



Some of us might wonder why so many of our adults chose to get up so early and drive so far to attend an event specifically designed for youth, instead of just sending their children. We might wonder why the number of those wanting to go has grown over the last 3 years. I believe there are 2 reasons for this. The first is that, in general, Latinos are extremely family minded. It is generally assumed that if one member of the family is going to participate in something, then the whole family will also participate or at least be present as support. The first time I circulated the sign-up list for the Festival, I expected to get back a list of teens' names. Not only did I have teens' names, but their parents' names, siblings' names, and names of couples who didn't even have acolyte age children! Our church family is our extended family, and if a few of us are going somewhere to do something, then we will all try our best to also go to be supportive and share in the fun. And goodness knows, we do have fun together!

The second reason is that by attending an event like the Acolyte Festival, which is sponsored by Anglo congregations, we are given the opportunity to experience what it is to be part of the greater Church, the Church that exists beyond our chapel walls. It's a fun and easy way for us to learn what it means to be part of the Diocese of East Carolina. At events like this we experience the Church as multi-cultural and multi-lingual, united by mission and worship. We are unified in our desire to seek our Lord in places that are new and unexpected. It challenges us to reach out in friendship and love to our brothers & sisters in Christ who may not look or speak like us, but who love our children and our Lord as much as we do.

All in all, it was a great way to spend a Saturday. Won't you join us next time?



Erika Gachuz and her dad, Miguel, assemble their first pair of shoes.



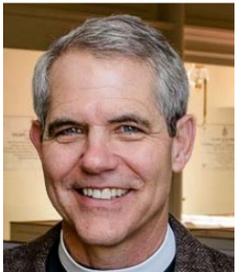
Brandon Hernandez & Gerry Chavez, with their new friend, show off their "soul" making skills.

Dear Friends,

I wanted to thank everyone who participated in our Lenten program this year. Thanks to all of you who brought food, set up and served, cleaned up and put away, led a small group and or participated in the events.

It occurred to me that we did not share the results of the Asset Mapping exercises and I wanted to do that in this issue of Keynotes.

First let me say it is my opinion St. Peter's has a strong bent toward helping people in need. That seemed apparent to me even before I came to serve as your Priest-in-Charge. Your giving to support groups in the community seemed more prevalent than the programs within the church. And looking at the results of the Asset Mapping there seemed to be much interest in adding new outreach ministries to those that already exist.



Following the last Lenten program I grouped the lists members created on the walls according to kinds and likeness. For instance, the largest category I came up with I called, "**Fairs, Workshops and Celebrations.**" This group contained four subgroups: Skills Fair, a Church History Day, an Art Workshop, and Community Events in the Churchyard. Members suggested these activities could be used as fundraisers to benefit outreach projects; tell the community who we are; bring church and community together to learn, celebrate and have fun. In all, there were twenty different people identified who said they were interested in doing this kind of ministry.

Feeding the Hungry was the second largest category identified by the group that evening. Eighteen people signed up for these. There were two subgroupings; Meals held at the church as a fundraiser and various programs and ministries that actually feed the hungry.

Seven people supported **Racial Reconciliation** ministries. The subgroups of integrating the Community and English/Spanish classes were mentioned.

Six people interested in a Saint Peter's Medical Outreach Program addressed **health** issues.

Five people interested in sponsoring a Habitat House identified housing issues.

Children's Needs were mentioned by seven people interested in an after school program such as Daycare or some kind of educational assistance/ classes.

Three people were interested in some kind of ministry or group that would help **coordinate volunteers and support community needs.**

Lastly, three of our members were interested hosting **Seminars for Elderly.** These seminars could address planned giving, advocacy, nursing home and end of life issues.

Overall, Fifty-nine people (some of these overlapped among the different groups) stated they believed we have the resources to address needs identified in our community. It also provides the names of people with a passion and willingness to serve others.

Demographic studies of the church in America over the last 20 years indicate a decline in attendance across the board in all denominations. Hence churches in America are getting smaller with the exception of ethnic churches. Though church attendance may be getting smaller consider the words of David Lose from one of his posts on "In the Meantime..."

