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## Follow Me

“Didn’t you know I had to be in my Father’s house?”

Luke 2:49

Imagine going back in time about 2000 years. You live in a small village. Mary and Joseph are neighbors of yours and you’ve watched their son Jesus grow from a toddler to an adolescent. It’s time for the annual pilgrimage to Jerusalem for the Festival of the Passover. Everyone is excited. You arrive and the worship is awe-inspiring. One the way back home, you are exhausted, but joyful.

Suddenly, your neighbors realize that their son is missing. Every inch is searched with no luck. It’s decided that Mary and Joseph will return to search for Jesus in Jerusalem. They rush back, only to find him in the Temple. His response, “Didn’t you know I had to be in my Father’s house?”

Every Sunday morning we have that same opportunity. We gather as a community, friends and family, to study God’s word, to worship collectively, and to fellowship. It is the one time during our week that we can find encouragement and refreshment for our faith.

Dear friends, I know you’re busy. I know that during the week you and your family are moving in ten different directions. I know you need rest.

Please resist the temptation to blow off Sunday School. This is the time you and your child can be in your Father’s house. Where else can your child learn the Bible throughout, come to know the names of God or His personality, or see how Jesus is the fulfillment of all the Old Testament promises?

Like a good multi-vitamin, Sunday School and the worship service provide all the spiritual nutrients your family may not always receive at home. This is not meant to condemn, but to encourage you. God longs for you to know how deep is love runs for you. Come find out.

In this with you,

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## Monthly Mentions

**Children's Church** is in need of extra hands to help out. If interested, call Megan Lloyd at 217-7892.

**A GREAT, BIG THANK YOU to Bethany Piersol & Linda Wilson** for the fantastic Trunk or Treat! All their hard work made for a wonderful day for our community. Congratulations to Lissa & Patrick de Fur for the coolest impromptu trunk. They won a gift card to Starbucks. The children also did a great job making cards for the veterans at the VA hospital and for those who partake of homeless ministries in Richmond. Thanks, too, to all the youth (and their parents) who came out and lent a hand. Ministry in action!

**Calling all potential Marys, Josephs, Shepherds and Wisemen....**Christmas Pageant rehearsals will begin shortly for all speaking parts. If you're interested in participating or helping out, please call Virginia Witmer at 282-1250

## Nursery Schedule

**Thank you to all from the congregation, as well as all the parents who have selflessly offered their time to care for our younger parishioners.**

**If you would like to be included on the schedule, call Jill at 288-1911.**

Date	Infants	Toddlers	Preschoolers
November 6	Katheryn Bowles	Laura Allin	Adrian Hudgins
	Carol Grainger	Lee West	Kaki Vint
13	Bethany Piersol	Elizabeth Spadea	Gretchen DeFrancesca
	Jake Piersol	John Spadea	Todd DeFrancesca
20	Kathryn Bailey	Karine Marshall	Susan Harrison
	???	Calvin Marshall	Hank Rich
27	Holly Curell	Ann Brown	Kate Garitz
	Ken Curell	Boyd Brown	Shawn Garitz