Dear Parents,

We are SO excited about Summer Camp 2014!! We have been planning for months, and we want to be sure to keep you informed about what's going on! PLEASE be sure to read this letter in its entirety because there is a lot of important information you need to know! =]

This summer's theme is "God Sees Our Heart": 1 Samuel 16:7 says "The Lord doesn't see things the way you see them. People judge by outward appearance, but God looks at the heart." For the next 10 weeks, we will be exploring what the Bible says about inner beauty and guarding our hearts. God sees our hearts and cares more about our inner beauty than our outer beauty. We will also be looking at how God sees all and knows all, so we can't hide anything from him. We can be real with God because he knows our hearts and inner thoughts. Our annual summer musical will also be focusing on this theme as well.

Below is a list of each week, important dates (which are also included on the calendar), field trips, and anything else you may need to know. It is **IMPERATIVE** that you keep up with the dates and deadlines as the summer tends to fly by, and we don't want anyone to miss out! Please keep this letter to refer to over the entire summer.

\*NOTE: A \$60 registration fee AND a \$40 activity fee are due at the time your child is signed up for summer camp. The \$40 activity fee covers all field trips (excluding The Lock-In/Pensacola Little Theater's "Annie" and The Track), craft supplies, weekly activities, parties, and dinner for play performance. You MUST still sign your child up for any field trip you would like them to go on. The sign up list will be outside the door each week. ALL field trips MUST signed up for NO LATER than the Wednesday before the field trip so we can make sure we provide enough transportation. If your child is not on the list by the end of Wednesday, we CANNOT take them with us. We have two big events for the summer that will need to be signed up and paid for separately so we can purchase tickets in advance. Please see the form below.

Friday, June 6<sup>th</sup>: Park and Ice Cream

Friday, June 13<sup>th</sup>: Swimming

Friday, June 20<sup>th</sup>: Pensacola Children's Museum/Downtown Historic Pensacola/Picnic

Friday, June 27<sup>th</sup>: Movie – "How to Train Your Dragon 2"

\*Friday, July 4<sup>th</sup>: NO FIELD TRIP – CLOSED FOR INDEPENDENCE DAY

Friday, July 11<sup>th</sup>: Cici's Pizza & TBA

Friday, July 18<sup>th</sup>: Bowling at Oops Alley & Benny Hill Park in Pace (with picnic lunch)

Friday, July 25<sup>th</sup>: Pensacola Little Theatre – "Annie" and Lock-In at Step by Step (see below)

Friday, August 1<sup>st</sup>: NO FIELD TRIP DUE TO PLAY PRESENTATION

\*THURSDAY, August 7<sup>th</sup>: "The Track" (Go-Carts, Minigolf, Bumper Boats) – Gulf Shores, AL (see below)

Please fill out and return the following form by NO LATER THAN JUNE 29<sup>th</sup>

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FIELD TRIP & LOCK-IN : Friday, July 25 <sup>th</sup>
Pensacola Little Theatre – Wizard of Oz" Cost: \$20includes dinner & breakfast
*Show starts at 7:30 p.m.; your child may stay at Step by Step and dinner will be provided. They may also stay for our Lock-In that
evening, and we will provide breakfast the next morningMy child will attend BOTH the play & the lock-in
My child will attend JUST the play
My child will attend JUST the lock-in
My child will NOT attend

# WEEK 1 - (June 2 - 6): God

Focus: God knows all, and God sees all. He looks at our hearts.

Verse: 1 Samuel 16:7 "The Lord doesn't see things the way you see them.

People judge by outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart."

Special Activities: Wednesday, June 4<sup>th</sup> - Ooey Gooey Day

(We WILL get messy!!! Be sure to dress accordingly and bring a change of clothes!!!)

Field Trip: Friday, June 6<sup>th</sup> – Park and Ice Cream

bring: picnic lunch (no warm ups)

leave @ 9:30

#### WEEK 2 - (June 9 - 13): Satan

Focus: The Deceiver...tries to hide who he truly is. He was an angel in Heaven, but he tried to become God who he was

NOT. He is beautiful on the outside....evil on the inside.

