olds their own Toddler Bible as they promote into their new classroom on the first Sunday after



their birthday. I know how special it was for me to receive something that was all my own, and having that item being a Bible made it all that much more special.

See you all Sunday!

~ Mrs. Lillian

## Introducing Olivia Hardaway!

Hello all! If we haven't met yet, my name is Olivia Hardaway. I am your new Children's Director here at FCC! I am so excited to be a part of this ministry and cannot wait to meet more of you awesome families here at our church. I grew up watching my mom work in children's ministry, and so naturally I've always had a heart for working with littles. Before moving to Orcutt, I worked in Special Education in our hometown of Colorado Springs. Now that I have two beautiful little girls of my own (Oakley Mae (2) and Saylor Renée (10 months)), I am even more passionate about leading kids to Jesus. My husband Carson and I have felt so blessed to quickly feel at home here at FCC, we are excited to grow more relationships with all of you in our church! Thank you for being so welcoming, I truly am so grateful to be here and help teach your kiddos more about the love of Jesus and the story of God's word. -Olivia



### Olivia Trivia

Favorite color: Green

Favorite drink: Woven coffee

Favorite Treat: Chocolate Chip cookies

Favorite Holiday: Christmas

Favorite animal: Whales

Favorite bible verse: Philippians 4:6

### Interested in Volunteering?

FCC Kids Ministry is always looking for new volunteers. Whether you want to teach, lead games, do crafts, or just spend time with kids, consider signing up today!

Fill out our interest form here:



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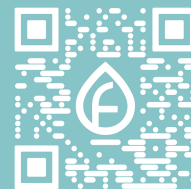
## ELEMENTARY CAMP REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN!

Each year, we bring students ENTERING 3rd Grade – 6th Grade to Forest Home, Ojai Valley for a 5 day, 4 night summer camp experience. We have biblical teachings, awesome worship, exciting activities, and fun night-time games! Details are below, but if you are interested in participating, sign up today!

Dates: June 16-20

Cost: \$400

Registration Link:



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*Volunteer*  
**TODAY!**