"Did you know, for instance (and talking for a moment about my tribe), that each and every day in the U.S. 2% of the American population receives assistance and services from institutions founded by Lutherans. That's roughly 6-7 million people who are being helped by Lutheran SMOs every single day! (And this is only Lutherans – imagine how that number multiplies when you add other Christian traditions and organizations into the mix!) And here's the kicker – these ministries are only growing, serving more and more people each day and every year."

So, though attendance numbers may be getting smaller, the hearts of God's in America (and I believe around the world) continues to get bigger!

May our hearts continue to grow and may we continue to be a blessing to those around us.

Faithfully, Fr. Jim

Transition Event on Leadership Report

Held on April 6, 2016

For as the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of that one body, being many, are one body: so also is Christ. That there should be no schism in the body; but that the members should have the same care for one another. And whether one member suffer, all the members suffer with it; or one member be honored, all the members rejoice with it. Now ye are the body of Christ, and members in particular. 1 Corinthians 12:12; 25-27

So began our third Transition meeting, having the purpose of examining the meaning of leadership, our call to be leaders, the process by which decisions are made and communicated at Saint Peter's, and the qualities we desire and value, as the people of God, in our leaders. Our conversations centered on three topics:

What is leadership?

Acknowledging that leadership involves being present, being active and involved, and meeting the needs of others around us, outside our spheres, discussion included examining Saint Peter's **organizational chart** and a list of **ministries and services**. Many participants took home the chart and the list for future use. Some suggested that the chart and the list should be incorporated in new member orientation/ booklet and be available on the parish website.

Guidance for Decision-making at Saint Peter's.

Table leaders reported on the discussions at their tables. Groups at the various tables recognized that the Rector and the Vestry have the authority to make decisions; however, in the interest of a healthy church, important decisions should be discussed with parishioners and that there should be transparency in the process. Thus the consensus is that there be input from all levels. Some groups cited the blessing of same sex marriages and the Hispanic ministry as particular issues to be addressed. Table leaders noted that discussions were lively but not disrespectful and that those attending recognized the complexity of decision-making. Participants repeatedly emphasized the importance of transparency. Transition Team members concluded that more study of "hot issues" needs to take place.

Pastoral Leadership Survey

Given a list of seven characteristics of pastoral leadership, attendees identified the characteristics defined as Maturity, Leadership, and Joyous Worship as the top ones desired in our Rector.

The event closed with the singing of two praise songs: "They Will Know That We Are Christians by Our Love" and "Weave, Weave Us Together." John Thompson, David Francisco, and Joe Stringer led the singing.

Conclusion

Parishioners are willing to address difficult questions in a respectful manner and are in a problem-solving mode. The spirit of good will demonstrated at Saint Peter's allows us to grow and move forward with a renewed sense of unity and purpose.

On Behalf Transition Leadership Committee,

Laura Bliley, Betty Cochran, Philip Ninan, and Chris Padgett



Acolytes, El Coro, & Bishop Skirving - Acolyte Festival, St. Andrew's by-the-Sea



Catalina Hernandez and Feliciano Bueno pass the time with a stitch in time.

Mere Espinoza and Vianey Lopez are quite a "pair" of shoemakers.



Showing off a finished product is Celia Chavez, while Señor Bueno stitches away.



Part of "El Coro" poses with Bishop Skirving after the service.



We were 45 strong heading out to Nags Head at 6:00 a.m. on Saturday, April 30th. Our destination was the annual Acolyte Festival at St. Andrew's by-the-Sea, Nags Head. Our entourage consisted of 8 choir members, 14 acolytes, 4 children, 1 deacon, and 18 assorted parents and couples. It was the 3rd time the Spanish language congregation has made this trip, and the number of participants has increased each year. It's become a tradition for us, a special day long event consisting of mission work, worship, fellowship and family fun.

This year's Festival mission project was "Shoes for Africa". Adults and youth were instructed in making shoes – yes, shoes – that will be sent to various parts of Africa as part of a larger outreach mission. We cut out rubber soles, and then glued and stitched fabric tops to the soles. We had a lot of laughs comparing our shoe making skills! Some of our younger kids participated in fun & educational workshops about the Episcopal Church and the role of acolytes.

By 11:00 a.m. all the acolytes were vested and lined up for the grand procession. This included our Bishop, who has been at the Festival these past 2 years. He remembered many of our youth and adults from last year's confirmation service at St. Peter's, and they were quite impressed with that! The procession was impressive with each group of acolytes representing their church with their own style of vestments, beautiful banners, crosses, and even windsocks. St. Peter's acolytes were especially impressive in the solemn way they processed and revered the altar. Brings tears to my eyes just thinking about it.

