

## **Christian Board of Education Annual Report**

### **Sunday School**

The Sunday school year of 2008-2009 began on September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2008 on Rally Day. Approximately 12 children registered for Sunday school. There were six children in the Pre K-Kindergarten group, two children in the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade group, four children in the 3<sup>rd</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> grade group. Attendance varied week to week and remained steady until after Christmas time where inclement weather and cold days produced low attendance. During the spring months, attendance was up and down from week to week. On the whole, it was the younger children who came regularly while the older children dwindled down to just a few. We continued with the Gospel Light Curriculum for the Sunday school program. We purchased curriculum for the fall and winter months and ended up not ordering at all for the spring because attendance was low. We didn't have as many teachers as last year and ended up combining grades 1-6 with using just one teacher. The curriculum for grades 1-6 consisted of bible stories, study guides and some take home papers. There were bible stories and arts-n-crafts application for the Pre K-Kindergarten group.

### **Special Events**

Every year, the CBE likes to put on special events for the children to participate in and invite their friends along for the some fun and learn about our church. The CBE helped out in the Acton Apple Fest for the first time in a long time by providing children activities. There were crafts, games, and fun activities that were festive for the event. Many children came from the community to participate. We ended up running out of pumpkins to decorate and used up some spare apples. It was very successful and highly attended.

Our annual Christmas Pageant was postponed due to the ice storm. We were all disappointed, but decided that we had a great program in place for December 2009!

In February, we asked the children to bring a friend to church to celebrate "Friendship Sunday". The children made their own invitations for their friends. A handful of children brought along a friend to church to play games, share their experience of Sunday school and afterward, enjoyed a special snack at the "Children's Table" during fellowship time.

This year's Easter Eggstravaganza brought along some nicer weather than past years. We had approximately 24 kids participate in this event. This year, many families came to enjoy the games, refreshments, crafts, Easter egg hunt, and of course, visit with the Easter bunny. The children actually had their egg hunt outside for a change!

Summer is a time of taking a break from school, work, and the routine of everyday life. It is also fun time to be outdoors, make new friends, and become closer to God. Christian Camp is and has been great for children to really reflect on their relationship with God in a fun and educational environment. This past year, we had five children attend camp.

This year's VBS was a huge success! Son World Amusement Park was the theme for VBS during the week of July 13<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup>. We had around six people help out with preparations and managing the event. A total of 25 kids registered and came nearly every day. Each day the children participated in the assembly area where they learned new songs and heard the message of the day. Afterward, children rotated to arts-n-craft, outside games, bible study and then came together for a special snack. There were prizes/awards given away daily for remembering the message of the day and stories learned from the Bible study. We ended the VBS week with a fun family event, "Carnival Day." All the children were excited to share in this event with their family and friends. The carnival-entailed games, bouncy house, pet the pony, purchasing some souvenirs using their earned tickets, and enjoying a family barbeque. It was a great week of fun, nice weather and a real supportive community event.

We want to thank the congregation for all their support throughout the year to making our program successful. We couldn't do it without you!

Thank you,  
Suzanne Rickard  
CBE Chairperson