

## Word on the street



**Pastors Tim and Candy Ryder**

"I'm Bored!" Have you heard those words before? Have you heard them from your own children? When a child says, "I'm bored" most often it means they would rather be doing something else.

Boredom is actually a choice. Our kids can sit and play a DS or video games for hours on end without expressing boredom. How is it that the mundane, repetitive action of their fingers on a small screen with artificial graphics and artificial isn't boring? What about eating vegetables? (Sorry, that's an entirely separate article from this one!)

For me, this declaration of boredom is a hot topic. After church on a Sunday morning, parents and grandparents may hear this statement from kids. A typical conversation on the way home might be, "What did you learn in church today?" "Nothing" "What did you talk about?" "God" "Was it fun?" "It was boring, I didn't like it."

Children's Ministry has changed a lot over the years, however, we believe that it has become better! It is ministry to the entire family. We are here to partner with families to develop godly boys and girls. The content of what we teach on Sundays and Wednesdays can change the very character of your kids. The important ingredient is that parents "follow up

and follow through." Follow up and follow through will make a difference in a child's life.

The following are some suggested follow up questions that may generate more specific responses from your kids.

- "Who was the Bible story about today?"
- "What was the bottom line?"
- "What is this month's virtue?"
- What was the memory verse and where do you find it?"

We've also made other helpful resources available to you such as the "God Times" and "Fridge Doors" can be found at our check out counters. These are a marvelous tools to use for family devotions and to help you reinforce what your kids learned on Sunday throughout the week. You can find even more ideas under the special tab just for parents on our [www.grkidsfirst.org](http://www.grkidsfirst.org) website.

We want you to know that we're here to help, to serve and pray for you and your children regularly and faithfully. May the year 2011 be a time of spiritual growth for your family as we work together to raise up great, godly kids!



### TEACHER OF THE MONTH!

Kerri Fountain

It is always a blessing to be able to give recognition and honor to whom honor is due. Kerri has faithfully served in Kids First for many years. Kerri has also served as a secretary for Kids Ministries. Faithful, loving, gifted and giving are just a few words that describe Kerri. We are blessed to have her on our team! Please be sure to let her know how much she is appreciated.



### STUDENT LEADER OF THE MONTH!

Shaylin Hollis

I love it when one of our students develops into a leader and becomes a teacher. Shaylin has a great gift for communicating and connecting with kids and is a talented leader. It's wonderful to watch her grow in her gifts and abilities. Join us in giving a huge thank you to Shaylin and to encourage her as she ministers to the kids at Grand Rapids First.

Lots of FUN! Fun for the WHOLE family! Bring your tent and family for a great time!

### Family Camp In!

February 25 & 26  
5:30 pm until 10 am @ the Xchange.  
Cost is \$10 per campsite.  
Please complete the registration form on the back of the flier and return it to the Kids First office with \$10 by 2/17/11.  
Any questions, call 616-988-5535.

Campfire Devotions Group games Crafts Movie Dinner Snacks Breakfast

### BGMC

#### Two Fisted February

During the month of February, if you bring in "Two Fist Fulls" of money you will get "Two Fist Fulls" of candy!

Let's support BGMC towards our \$9,000 goal!!

YOU can help kids around the world!!

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# KIDS FIRST

Mission  
 Bringing Kids to Christ and  
 training them up to be like  
 Him.



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[www.grkidsfirst.org](http://www.grkidsfirst.org)



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## Virtue

### **Kindness**

Showing others they are  
 valuable by how you treat them

## Bible Stories

- 2/06 – **Golden Rule**  
 (The principle of the Golden Rule)  
 Luke 6:17-20, 27-36
- 2/13 – **Child Care**  
 (Jesus and the children)  
 Mark 10:13-16
- 2/20 – **You Belong**  
 (the least of these)  
 Matthew 25:35-40
- 2/27 – **Second Chance**  
 (Barnabas and Saul)  
 Acts 9:26-30

# FEBRUARY

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18 RR	19 Snowflake
20 Camp	21	22	23 Derby Cutout	24	25 Family	26 Camp In
27	28					
<b>Sundays Kids First</b> <b>Wednesday Kids Classes 6:00-7:00 and 7:15-8:15</b>						

## Memory verse

Do to others as you want them to  
 do to you  
 Luke 6:31 NIrV

## Bottom Lines

- 2/06 – Do to others what you want them to do to you.
- 2/13 – Treat others the way Jesus would treat them.
- 2/20 – Treat others as if they belong to God.
- 2/27 – Do for your enemies what they wouldn't do for you.



Rush Hour is a Sunday morning ministry for Kindergarten through 6<sup>th</sup> grade. The program includes drama sketches, games, Bible teaching, music and more. You are welcome to stop in to check it out.

## Times

Drop off 8:40 am - 9:00 am  
 10:30 am - 11:00 am  
**1st through 2nd - Upper Room**  
**3rd through 6th- Lighthouse**

### **Parents of children ages newborn to 6th grade**

Please be aware that there is a number display in the Worship Center and in the Lighthouse Auditorium. Each family and guest is assigned a number when you register your child at a Children's Ministry sign-in station. If you see your family number on the display, go directly to the Nursery or Sunday School office.