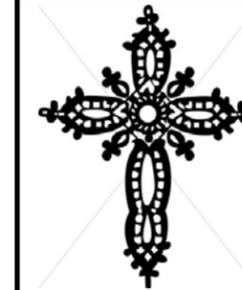
For the third year in a row, one of our own youth was invited to read the Epistle in Spanish. (This year it was Meredith Hernandez.) This was also the 2nd year our choir (El Coro) provided the offertory music. Their music must have really stirred the hearts of the congregation, as the whole church erupted into applause when they finished singing. Not a typical response during a church service, but certainly a well-deserved one!

After the service we were provided with a generous lunch and then moved on to the Acolyte Olympics. The Olympics starts off with a Jeopardy style game based on all things Episcopal. Then we head outside for more competitive, and comical, games. None of the St. Peter's teams have won the Olympics yet, but I have a good feeling about it for next year!

During our afternoon free time, the St. Peter's crowd ventured over to the Roanoke Festival Park in Manteo where we toured the Elizabeth II, the museum, and historic settlement. Afterwards, we headed back over the bridge and climbed Jockey's Ridge. (I swear the wind was blowing 100 mph!) We enjoyed a great dinner together and headed home, arriving in Washington around 10 p.m. *(continued on page 12)*

Church Attendance

	May 1	May 8	May 15
8 a.m. service	38	55	43
10:15 a.m. service	120	131	112
Spanish language service	49	51	----



ALTAR FLOWERS FOR MAY

May 1: Today's altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Virginia & Donald Bainbridge, Jessica & Robert Caldwell, Mary & Christina Caldwell, Dr. Kenneth Bainbridge and Betty Barys by the family.

May 8: Today's altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Mr. & Mrs. James W. Phillips by the family.

May 15: Today's altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Edna Jones & Braxton Bragg Dawson, Pearl & William Crawford Dawson, Edna & Thomas Nixon, Frances King Dawson, Julian Granberry Nixon, Tommye Nixon Dawson and John Peter Rascoe by Bragg Dawson and Nancy Dawson Rascoe.

May 22: Today's altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Frances & Irwin Hulbert and Callie Hulbert by the family.

May 29: Today's altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Pattie & Harry McMullan, Neva & Harry McMullan, Henry Blount Rumley, IV, Mildred & Henry Rumley, James B. McMullan, Jr., Bettie & Jim McMullan and Elizabeth McMullan Rollyson by the family.

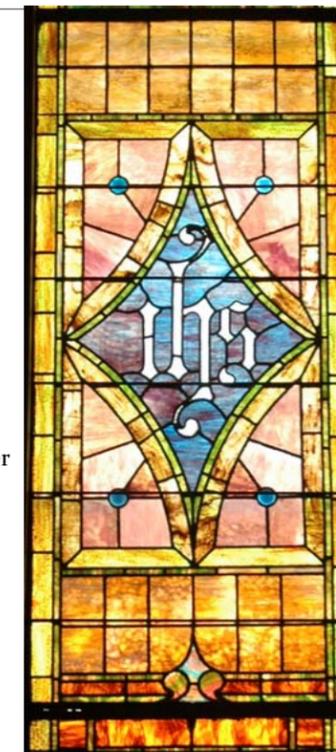
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Mark Henley-Outreach
Emma Holscher-Christian Education
Marcus Jones-Stewardship
Patrick Nash-Buildings & Grounds
Don Stroud-Clerk
Hank Van Dorp-Parish Life



Please Pray For:



Almighty God, we entrust all who are dear to us to thy never-failing care and love, for this life and the life to come, knowing that thou art doing for them better things than we can desire or pray for; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. The Book of Common Prayer.

