



Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart. Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise.  
Deuteronomy 6:6-7

**Welcome to All Children and Families,**

We are excitedly anticipating **Sunday, September 13**, our first Fall Sunday of the new program year. We have been busy planning many things for this year – some new, some the same, some with a twist – all with the focus on your children and your family as we seek to carve out a *holy and precious place* for God in your lives and through the life and work of the church.

**BEGINNING ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13:**

**Infant and Toddler care is available from 8:30 am -12:15 p.m.** on the first floor of the Education Building in the following rooms: **Infants** - Room 101

**Toddlers** - Room 102.

*Pagers are provided for parents of infants and toddlers and for parents of other age children upon request.*

**Rainbows (2 by 9/11/09) – Lambs (4 years old by 9/11/09) classes meet from 9:30-10:30 a.m.** in the following rooms: **Rainbows (2 years-old by 9/11/09)** Ground Floor Room G-3

**Doves (3 years-old by 9/11/09)** Ground Floor Room G-2

**Lambs (4 years-old by 9/11/09)** Room 105

**Nametag System for Infants through Lambs (4 years-old by 9/11/09)** This simple system is designed to provide security for families, students, and teachers alike. Each child will have a set of two nametags in his/her classroom.

**At Drop Off:** Each child and his/her parent will receive a nametag to wear.

**At Pick-Up:** Nametags are to be returned so the 2 tags can be paired for the next use.

**Please note:** *If parents choose to allow another adult or older sibling to pick up a child in this age group, that individual must have the appropriate nametag to do so.*

**Every Sunday, at the 9:30 a.m. service,** all Kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> Grade children will go directly to the Sanctuary with their parents for -

**BLINK - BMPC (love + inspire + nurture) Kids!**

This new opportunity encourages participation for children to learn about and participate in the Call to Worship, the first hymn, and the Common Confession. During the Gloria Patri, the children will be invited to come to the front of the Sanctuary for a brief “Children’s Moment”. Church school children will then be safely led by their teachers and shepherds to the Education Building for classes. *(Please refer to Susan Rice’s letter to families – which was mailed last week – for more detailed information!)*

**New for Kindergarten – 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Classes! Classes begin at 9:45 a.m. -10:30 a.m.** and meet in the following rooms: **Kindergartners** - Room 106

**1<sup>st</sup> Graders** - Room 201

**2<sup>nd</sup> Graders** - Room 210

**New for 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Grade Classes! Classes begin at 9:45 am-10:30 a.m.** and meet in the rooms on the third floor of the Education Building. Lists indicating the WRM group to which your child is assigned are available on the first floor bulletin boards at both the east and west ends of the Education Building. The Workshop Rotation Model (WRM) is a theme-based curriculum in which one topic is taught over the course of five or six weeks in order to accommodate different learning styles. These classes include Bible Skills and Games, Cooking, Audio-Visual, Drama, Computer, Art, Music, and more. The WRM rotations for this year are: *Abraham, Sarah and Isaac*      *Jesus Teaches: Build on This Foundation!*  
*Advent: The Birth of Jesus*      *The Resurrection of Jesus.*

**Art-at-11 is offered at 11:00 a.m. - Noon in Room 201** each week for children ages 3 and older. This offering is intended to provide nurture, fellowship and craft/creative time for children whose parents are on the BMPC campus attending worship or classes from 11 a.m. until Noon.

**Childcare is available from 7:45 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.** on Sundays in the Education Building for children whose parents are on the BMPC campus. For all other activities at BMPC, childcare reservations are required with at least 3 days advance notice. Contact Childcare Coordinator: Megan Forgie at 610-520-8850 or [mmforgie@gmail.com](mailto:mmforgie@gmail.com)

We are truly blessed to have a dedicated team of teachers to guide and nurture Christian education at BMPC. We would like to encourage you to consider joining the teachers by volunteering in your child's classroom. Often, a dedicated core of persons helps out while others assume that volunteer needs are being met. Classroom teachers and helpers are always needed.

As we attempt to be good stewards of our resources and communicate more effectively, it is important that we have accurate contact information and your preference for either regular mail or e-mail. Be sure to let us know about any changes in your mailing address and/or email address and home and cell phone numbers - especially if you have made any recent changes.

We value our communications with you. The calendar, schedule, and newsletters are important for you to keep up to date! All information is available: by mail to those without an email address; in the Education Building and the Ministries Center; in the weekly bulletin insert and on the Web at [www.bmpc.org/FM.htm](http://www.bmpc.org/FM.htm). Every effort is being made to encourage you to visit the Web for the most up-to-date information. We want to be in touch . . . anything you can do to help us in these efforts is greatly appreciated!

This fall, let's all take a deep breath before the rush of activities to reflect on who we are and to whom we belong. Consider the apostle Paul's loving reminder to the Colossians from The Message, chapter 3:

*So, chosen by God for this new life of love, dress in the wardrobe God picked out for you: compassion, kindness, humility, quiet strength, discipline. Be even-tempered, content with second place, quick to forgive an offense. Forgive as quickly and completely as the Master forgave you. And regardless of what else you put on, wear love. It's your basic, all-purpose garment. Never be without it.*

Life is precious. May we remind ourselves and one another to embrace it, and to live it and enjoy it as God intended. We look forward to a wonderful year and are here to help you in any way. Kindly call us with any questions, concerns, joys, as we journey together.

Blessings in Christ,

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Enclosures include:

- Calendar for 2009/2010
- Specific Class Info Sheets **ONLY** for: Rainbows (2 years-old by 9/1/09 class)  
3rd Grade Class
- Workshop Rotation Grid for 3rd-5th Graders
- Information for "First" Wednesdays – beginning September 16<sup>th</sup>
- Invitation for Family Ministries Picnic - September 27<sup>th</sup>
- Jamboree @ BMPC & 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Main Line Children's Festival - October 24<sup>th</sup>