Special Activities: Wednesday, June 11<sup>th</sup> Bon Appetite!! – Cooking.....We will make and cook our own pizzas and cookies

Field Trip: Friday, June 13<sup>th</sup> – Swimming

bring: swimsuit (modest, please....no two piece), towel, change of clothes, sunscreen

leave @ 8:30

# WEEK 3 - (June 16 - 20): Jacob and Esau

Focus: Jacob hid who he truly was in order to steal his brother's blessing

<u>Verse</u>: 1 Peter 3:3 – "Don't be concerned about the outward beauty of fancy hairstyles,

expensive jewelry, or beautiful clothes."

Special Activities: All week: Travel through time....dress up in different decades, & we will do activities based on the decades.

Field Trip: Friday, June 20<sup>th</sup> –Pensacola Children's Museum/Downtown Historic Pensacola

bring: picnic lunch (no warm ups)

leave @ 9:15

### WEEK 4 - (June 23 - 27): Peter

Focus: Peter said he would never deny Jesus, but Jesus knew that Peter would deny him 3 times.

<u>Verse</u>: 1 Peter 3:4 "You should clothe yourselves instead with beauty that comes from within, the unfading beauty of a

gentle and quiet spirit, which is so precious to God."

Special Activities: Red Carpet Premier: In groups, write a short movie or puppet show, rehearse it, film it, premier it to class

Field Trip: Friday, June 27<sup>th</sup> – Movie: "How to Train Your Dragon 2"

bring: lunch, OPTIONAL: Extra money for popcorn and drink (please note: some children will bring money & some won't)

leave @ TBA

# WEEK 5 – (June 30 – July 4): The Pharisees

Focus: Hypocrisy....the Pharisees were religious leaders who always made a show of their outward worship and good

deeds when their hearts weren't really in it.

Verse: Jeremiah 17:10 – "But I, the Lord, search all hearts and examine secret motives. I give all people their due rewards

according to what their actions deserve."

Special Activities: Thursday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>: Luau Party

Field Trip: NO FIELD TRIP DUE TO INDEPENDENCE DAY......CLOSED JULY 4<sup>th</sup>

# WEEK 6 - (July 7 - 11): Adam and Eve

Focus: Adam and Eve made a mistake and sinned, but they tried to cover themselves up and hide their sin. God saw what

they did, and he saw their hearts.

Verse: Hebrews 4:13 – "Nothing in all creation is hidden from God. Everything is naked & exposed before his eyes, and he

is the one to whom we are accountable."

Special Activities: Mystery Week!!! We will split up in groups & decode riddles, follow clues, and hunt for whodunit all week!!

Field Trip: Friday, July 11<sup>th</sup> –Cici's Pizza & TBA

bring: leave @ TBA

# WEEK 7 - (July 14 - 18): Jonah

Focus: Tried to run and hide from God, but God knew where he was

<u>Special Activities</u>: **Wednesday, July 16**<sup>th</sup> **Pajama Day!!** – Popcorn, Movie, S'mores, Tent building!! <u>Field Trip</u>: **Friday, July 18**<sup>th</sup> – **Bowling @ Oops Alley & Picnic at Benny Hill Park in Pace, FL** 

bring: picnic lunch (no warm ups), socks to bowl in

leave @ 9:15

#### WEEK 8 – (July 21 – 25): The Samaritan Woman

Focus: Jesus knew her home situation even though she just met him.