Please Pray for: Rev. Danny Allen-Pastor at First United Methodist Church (Washington), Phillips Babcock-brother of Dick Babcock, Alan Bawden-friend of the Marles, Ryan & Fred Beachler-nephews of Michael Beachler, Phil Black-friend of Ed & Pam Hodges, Mike & Marcia Board-friends of Sonia Privette, Lex Breckinridge-friend of Swanson Graves, Nancy Chaffee-member, Tara Davison-cousin of Leslie Whitehurst, Bonnie & Calvin Grooms-friends of Henry & Florette Moore, Wilma Johnson-mother of Tamara Clark, C.T. Jones-cousin of Leslie Whitehurst, Rev. Lee Kinney-Pastor at First Presbyterian Church (Washington), George Maddrey-father of Trisha Baker, Mark McCoy-friend of Fred Holscher, Dr. Jimmy Moore-Pastor at First Baptist Church (Washington), Wanda Morrow-friend of St. Peter's, Dean Orr-grandson of John & Leta Thompson, Jessica Orr & Family-daughter of John & Leta Thompson, Acra Samuels-daughter of Hodges & Marsha Hackney, Mark Simmons-nephew of Bill & Betty Cochran, Sawyer Sonefeld-friend of Sonia Privette & Tamara Clark, Elaine Stephenson-sister of Tricia Baker, Paul Stevenson-grandson of Dill Lynch, Sis Thornburgh-member, Janet White-cousin of Dill Lynch.

Prayer list requests may be made by completing a prayer card from the pew rack in church or by calling (946-8151) or emailing the church office (jennifer@saintpetersnc.org). Names will remain on the prayer list for 30 days.

Sic Transit Gloria Mundi



So passes the glory of the world! The Episcopal Church Women are pleased to announce that all the profit (\$9,305.50) from the Gala Affair in May 2014 has been passed on to the world. We have given 60% of our profit to in reach concerns. The principal on the building fund has received \$5,660. Outreach activities were funded with 40% of our profit (\$3,722.20). Contributions made include: Back Pack Buddies, Camp Trinity, local Camp Trinity scholarships, Dominican Republic School Scholarship, Eagles Wings, Episcopal Farmworkers, Rector's Discretionary Fund, Ruth's House, Salvation Army, Stop Hunger Now, Wisconsin Nicaraguan Project and Zion Soup Kitchen. Thank you to all who supported and attended the Gala Affair making it possible to pass our glory on to the world.

ECW Notecard Sales

Some Sundays over the next few weeks, the ECW will be in the foyer area of the main building selling St. Peter's notecards at \$10 for a packet of 8 cards. If you want some cards and are unable to get them at church, please contact Bernice Marle at 946-0910, and she will arrange to get the cards you want to you.

The Lay Eucharistic Ministers remind the parish that if a member is unable to attend services, the gift of communion can be brought to them. To request this ministry, please call the church office. A reminder, also, that if you or a loved one is entering the hospital or nursing home, please let the church office know. Too often it is assumed someone else has called, and the clergy are late to learn of the situation. Too many calls are better than none at all!



Saint Peter's Attic Sale

Hark!...The herald angels say...Saint Peter is cleaning out his celestial attic and he invites you to do the same!

The ECW will host **Saint Peter's Attic Sale** October 14-15, 2016, in All Saint's Hall.

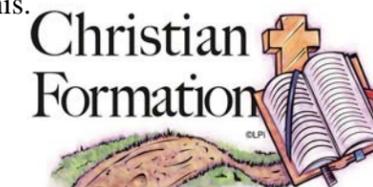
Saints and angels of Saint Peter's: please begin to plan what you would like to clean out from your attics and closets to donate to the sale. We welcome former treasures from your home, such as dishes and kitchen items, garden accessories and tools, furniture, rugs, gently used small appliances, artwork, fashion accessories, books, toys, sports items, and bric-a-brac. No clothing or shoes will be accepted, except those for babies up to the age of two.

Get busy! We can hardly wait to see what you find stashed away. Donations will be received the week before the October sale. Details will be provided in September.



Congratulations to Ted Hodges who graduated from the UNC School of Medicine on May 7, 2016. He was awarded his degree as a Doctor of Medicine with Distinction. He will do his residency in internal medicine at Vanderbilt which is in Nashville, Tennessee. While in medical school, Ted earned the following honors: induction into Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society and Gold Humanism Honor Society, and was a Heusner Pupil Award winner. Proud parents are Ed and Pam Hodges.

Adult Christian Formation surveys will be distributed at Sunday Services from May 22 to June 12. Representatives from Adult Christian Formation will be located outside the front and side entrances to the church. At the end of each service, they will collect your survey and give you an opportunity to personally provide ideas and opinions, if you would like. We need your input to contribute to our decision-making and planning for future adult education activities. Thanks for your taking time for this.





