

KIDS LIFE

growing into a life of faith

MAY 2019

Upcoming Events & Announcements



Ashley Holtrop (Tiny Town Weekend Coordinator and Events Assistant) has accepted a full-time teaching position at Wheaton Academy. We are so proud of her!

We will miss her greatly but wish her, Eric and the girls all the best as they begin this new adventure after KidsFest this summer!

When you see her next, make sure to thank her for the amazing work she has done in Tiny Town teaching the kids God's Word and sharing her talent with our events as well!

Muffins With MOM

Sunday, May 12, Mother's Day

Hey Moms! Join us on Mother's Day after each service for 'Muffins with Mom', photo opportunities, and a gift for every special lady! The kids will be making something special for you as well!

You are one special lady and we appreciate all you do for your family! =)

KIDSLIFE

SUNDAY

May 19 at the 9:00 & 10:30 AM, and 1:00 PM services

Our LOFT, GEMS and Cadet kids get to run "big church!"

Since the kids are running the show, we ask for ALL 9 and 10:30 kids to serve from 8:45 to 11:00 AM on the 19th.

All 1:00 service kids need to arrive by 12:45 pm.

They will greet, lead worship, do announcements, read Scripture, and our GEMS and Cadets will each have a short presentation.

IF your children would like an extra part/role on this Sunday, they will need to attend the rehearsal on Thursday, May 16 at 7:30 PM. Email their interest to tiffany@calvaryop.org.

Tiny Town kids will be singing some special songs at the end of each service, so they do not need to arrive early.

Cadets & GEMS, please wear your Cadet/GEMS t-shirt!

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SAVE OUR SUMMER!

Summer Serving Opportunities and Needs

In order to offer our Sunday ministries in the LOFT and Tiny Town over the summer, we need more serving hands.

Please consider giving an hour or two to the following.

Sunday mornings

The LOFT

We are looking for KidsLife parents and g-parents to serve ONCE or TWICE during JUNE and AUGUST in the LOFT to give our school-year volunteers a well-deserved break! Small group lessons are prepped for you, all you have to do is implement them! (The LOFT is closed during July for Family Worship in big church)

Tiny Town

Summer is busy for all but we still provide child care for infants-age 3 in Tiny Town during the WHOLE summer. Serve a Sunday or two to show God's love to our littlest ones!

PossAbilities Special Needs Ministry

Enjoy a Sunday or two being a buddy to one of our VIP kids!

To sign up for any of the above, please fill out this [FORM](#).

Questions? Email [Tiffany](#).

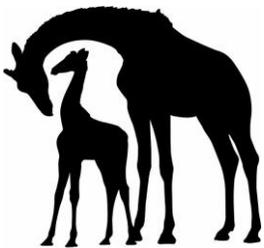
"Freely you have received; freely give." Matthew 10:8b



Wow! We are full with a wait list!
For more information or to be put on the wait list, go to www.calvaryop.org/kidsfest.

Family Packets can be picked up on Sundays at our African Hut May 19 thru June 16.

Or, on these scheduled dates: 6/12 (6:30-8PM), 6/14 (2-5PM), 6/15 (9AM to Noon)



Volunteer and Donate for KIDSFEST

We are looking for many volunteers for KidsFest and we would LOVE to have you (7th graders and up)!

Volunteers can sign up following the same link as the kiddos, www.calvaryop.org/kidsfest.

Childcare, for infants through age 3, is provided for our volunteers. Please register them at the counter in the Gathering Place, not online.

Check out all the items we need donated for KidsFest at our African Hut in the church's Gathering Place. Take a tag (or two!) and return the items by the date listed on the tag. We appreciate all you can do to make this outreach event a success!



BUILD YOUR OWN AFRICAN DRUM



We are roaring up for KidsFest 2019
and need your help with decorations!
Create a family African drum for us to
display around the building during KidsFest!

- 🍷 Any size, any material!
- 🍷 Check the house for recyclables and Pinterest for ideas!
- 🍷 Bring in by June 9 and label it with your family name!



Upcoming Dates:

May 1 - Last Cadet Meeting Night

May 10-11 - Laser Tag / Lock-In

**Cadets meet the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month,
September-May for 2nd-8th grade boys, 6:30-8:30 PM.**

Enjoy camp-outs, service projects, Bible lessons and applications, badge and wood work, and a pinewood derby!

Questions about our Cadet ministry or want to be a Cadet counselor?

Contact David Rupert and Ken Jager at cadets@calvaryop.org.



Upcoming Dates:

May 8 - Mother/Daughter Awards Night
(early arrival at 6pm for dinner!)

GEMS meet on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month, September-May for 2nd-8th grade girls, 6:30-8:30 PM.

Enjoy praise and worship, Bible lessons and applications, a camp-out, crafts galore, and service and badge projects.

Questions about our GEMS ministry or want to be a GEMS counselor? Email Chris Stuursma at gems@calvaryop.org.



Serving Team

For families with children in Tiny Town, you should have received a letter and a July through December serving schedule in your mailbox. Please complete the schedule and return it to Tiny Town as soon as possible or follow the link below to schedule online.

If you do not have children in Tiny Town but would consider serving every 6 to 8 weeks, we'd love to have you on the TT team!

All sign-ups can be done [ONLINE](#). *Scroll to the bottom of that web page.



PossAbilities Special Needs Ministry

We welcome children with special needs to attend any KidsLife ministry at Calvary Church. Our PossAbilities room is available at the 9 AM service, which functions similarly to a special education classroom. In order to include kids with higher functioning needs into our kids worship, we can pair a buddy with your child. For more information contact [Caelie VanderVelde](#), our PossAbilities Coordinator.

Interested in Serving?

Be a PossAbilities Buddy! Spend an hour working one-on-one OR in a small group with special needs individuals, assisting them with hands-on activities (i.e. crafts, games, movement exercises), modified Bible lessons, prayer and/or singing worship songs.

Where: Either in Tiny Town or the Loft as a buddy, or in our PossAbilities classroom, a room that functions similarly to a special education classroom, while also promoting inclusive activities.

Contact [Caelie VanderVelde](#), our PossAbilities Coordinator.

Parent iResources

An easy way to communicate with you!

Is your email inbox being cluttered by so many emails you sometimes miss information from our KidsLife Ministries? We don't want that to happen!

Calvary has a texting app where staff and our program coordinators can alert you to reminders, upcoming events, or notice of closure due to weather or holidays. If you are not yet on our texting group and would like to be, please email children@calvaryop.org.

We promise not to over text you and you can always opt out of certain texting groups. You will not be able to respond to the text but can always email us at children@calvaryop.org if you have any questions.

HOW TO RAISE YOUR CHILDREN BIBLICALLY

Good article to read.

[Check it out](#)

FAMILY BIBLE CHALLENGE

Click [HERE](#) to learn why your family should partake in this challenge!

FAMILY BLESSING CHALLENGE

Click [HERE](#) to learn how to bless your child.

If you are not on our Blessings/Family Devo Text Group, email children@calvaryop.org to sign up.

Have you checked out our Facebook page?

Come and join the KidsLife Ministries community online right [here](#)!

Well, that's it for this month! We hope you found this eLetter helpful and informative! If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Tiffany at children@calvaryop.org.

See you next month!