

DRE Board Report for May 2009
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Religious Education Events in May

A farewell party for Erin Campbell, PreK teacher for the last 4 years was held on May 31. Current, former and future students, along with their parents celebrated the loving teaching of Miss Erin for our PreK students. Erin is re-locating to Portland OR. Bill Douglass, our previous PreK teacher will take over Miss Erin's class. The children and families welcomed back "Mr. Bill" with much enthusiasm.

The third Spiritual Movie Night of the year was held on Friday, May 15. About 20 adults and 6 children attended. The adult movie was Taos and the children's movie was Freaky Friday.

Children's Programming:

The Spring 2009 curricula is closing this month after enjoying the Spring Curricula of

Pre-K: Lessons from Toad Frog and Toad.

K-Grade 2: Rainbow Children

Grades 3-5 Worth and Dignity of All People

Middle School: Messages in Music

The Middle School and High School youth are continuing to meet on Sunday at 11:30am for Religious Education classes.

Shannon Vyff is leaving the Middle School morning teaching position and will be replaced by Scott Butki.

The Youth Service was presented on May 10 during both services. Natalie Houchins, Josh Mayes, and Edward Belaguer presented homilies and the amazingly talented high school group provided the music.

Ron Phares continues to lead the Sunday morning High School Class and Scott Butki, in addition to teaching middle school continues as the YRUU advisor on Sunday afternoons.

Scott, along with several high school youth attended the Central Texas high School youth retreat at U Bar U.

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The Children's Programming Committee (CPC) meeting in May was held at long-time member Gillian Redfean's home on May 23. The next CPC meeting will be held in July in the form of a CPC all day retreat.

Adult Religious Education (ARE): Adult RE included the following classes:

Adult OWL Class - Ended!
Mind & Meaning Book Club
Sunday Morning Book Club
Spiritual Exploration & Philosophical Inquiry
Voyagers Discussion & Moveable Feast
Tai Chi
Yoga
Scandinavian Dance
International Village Dance
English Country Dance

The Covenant Groups, under the guidance of Sharon Moore continue to flourish.

Director Of Religious Education Meetings Update

- 3 Congregational Meeting
- 4 Management Team Meeting
- 5 RE Staff Meeting
- 12 RE Staff Meeting
- 13 Management Team Meeting
- 14 Staff Meeting with David Jones
- 19 Management Team Meeting
- 19 Board Meeting
- 20 RE Staff Meeting
- 19 Presentation to the Open Minds Covenant Group
- 26 Management Team Meeting
- 27 RE Staff Meeting
- 29 DRE Cluster Meeting

Attendance Update:

These totals include Children's RE Programs, the Nursery, Middle School and High School attendance figures. Attached is the spreadsheet, which breaks down the attendance in a Sunday-by-Sunday, time by time format.

<u>Month</u>	<u>Attendees</u>
May 09	347

Respectfully submitted by:

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May 2009 Attendance Summary

May Monthly Totals				May Weekly Totals ALL			
CLASS	9:45	###	TOT	DATE	9:45	###	TOT
Nursery	36	48	84	3-May	29	49	78
PRE-K	38	21	59	10-May	34	43	77
K-2	33	28	61	17-May	21	26	47
3rd - 5th	29	21	50	24-May	23	30	53
Middle School		47	47	31-May	29	63	92
High School		26	26	Monthly Total			347
YRUU		20	20				
Choir	0	0	0				
TOT	136	211	347				

Breakdown by RE Class

Nursery	9:45	###	TOT	3-5 Grade	9:45	###	TOT
3-May	9	11	20	3-May	4	5	9
10-May	8	11	19	10-May	8	3	11
17-May	5	9	14	17-May	5	3	8
24-May	6	4	10	24-May	6	5	11
31-May	8	13	21	31-May	6	5	11

Pre-K	9:45	###	TOT	6-8 Grade			11:30
3-May	10	5	15	3-May			9
10-May	9	5	14	10-May			7
17-May	6	2	8	17-May			9
24-May	5	3	8	24-May			9
31-May	8	6	14	31-May			13

K-2	9:45	###	TOT	High School	11:30	YRUU	TOT
3-May	6	4	10	3-May	7	8	15
10-May	9	4	13	10-May	13	0	13
17-May	5	3	8	17-May	0	0	0
24-May	6	7	13	24-May	0	2	2
31-May	7	10	17	31-May	6	10	16

Choir	1st	2nd	TOT
3-May	6	6	12
10-May	P	P	P
17-May			0
24-May			0
31-May			0