Province IV Event • For Middle Schoolers

WHAT IS PYEMS? It is Province IV Youth Ministries third Middle School Mission Experience. It is for Province IV Young People and the Adults who accompany to serve God and can get to know other young people within the broader Episcopal Church. The Diocese of North Carolina will be the event host at Haw River State Park.

PYEMS FOCUS: "The Lord God took the human and settled him in the garden of Eden to farm it and to take care of it." Genesis 2:15 CEB

- PYEMS will focus on how we honor God and honor creation
- We will do that in a variety of ways: worship, music, fellowship, education and work in a variety of contexts that support environmental stewardship.

WHEN IS PYEMS? Registration on Tuesday, June 21st is from 3:00-5:00 pm – The event ends Saturday, June 25th at 11:00 AM

WHERE IS PYEMS? Haw River State Park in the Diocese of North Carolina

WHO CAN COME TO PYEMS? Young people who have completed grades 6-8 by June 21st & the adults who accompany them on their journey of faith.

COST? \$300 per person from the Diocese of East Carolina (full fee is \$350, but there are funds to offset the registration fee) .

Travel:

- East Carolina hopes to have a large enough group so transportation can be provided by the diocese.

The **deadline to register for East Carolina is March 1st**. Send forms and checks made out to the Diocese of East Carolina

PYE-MS Registrtaion C/O: Emily Gowdy Canady
PO Box 1336
Kinston NC, 28503

The behavior of each youth and adult from your group is the responsibility of the adults who accompany the group to this experience. Please make sure each youth and adult reads the Community Covenant, understands what it says and signs the agreement to live by this Community Covenant. Each adult must have taken the Safeguarding God's Children Training in the Diocese. A letter will be sent to **confirm your registration** with further information about PYEMS and a list of "What to Bring."

For more information or questions please feel free to contact:

PYEMS Coordinators

- Amy Campbell - Diocese of North Carolina amy.campbell@episcodionc.org
- Emily Gowdy Canady - Diocese of East Carolina egowdycanady@diocese-eastcarolina.org
- Christy Beesley - Diocese of Tennessee - christybeesley@gmail.com

Province IV Youth Ministries Coordinator - Cookie Cantwell 910-763-1628 or cookie@stjamesep.org

Spiritual Director: The Rev. Bob Cooke, Diocese of North Carolina

Musician: Alex Haralson, Diocese of East Tennessee

Education for Ministry (EfM) Registration is Open for September 2016

EfM is a unique four year distance learning certificate program in theological education based upon small group study and practice. Since its founding in 1975, this international program has assisted more than 80,000 participates in discovering and nurturing their call to Christian service. EfM helps the faithful encounter the breadth and depth of the Christian tradition and bring it into conversation with their experience of the world as they study, worship, and engage in theological reflection together.

Questions: Contact Diane Furlough phone 757-272-6382 or e-mail d_furlough@yahoo.com.

When: EfM meet on Monday evenings at 6:30pm.

Where: Saint Peters Episcopal Church in the Woolard Room.

Start Date: To be announced

How to Register: Registration forms and payment forms will be located in folder next to the staff and vestry mail boxes.

Cost: 350.00 scholarships sometimes available.

Registration will be open to all Episcopal Church's in the Deanery.

Why you should join EfM by Diane Furlough

After hearing Ed Hodges talk about how important EfM had been to him and knowing that Ed was an historian, I signed up. Even though I was 71 years old at the time, it seemed that would be worth the time and energy invested and that it would be helpful both in informing me about the church that I had just joined and about the church in general. I was not disappointed.

The first two years are especially rewarding as we study the Old and New Testaments: the history as well as the importance and meaning of those books. Third year is the history of the Christian church and what an incredible history it is! It is utterly amazing that we have a church at all considering the obstacles that have been placed in the path of its development. The fourth year we studied some theology and learned how to apply it to our own everyday lives.

I would heartily recommend that anyone interested in church, religion, or history and their connections to our everyday lives take the course. It is definitely worth it!!!

