



# Children's Ministry Newsletter

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## THIS MONTH'S TOPICS:

## Introducing the Children's Ministry Newsletter!

The Children's Ministry has created a newsletter to better communicate with the parents of Orange Coast Community Church. Our goal is to distribute the newsletter monthly. It will contain important information, such as what your children are learning that month, articles about the Christian faith to encourage your child's walk with God and upcoming Children's Ministry events. Eventually we would like to distribute this newsletter via email. If Children's Ministry does not have your email, please give it to your child's teacher. We encourage you to read the newsletter and share the contents with your family. Thanking the Lord for all of your support!

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## Teachers and Topics: September

Class	Teacher(s)	Topic
Toddler	Natalie Myrick/Flor Descalzo	"I See God's Love at Church"
1st & 2nd Grade	Rebecca Morris	Lesson 1 - "A Brand-New World"
3rd - 6th Grade	Rachel Coddington	Lesson 1 - "A Brand-New World"
Jr. High	Ruth Ramirez	Lesson 9 - "Fruit of the Spirit"
High School	Darlene Zamorano	Apologetics

## Upcoming Events!

9/11/2011 - Church Baptism

## Church Baptism - 9/11/2011

Join us at Newport Dunes for an all church baptism! Lunch will be served at 12:00 P.M. and the baptism will follow immediately after. Hot dogs and desserts will be provided. Please bring your own drinks and a side dish to share.

**Newport Dunes - 1131 Back Bay Drive, Newport Beach**

**Directions:** Take the 55 South to 73 South.

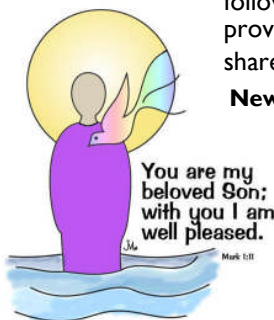
Take exit 17 towards Jamboree.

Merge onto SE Bristol.

Turn right on Jamboree.

Back Bay Drive is on the right.

Parking \$10 - \$15



## Teacher's Message

We have had a great start with the new curriculum. After promotion in June, the children settled in to the new routine. This year in classroom 3 we are focusing on independence and responsibility.

One of the new responsibilities that have been added is snack distribution. Each month there is a new snack chart made up in which each child picks a Sunday they would like to bring snack for the class. At the beginning of a new month please look for a copy of the chart that will be sent home with your child(ren).

As you are aware, tithing is a very important part of church life. This money is a symbol of thanks we show to God for all he has given us. This money goes to pay the Pastor, the utility bills, rent on the facility and the list goes on. We have a weekly donation canister where the children

put their money to help the children understand what tithing is, what it represents and what it is used for. The amount is not important. What is important is that the children understand, not only from the teachers but you as a parent, the importance of giving back to God. Every few months the class decides what they would like to do with the funds in the jar. Last year the class decided to



give their contributions (which totaled \$35.00) to Children's Ministry's to support Vacation Bible School.

We are also stressing the importance of helping both at home and in the community. Each week the children share what they have

done in the past week to help their parents and siblings at home as well as showing kindness in the community. Such as holding a door open or helping a neighbor. The children have really been excelling and meeting the weekly goals they set for themselves.

If you expect the best from the children they will shine like a star!!

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to work with your children. - *Paulene Hailey*

## “Do it at home”: Tithing

*This part of the newsletter will have suggestions for what parents can do it a home to reinforce what your children are learning in class. This month's topic: Tithing.* Tithing is one of those essentials of Christianity that we can easily demonstrate and encourage in our children at a young age. What is tithing? Simply giving back to God what he has given us. Examples of tithing can be found throughout the scriptures:

- **Genesis 14:20** - Abraham gives

Melchizedek a tithe from the spoils of his victory.

- **Genesis 28:20-22** - After the vision of God's renewed covenant, Jacob initiates a covenant with God vowing to give him a tithe of what he receives from the promised land.
- **Malachi 3:10** - God instructs Israel to bring their tithe into the storehouse.

A great way to teach your children the act of tithing is to have them bring a weekly offering to Sunday School. The amount of the tithe is not important. It is the simple act of giving that will teach your children this basic tenet of Christian faith.

“Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. And thereby put me to the test, says the LORD of hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you a blessing until there is no more need.”  
Malachi 3:10