

June

Children's Events

C.R.O.S.S. KIDS SUMMER EVENTS FOR JUNE

Sunday, June 14 and June 28 from 4:30-6:30pm

Our Summer fun of C.R.O.S.S. Kids kicks off in June as we come together and enjoy time with friends, family and our church family! Make sure to mark your calendars for these dates so you do not miss out on the fun! Also, make sure to watch for Mrs Heidi's weekly emails for more details!

We welcome you, your family and friends to our times together so bring a friend along with you each time. We cannot wait for a Summer of fun!

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Every Sunday from 9:45-10:45am in various classrooms on the lower level

We invite you to join us for Sunday School each Sunday morning as children split up into more age specific small groups and dive deeper into our monthly verse and themes. They have loving Sunday School teachers with awesome plans ready to go for them to help each child learn more about what plans God has for each of their lives. Our Little Explorers (2 and 3 year olds) are continuing to learn from the Little Bible Heroes and will be learning about The Heroes of Babylon and Ruth. The rest of our classes will continue our work in GROW with "In The Beginning".



Take a moment to pause and get a closer look at the amazing world around us—trees, oceans, animals, and even you! What's even more amazing is that it was all created by God, for God. From the beginning of time, God created everything with care and purpose, showing incredible love for all of creation—especially us. The best thing we can do is give that love back by taking care of the world God has given us. In this 4-week series, kids will learn that **God made the world and everything in it, we are made in God's image, God made a plan to save us, and God helps us make good choices!**

BIG IDEAS & BIBLE STORIES

1. **God made the world and everything in it.** (God Creates the World: Genesis 1:1–25, 2:1–3; Psalm 33:4–9)
2. **We are made in God's image.** (God Creates Humans: Genesis 1:26–31, 2:4–7; Matthew 9:35–10:8)
3. **God made a plan to save us.** (Adam and Eve: Genesis 2:15–17, 3:1–15; Romans 6:1–11)
4. **God helps us make good choices.** (Cain and Abel: Genesis 4:2–16; Romans 6:12–13, 20–23)

It's a great time to gather together in a smaller group on Sunday mornings!

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday, June 14, 21 and 28 during the 11:00am service

There are two worship opportunities for children during our 11:00am service. If there is a Children's Chat, all children will leave after that. If not, there will be a specific time where children will leave. Children age 4-2nd grade will go to Children's Church and children grades 3-5 will go to Kid's Worship. There will not be Children's Church on June 7 as we will stay in the Sanctuary and enjoy the message from the Youth!



LAUREL RIDGE CAMP OPPORTUNITIES

The different summer camp opportunities for your child(ren) are below! There is a separate code for Pre-Junior and Junior camp this year so make sure to pay close attention to that below!



Laurel Ridge Camp Opportunities for 2026

Pre-Junior for children who just finished 1st-2nd Grade-July 24-26-code for Friedberg is 2026friedbergpj

Junior Camp for children who just finished 3rd, 4th and 5th Grade-July 26-August 1-code for Friedberg is 2026friedberg

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Monday, June 22-Thursday, June 25 from 6:00-8:00pm each night



When Jesus throws a party, He defies all expectations. Sinners are befriended, strays are celebrated, and rebellious failures are embraced. In a house full of uninvited guests, the best seats are reserved for those least deserving.

The book of Luke is full of parties. Not only does Jesus regularly attend dinners, banquets, and celebrations - he also talks about them frequently. And his messages about parties all contain a surprise. And that surprise always has to do with the unexpected grace that God has for undeserving people. Jesus defies all expectations by befriending sinners, and by teaching about parties that are thrown for strays, rebels, failures, and outsiders. This week, kids will learn...

- Jesus has unexpected grace for unexpected people.
- Jesus wants us to share His unexpected grace with everyone.
- God has unexpected grace for those who are far from him.
- God's grace is so surprising that it can be hard to deal with.
- Everyone is invited to the unexpected grace of Jesus.



This VBS is about how surprising Jesus' grace really is! But the surprises don't stop there. Snacks, games, crafts, skits, and activities are loaded with surprises throughout the week.

Pre-Registration begins on June 1. Just scan the QR code to get registered! If you have any questions, feel free to contact Heidi Everhart, our Children's Ministry Director at heverhart@friedberg.church and she would be happy to help!

June's verse to focus on will be:

Everything Belongs to God

Bible Verse:

"The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it."

— Psalm 24:1

Big Idea

Everything we see — the trees, animals, oceans, toys, our homes, and even people — belongs to God because He made it all!



Family Talk

Ask your children:

- What are some things God created?
- What is your favorite thing in nature?
- How can we take care of the things God has made?

Explain: God made the whole world and everything in it. That means we should treat His world and His people with love and care. We can thank God for His creation every day!

Simple Activity

Take a short walk outside or look out the window together.

Challenge everyone to name:

- 3 things God created
- 2 things they are thankful for
- 1 way they can care for God's world this week

Examples:

- Picking up trash
- Being kind to animals
- Sharing with others
- Taking care of toys and belongings

Prayer

Dear God,

Thank You for creating the whole world and everything in it. Help us care for Your creation and love the people around us. Thank You for all the good things You give us every day. Amen.

Memory Challenge

Say Psalm 24:1 together several times this week and try to memorize it as a family!

Family Challenge for the Month:

Find one special way your family can care for God's creation together!

SPOTLIGHT ON THE CHILDREN OF FRIEDBERG...



Some Preteen Insight!!!

I had the opportunity to talk with some of our Pre-Teens in the Children's Ministry this past month. I asked if they would mind me sharing some of their thoughts on some topics I discussed with them. Here are some things you might not know about Pre-Teens or maybe you do!! Either way, enjoy the insight from these three kiddos!

1. What is one thing that is hard about being a preteen today?

Rose: I would have to say that the hardest part about being a preteen would be how you want to be older but your at the age where you do stuff with little kids while you are expected to be mature and act older. You are still not quite middle school so you have to stay with the elementary group.

David: We are underestimated. People think we are like teens, but we're different.

Eloise: All the homework and school!! And all the chores I have to do.



2. What do you think adults think about preteens? Is what they think about preteens true?

Rose: These are things people think-we are immature...FALSE!! People really underestimate what I am capable of.

David: I think adults think of preteens as kids that have some teen qualities but some kid qualities because we are in between... 1/2 teen and 1/2 kid! It's true!

Eloise: Adults think we have a lot of attitude. And even though we are moody, we are awesome! And that we stink!! It's all true!

3. Why does your faith matter to you?

Rose: My faith matters to me because I want to have the kind of relationship with God where I am choosing to be a follower, not just saying "I have faith because my mom said going to church is good!" I want to be my own person while also having a good relationship with the one I believe created me.

David: It matters to me because I know that God is with me wherever I am.

Eloise: If I don't have faith that Jesus will come again, I won't get to see it!



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"I have no greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in truth." 3 John 1:4