



DEAR CM FAMILY,

We've seen lots of new kiddos and had good consistency in the classrooms, thanks to you. We've "pasted things together" with the holes that were never filled in the schedule (same holes in the winter schedule!). If you have a friend or family member that you think would enjoy serving (or at least trying it out) in CM, encourage them to observe a class or fill out a volunteer application on-line or at the children's welcome desk! As always, thanks for the team-work, love, and heart to serve our children and Body.

Melanie, Jenn & Jill

WELCOME TO CM!

Mark & Natalee Sanders (9:00 am babies)
Abby & Emily Bowles (10:45 am)
Sophia Kolmel (10:45 am)

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Sunday, Dec. 24 No CM for any ages; families worship together

Sunday, Dec. 31 Regular CM all ages, both services

SAMARITAN'S PURSE SHOEBOXES

What a great year to pack shoeboxes together at our Chili Packing Party and also be a drop-off location for our church and community November 13-20! Together, we packed 153 shoeboxes and we



- took in more as a Drop-Off location! Pray for these boxes as they are each packed with the message of the Gospel in each child's language.

CHRISTMAS EVE SUNDAY

- The whole family will worship together at our normal service times on December 24. There will be no Christmas Eve/evening services this year. Invite your friends and family to join you on this morning! There will be no Children's Ministry classes or childcare as we want to worship together.

CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR LOCAL KIDS IN NEED

- What a privilege to give gifts to fifteen local children in need this year, in cooperation with The Storehouse of Henderson County.
- It only took two Sundays for all gift tags to be chosen from the display tree! The Storehouse will provide gifts of coats, clothing, books, and toys to over 2,000 children in Henderson County this Christmas season.



CAFE COUPON

Thanks for serving your Children's Ministry family!
Please enjoy a hot drink and a snack in the Grace Cafe.

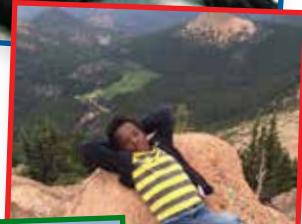
PRINT ONE FOR EACH FAMILY MEMBER WHO SERVES IN CM.



MEET THE LAFFERTY FAMILY!

We are thrilled that God has brought Patrick, Christy, Seamus (14), Savannah (11), and Jedidiah (7) to Grace Mills River! Patrick and Christy met while both students at Dallas Theological Seminary. They've lived in Texas ever since. Enjoy getting to know them...

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If you had the whole day free what would you do?

Patrick- read some, pray some, walk some, chat some, eat well

Christy- grab Penelope (my camera) and go for a hike

Seamus- sleep late, create something and read

Savannah- go to NYC and see Hamilton; that's been my dream for a long time

Jedidiah- go to Disneyworld



Jedidiah

If you could transfer one thing from TX to NC, what would it be?

Patrick- decent tortilla chips

Christy- brisket BBQ

Seamus- my chickens or my best friends

Savannah- the people; it's the hardest thing ever to leave my church family and all my friends

Jedidiah- our chickens



Seamus

What's one thing you wish more people knew about you?

Patrick- My secret wish is to become a voice actor on A Prairie Home Companion

Christy- I have chronic health issues so on the outside I look healthy, but some days I struggle to function

Seamus- I wish people knew that they weren't supposed to pet a service dog without asking permission; I feel bad when I have to say no.

Savannah- that I love the Broadway musical Hamilton and Les Miserables

Jedidiah- that I want straight hair



What is one thing that has struck you as odd about NC?

Patrick- the amount of road-kill

Christy- pace of life is much slower—thank God!

Seamus- boiled peanuts (but I love them)

Savannah- the way they're so open to the arts

Jedidiah- colored leaves



Savannah



If we asked your best friend to describe the "real you" what would they say?

Patrick- wordsmith, generous to all except with his food, owns too many books

Christy- stubborn, open-minded, has trouble focusing

Seamus- likes to read, likes to create, likes chickens!

Savannah- crazy, weird, funny

Jedidiah- adopted, curly hair, laughter

What's something you'd like to learn how to do?

Patrick- play the bodhran, the shallow Irish drum

Christy- knit

Seamus- hatch a chicken without an eggshell

Savannah- I want to learn how to play the violin perfectly (I just started and love it)

Jedidiah- to go back in time



9:00 am

Thank you for serving our Grace family! Please attend CM prayer meeting at 8:45 in room 144.

CLASS	1ST WEEK	2ND WEEK	3RD WEEK	4TH WEEK	5TH WEEK
WELCOME TABLE					
FLOATER					
BABIES/ SQUIRRELS	Philip Burleson Lisa Burleson	Mark Sanders Natalee Sanders	Lee Hunt Amanda Hunt	Diane White Warner White (Y) Katherine Grady (Y)	
BEARS	Debbi Rayl Michael Rayl	Debbi Rayl Michael Rayl	Debbi Rayl Michael Rayl	Debbi Rayl Michael Rayl	Debbi Rayl Michael Rayl
BLUEBIRDS/ LIONS	Micki Jensen Natalie Rockley	Amanda Boyd Georgia Boyd (Y) Kerry Boyd (Y)	Bud Christman Sally Christman	Sara Crist	Debbie Bound
K BOYS/GIRLS	Gail Rachow Sue Jaecques	Gail Rachow	Gail Rachow Jennifer Young	Gail Rachow Mary Jane Grigsby	Gail Rachow
1ST/2ND GRADE GIRLS	Amy Donaldson Alithea Whisenant	Amy Donaldson Alithea Whisenant	Amy Donaldson Alithea Whisenant	Amy Donaldson Alithea Whisenant	Amy Donaldson Alithea Whisenant
1ST/2ND GRADE BOYS	Jim Noel Mark Rockley	Jim Noel Marlene Roden	Jim Noel Ben Young	Jim Noel Hunter Boyd (Y)	Jim Noel
3RD/4TH GRADE GIRLS					
3RD/4TH GRADE BOYS					
5TH GRADE BOYS/GIRLS	Alicia Greene Brad Greene Steve Sandman	Alicia Greene Brad Greene Steve Sandman	Alicia Greene Brad Greene Steve Sandman	Alicia Greene Brad Greene Steve Sandman	Alicia Greene Brad Greene Steve Sandman



10:45 am

Thank you for serving our Grace family! Please attend CM prayer meeting at 10:30 in room 144.

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WELCOME TABLE 10:15-11:00	Brenda Purvis	Lisa Smith	Pat Johnson		
FLOATER					
BABIES/ SQUIRRELS	Wendy Hermann-Tross Zoe Aridas (Y)	Mary Jo VanDalen Toni Owen Kallie Owen (Y)	Wendy Hermann-Tross Zoe Aridas (Y)	Rebecca Parker	
BEARS	Lindsey Downer	Lindsey Downer Ella Lewison	Lindsey Downer	Lindsey Downer Gracie Todd (Y)	Lindsey Downer
BLUEBIRDS/ LIONS	MaryDean Beland Mickey Beland	Rhonda Brand Monica Outman	Glen Higgins Debbie Higgins		
K/1ST GRADE		Genell Allmond Deidra Fink	Kelly Stepp Natalie Stepp (Y)	David Todd	
2ND - 5TH GRADE	Fran Li	Brad Owen Larry Lewison	Fran Li Jill Schwarzkopf	Traci English Caroline Owen	