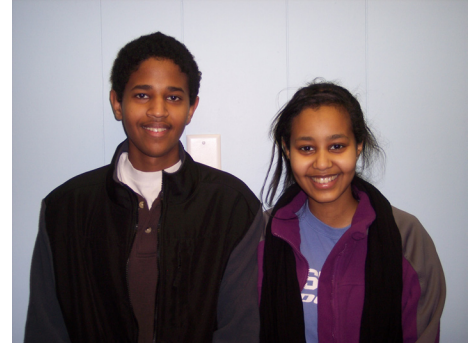


Word on the street



Camping in February? Yes, camping in February! Grand Rapids First is a camping machine right in the middle of winter! A large group of hearty Royal Rangers, Commanders and fathers attended "Snowflake Camp" on the 18-20th of February! There were plenty of lost mittens, cold toes and gallons of hot chocolate. The bunks squeaked, the commanders snored and the campers got very little sleep. Believe it or not, they will be right back there next year!

Another group of February campers took on a different camping adventure. Imagine camping with the absolute guarantee of no mosquitos, no biting flies, no threat of rain, frost or snow and no raccoons! Really the only wildlife around would be the psycho-competitive dads on the basketball court. It is understood that those games get wild and every year there is an injury or two. However, because they are *sports* injuries, they are well received. (Except if your wife is at home with a baby that is literally hours old!) This was the stage for the annual Family Camp-in at the Xchange. This event has become a favorite among the purists and pseudo-campers alike. If you missed this event, be sure to give it a try next year. Dinner is provided, the games are a blast and Pastor Tim cooks breakfast!



"He who refreshes others will himself be refreshed." Proverbs 11:25

Here at First Start Nursery, we are blessed to have the most wonderful volunteers. These rooms are filled with people who pour into little lives week after week. With all the pouring out our volunteers do, you might think that they would tire. Quite the opposite is true. The faithful around here are revived by their serving. Two of these are Bisrat and Yewhannes Frezghi. This sister and brother team currently teaches three year olds in room 15 on Sunday mornings. This month we would like to honor them for their faithfulness. Between the two of them, they have been involved in Children's Ministries for nearly ten years! Look for their friendly smiles, and thank them for a job well done.

It is March Missions Madness

(BGMC)



This month, wear your sports attire. The class that brings in the most money (minimum \$250) will go bowling with Pastors Tim and Candy.



Parenting Resources

Check these sites out on our kid first web page at www.grkidsfirst.org/parenting.html



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MARCH

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9 Child Dedication	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26 Pinewood Derby
27	28	29	30	31		

Sundays Kids First
Wednesday Kids Classes 6:00-7:00 and 7:15-8:15
March Missions Madness (BGMC)

Virtue

COURAGE

Being brave enough to do what you should do even when you're afraid.

Bible Stories

3/06 – **Hit Me With Your Best Shot**
 (David and Goliath)
 1 Samuel 17:1-50

3/13 – **The Heat Is On**
 (Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego)
 Daniel 3

3/20 – **Stand by Me**
 (Esther helps the Jews)
 Esther 4; 5:1-8; 7:1-6; 8:3-8

3/27 – **The Lion Sleeps Tonight**
 (Daniel in the den of lions)
 Daniel 6:1-23



Rush Hour is a Sunday morning ministry for Kindergarten through 6th 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

K through 2nd - Upper Room
3rd through 6th- Lighthouse

Memory verse

“When I am afraid, I will trust in you.”

Psalms 56:3, NIV

Bottom Lines

3/06 – When you're afraid, remember God is with you.

3/13 – Remember God is with you when you do the right thing.

3/20 – Remember God is with you when you speak up for what's right.

3/27 – Remember God is with you when you are the only one doing the right thing.

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.