

## IS YOUR CHILD READY TO BE BAPTIZED?

Baptism can easily lose it's true meaning as outlined in the Scriptures. It's a time for a believer to make a public statement of faith in Christ and a desire to live, with his help, as a faithful servant of God.

The next baptism service is September 13. If your child is considering baptism, call Pastor Herb Owen and set up a time for him to meet with your child to talk about it. You can reach Herb anytime at (703) 254-8305

## AND ARE YOU READY TO JOIN OUR TEAM?

The Children's Ministries of Cherrydale are staffed by committed older teens and adults who want to help our kids know God and grow to follow him.

We currently have ministry opportunities available. We are building a list of substitute teachers and workers to fill in when our teachers or workers are out of town, sick, or have an ill child at home that needs attention.

If you want to know more about opportunities for ministry and service, call Herb Owen and learn more.



## WHAT A WEEK WE HAD AT VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL!

The origins of VBS can be traced back to a Hopedale, Illinois Sunday School (also a public school teacher) who wanted more time to teach Bible to the children. So in 1894 D.T. Miles used a local school to teach the students and a nearby park for recreation.

In 1898 Eliza Hawes, director of the children's department at Epiphany Baptist Church in New York City, started an "Everyday Bible School" for slum children at a rented beer parlor in New York's East Side. Hawes continued her efforts for seven years.

Last week almost 200 different children were on hand for Cherrydale's VBS - "SunRock Kids Camp" - as we studied the life of Peter, made crafts, played games, raised money for Bibles for Azerbaijan, and had an amazingly great time!

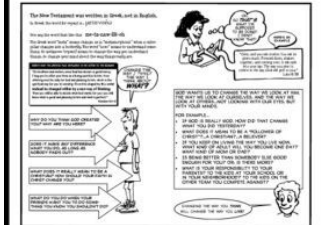
Thanks to those who helped, and to those who loved their children and grandchildren enough to get them here. It was great!

## WHAT IS KIDS CHURCH LIKE FOR GRADES 3-6?

It meets at 10am each Sunday for grades 3-6 in room 300. (The grade-level will be different in the fall.) As children enter, there are crafts to make, video games to play and other kid-friendly things to do. Then we settle down to business.

Kids worship in music, hear what's going on for them at Cherrydale, and have a Bible lesson taught by their own pastor, Herb Owen.

This summer Herb is teaching through the commands of Christ. When kids leave, they receive a copy of "Daily News" which reviews that day's lesson. It also refers them to our kids ministry website and lists Herb's phone number and e-mail address should they want to contact him during the week with your permission.



Inside they'll find the lesson itself as Herb taught it, with a few other resources included for further study.

On the back page we've provided a Bible study sheet to use in having their own quiet time devotions. More copies can be downloaded and printed from our kids website.

Please encourage your son or daughter to be with us each Sunday for Kids Church, and to stay for the 11:30am service for SACK...Sunday At Cherrydale for Kids...a practical Bible study.

And when you pick up your children, ask to see Daily News (and always ask for Family Talk) and have them share what they learned. You can always download Daily News from our website if you miss a Sunday, or if your child's copy doesn't quite make it all the way home. Thanks for sharing your children with us and for allowing us to be a part of their lives.

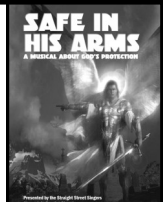


## NEW ROOM FOR FIRST GRADE CLASS; NEW KIDS CHURCH BEGINS

We're moving things around on the third floor to do a better job this summer of ministering to your children. The first grade class at 10:00am has moved to the Conference Room for the remainder of the summer. The Kindergarten class at 10:00am moved to room 306. And for the remainder of the summer the grade 1-3 Kids Worship at 11:30am will begin in room 300/302 and move to room 304 for the remainder of the hour. Thanks for being flexible!

## KIDS MUSICAL DVDS AVAILABLE

The kids choir, "The Straight Street Singers" presented *Safe in His Arms* in May. DVDs are available from Pastor Herb for five dollars.



Stories like this one from the *Dayton Daily News* have been making the rounds of newspapers across the USA. We reproduce it here for you to think about and discuss with other parents to decide, "What do we think about this?"

In their endless campaign and their inherited duty to confound their elders, this latest generation of teenagers has adopted a new weapon:

### *Hugging.*

As detailed by a recent front-page story in The New York Times, teenage hugging has become an epidemic stretching from one coast to the other. Girls are hugging girls. Boys are hugging boys. Boys are hugging girls and vice-versa, which is not really a new development, except that now the inter-gender embraces do not necessarily have ulterior motives.

"For Teenagers, Hello Means 'How About a Hug?'" according to the story's headline.

"We're not afraid, we just get in and hug," a male high school junior is quoted as saying. "The guy friends, we don't care. You just get right in there and jump in."

"We like to get cozy," an eighth-grade girl in San Francisco explains. "The high-five is, like, boring,"

One might think that the practice of kids exchanging hugs, not drugs — or slugs — would be welcomed without reservation and even with open arms by parents and educators. One might be wrong.

- A parenting columnist for the Associated Press admits that she is baffled.

"It's a wordless custom, from what I've observed," she writes in her book, "13 is the new 18." "And there doesn't seem to be any other overt way in which they acknowledge each other. No hi, no smile, no wave, no high-five — just the hug."

- Experts have been consulted to delve into what this threat of teenage hugging is all about.

"Without question, the boundaries of touch have changed in American culture," declares a Virginia

sociologist. "We display bodies more readily, there are fewer rules governing body touch and a lot more permissible access to other people's bodies."

- Attorneys are standing by to fight for the constitutional rights of students who might feel pressured by their peers into hugging. The day after the Times story was published, a legal Web site in Michigan warned that parents "should be alert to the potential downsides" of hugging.

- And school officials, naturally, are having trouble getting their arms around this latest form of teenage rebellion. Some have instituted a "three-second rule" to

limit the length of a hug. A few years ago, in Bend, Ore, a middle school girl received detention for illegal hugging.

"Touching and physical contact is very dangerous territory," notes the principal of a high school in New Jersey, where student — and, presumably, faculty — hugging was banned two years ago. "It was



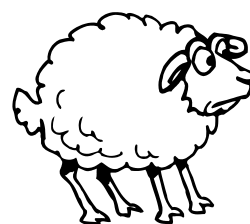
needless hugging — they are in the hallways before they go to class. It wasn't a greeting. It was happening all day."

As a parent and a lifelong non-hugger, I understand that principal's concern. There's always the risk that, at some point, a hug may become something more serious than just a hug.

But, I've lived through several generations of teenagers for which we fretted mostly about sex, drugs and lock-and-load. I guess that's why the phrase "needless hugging" seems like it should be the least of our worries.

- by D.L. Stewart , Contributing Writer

**DID YOU KNOW THAT TRADITIONAL FOOD IN AZERBAIJAN INCLUDES BREAD, PANCAKES AND THICK SOUPS? THE SOUP**



**IS OFTEN MADE WITH MEAT AND SHEEP FAT! PRAY THAT TEAMS GOING TO AZERBAIJAN WILL NOT HAVE ANY PROBLEMS ADJUSTING TO THE AZERBAIJANI DIET.**