<u>Special Activities</u>: **Tech Week for Musical!** Field Trip: **Friday, July 25**<sup>th</sup> –

Lock-In and Pensacola Little Theater's presentation of "Annie"....fill out permission form & pay by June 29th bring: lunch \*\*\*If staying for the Lock-In, bring pillow, blanket, sleeping bag, change of clothes, pajamas You may attend the play and be picked up at the preschool after if not staying for the Lock-In, or you may meet us back at the preschool if attending the lock in but not the play. Dinner provided for those attending the play only. Breakfast provided the next morning for those staying for the Lock-In

leave @ 6:45 pm for "Annie" at PLT (starts at 7:30)

cost: \$20

# WEEK 9 - (July 28 - August 1): PLAY WEEK (Please see flyer for the play and return permission form)

Focus: Getting ready for the presentation of the play

**Special Activities: Dress Rehearsals for the play** 

Presentation of play on AUGUST 1st at 7:00 pm

<u>Field Trip</u>: No Field Trip this week

# WEEK 10 - (August 4 - 8): Judas

Focus: Judas tried to hide his true intentions, but Jesus knew that Judas would betray him.

Special Activities: Tuesday, August 5<sup>th</sup> - Water Day (Bring swimsuit, sunscreen, change of clothes, towel, lunch)

Field Trip: Thursday, August 7<sup>th</sup> - "The Track" in Gulf Shore, AL ....fill out permission form & pay by June 29<sup>th</sup>

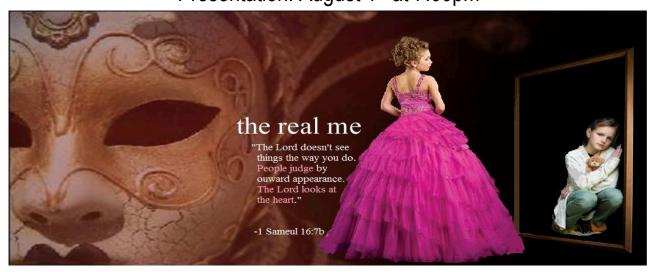
Bring: picnic lunch (no warm ups), sunscreen!!

leave @ TBA cost: \$25

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask, and we will answer them to the best of our ability. Again, we are VERY excited about the summer!! Please fill out the **FIELD TRIP FORMS** and the **SUMMER MUSICAL PERMISSION FORM** and return them by the date stated. Thank you so much for trusting us with your children!! We are looking forward to an awesome summer!

In Christ, Mrs. Ashley

# Annual Summer Musical: "Christ Perceives Real: A Story of Heart Revival" Presentation: August 1st at 7:00pm



\*Each year, we present a summer musical. Children are given the opportunity to sing, dance, act, and invite friends & family to watch their performance. At the beginning of the summer, I always ask every child if they would like to participate. It is not required at all, but I definitely encourage it! I DO, however, expect that, if they say yes, they follow through with their commitment as everyone will be counting on them at that point. These plays have always been a highlight of the summer, and I love watching each child that participates grow through the whole experience!

Below is a form that I <u>need</u> filled out and returned by the <u>end of the first week, June 6<sup>th.</sup></u> It is a permission slip saying that your child is allowed to participate in the play and will be available the night of the performance. It is <u>CRUCIAL</u> that we get this form back, so we can begin casting the show, rehearsing, and getting costumes.

<u>DRESS REHEARSALS</u>: On the week of the play, we will be doing dress rehearsals. It is very important that your child be there as much as possible that week. If this is going to prevent your child from being able to participate, please talk with me, and we will see if we can work something out!

**THE NIGHT OF THE PLAY**: we usually get ready as a cast, so you do not need to worry about picking your child up until after the presentation if they are participating. Dinner will be provided for them. Again, if your child cannot participate, PLEASE let me know as early as possible.

**COSTUMES**: We are going to be looking for very dressy outfits (dresses for girls and suits or very nice dress attire for boys. The flashier, the better. Think about the "fact" that appearance is everything, and the child dressed the best wins.) If your child has something like this that they can use for the performance, that would be great! If not (and that's TOTALLY ok!!) we will look for something for them. Every child will also need a pair of jeans and a white shirt (any white shirt....can be as simple as a t-shirt or a dressy shirt)

PLEASE FILL OUT AND RETURN BY JUNE 6<sup>th</sup>

SUMMER MUSICAL PERMISSION FORM

Yes, my child will be available Friday, August 1<sup>st</sup> to participate in the annual summer musical
No, my child will NOT be able to participate in the annual summer musical this year

Date

Signature