Reflections on EfM by Paul Keel

EfM is not easy to describe; it's easier to describe what it is not. It is not a Bible study, though the Bible is thoroughly examined and studied. It is not a class in church history or theology, though both are learned about in EfM. It isn't really a class in anything. EfM is an adult learning seminar, designed to equip the people of God (us) for ministry. All baptized Christians are called to ministry, whatever form that may take, and EfM is an excellent preparation for whatever that may be. I will be graduating from EfM this year, having completed four years of seminars, and I can say that EfM does work. I grew up in a Christian home, went to a Christian school and studied the Bible from elementary school until early adulthood, yet I have learned more about holy scripture than ever before in the first two years of EfM. I've also learned much about the history of our faith, and have been exposed to the works of many theologians. The most important thing I've learned from EfM is Theological Reflection, which is a practice used to view anything in theological terms. My descriptions of EfM fall short of what it actually is, but if you are interested in exploring your faith and tradition, preparing to find your ministry or changing your perception of what that might be, EfM can help.



New members of the Altar Guild are always welcome. Teams serve once every 7 weeks and provide important and very needed services to Saint Peter's. Please contact Barbara Grimes at 946-6446 or bgrimesio@suddenlink.net for more information. Thank you.



DeColores! The Cursillo Reunion Group will be meeting on the first and third Tuesdays from 1-2pm in the church library. Our next meeting will be June 7th. We will be discussing the book, "The Story". All are welcome.



Building Loan Balance

As of May 12, 2016, the balance of the building loan was \$159,606.26.



Spring UTO Ingathering Report

On Sunday, May 8, women of Saint Peter's (and some men) brought their blue boxes and envelopes to the altar. The coins, bills and checks in those boxes and envelopes represent the thanksgivings and prayers of many.

The spring ingathering amounted to \$1158.74. This amount has been sent to the Diocese of East Carolina. From there it will be forwarded to the national UTO offices.

Ruth's House, a domestic violence shelter in Washington, received a grant from UTO in its formative stages.

ECW thanks all those who filled their boxes and envelopes and for the thanksgivings their contributions represent.

Betty Cochran, ECW Chairperson



Ushers Needed

We are looking for reliable volunteers to join our Usher teams for the 10:15 am services. If you are interested, please contact Ray Heath at 974-0732 or by e-mail at rheathio@suddenlink.net Looking forward to hearing from you. Thank you.

"Mama Look" is the title of a new book given to St. Peter's library by Peggy Koonce. It is a compilation of the writings of her husband, Taylor Koonce, and contains essays, letters, and poems. Taylor, a lifelong resident of Beaufort County and member of St. Peter's has captured Eastern North Carolina life on its farms and rivers, and in the people and places around us and in those who have gone before, including its early Native American residents. It is really delightful reading. He was a skilled and talented author.

For now, it will be on the table in the library, later on the local history shelf. Please sit and enjoy the book in the library, not taking it away, so that all may treasure what Taylor has written and Peggy has compiled in his memory.



Help us keep in touch with you!

Please make sure and contact the church office if you have moved, changed your phone number or have a new email address.

Send updated information to jennifer@saintpetersnc.org or call 946-8151.

Blood Drive Time Again!!

Mark your calendars for the annual St. Peter's Red Cross Blood Drive on Tuesday, May 31st from noon to six. We have the always crucial drive following Memorial Day. Last year we made our goal, but it is getting harder and harder each year because of the many scheduled drives around town. Hopefully we can get a larger percentage of donors coming from St. Peter's congregation this year. You may sign up by

E-mailing me; on the sign-up sheet on the Red Cross bulletin board; or on-line at <http://www.redcross.org/rcbmobile/drive/chooseDonationTime.jsp>. **Most urgently, you are asked to consider donating a pint of blood. "Every two seconds, over 43,000 times a day, someone in the U.S. needs blood."**

Sallie Scales, 946-9443

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GIVE BLOOD



SAVE LIFE

Church Nursery

We want your family to have a wonderful nursery experience as we partner in your little one's faith development. Our nursery strives to be a place where each child feels safe and parents feel comfortable leaving their precious little ones. Our nursery provider, Tasha Daniels, is an experienced childcare provider who strives to make sure your child's experience will be a positive one. She enjoys children and looks forward to spending time reading books, making crafts, playing and sharing the love of Jesus with them while parents participate in our worship service.

All children ages 4 and under are encouraged to join Tasha on Sundays at 10:15am.

