



ABC Newsletter –May and June, 2010

MISSION STATEMENT: To provide a Christian atmosphere where children will experience Christ's love and will be encouraged to explore God's world.

Director News

Summer School and the 10th Anniversary for ABC Center are important in my thoughts now as the planning process for each is actively happening at the Center. Our Summer Day Camp enrollment for children entering Kindergarten in September and through early teen year of 13 is planned and forms are available. Please contact the Director to enroll.

Stephanie Burkhart is working with the Director to head up Summer Day Camp. She will be teaching School Age #2 Group and Kelsie Brooks will be teaching School Age #1. Based on numbers enrolled usually children thru first grade are in #1 and above in #2. We try to keep numbers within reasonable size for each teacher, so there can be some flexibility as needed. The staff helping are Amber Cromer, Katie Otterbacher, Lauren Neeley, and Claire Baxter. Brochures are going out to the elementary schools in the Shelby School

District. Children in surrounding communities are welcome. We have day care from 5 a.m. until 6 p.m. with special programming each day from 9-4 and day care from 4-6 p.m. The swimming program will be on Monday and Friday with longer distance field trips on Wednesday. We will have walking trips around Shelby Community on Tuesday and Thursday. Our guidelines include spending 50% of the day outside. The theme is "Discovery" with



opportunities for a variety of fun experiences. Tell your friends and get them in on the fun.

Ten years for many has been like a dream. In sharing with a sister in the church family the coming of this date, she also remarked of the much planning that went into realizing this dream for ministry for children in our

community. The question on the name was asked in the last newsletter. My apology for you not finding this on the web site. The answer is that through a contest for the name, this name was submitted by Louse Wetz and of course the chosen name. One answer I have received a few times when asked why ABC Center was chosen for the child care center for their children was: "Your name was the first in the phone



book." Thank You Louise!

A second trivia question for you to ponder and give an answer is: Name the pastor or pastors serving when we began planning and opened. Please look for all the happenings coming during the week of June 7-11, 2010. Come and celebrate, share our story with a friend, possibly someone who would like to make a contribution to our center and programming. The wish list includes a new computer,



new flooring in the infant and pre-toddler room, swimming passes, and passes for field trips. Please contact the Director if you have a story about our 10 years to share.

RESPECT is an important word to teach to our children. Opportunities abound for us to teach and encourage your child to show respect to staff, guests, friends, church grounds, and all equipment. We try as our Spiritual theme for month of May suggests sewing good seeds. This begins with noting that each child is a child of GOD and is loved. There are no junk or bad children. The emphasis in our center is to help all the children to work out their problems. They are taught to pray for another child they are angry with and to know Jesus taught them to pray for their enemies. As parents your help in listening and supporting children through problems with words that can encourage working

together is very important to the Director. Remember there are NO bad children, just children who want to be a friend and have their friends accept them.

Our first week for Summer School beginning Tues, June 2 will focus on Discovery of Me. The children will spend time discovering their real self, what they like, where they need help. We will also spend time seeking their input for summer fun at ABC the summer of 2010.

Our church bus exhaust pipe has been replaced, but there could be a wait until it is inspected and receives the Inspected Vehicle Sticker. This is the time when we are permitted to drive the children. Thank you for your cooperation during this time.

With summer season, we experience problem with the children wearing



shoes that can easily trip them in walking. Please check the Parent handbook and think of safety of the child in walking inside and outside. I do not wish to send your child home because of this matter.

*Miss Doris Berdanier,
Director*

Greetings from



Kathy's Korner!

First of all I would like to thank all the staff for being so diligent in taking your classes. This speaks volumes of your professionalism. Secondly, I would like to remind parents to make sure you park in the parking area when dropping off and picking up your children. We need to have the side accessible for the bus when taking the children to school.

The licensing laws say when transporting the School-Agers to school they must be picked up and dropped off curbside. So, therefore, we ask that the spot beside the steps be left vacant for that use. Thank you for your cooperation

We will be celebrating our **10th Year Anniversary** with a picnic



for families and friends on **Tuesday, June 8, 2010 - 5 p.m. - 7 p.m.** We are looking forward to a good time. We appreciate the families we serve and have served, so this is a small way of saying thank you for allowing us to be a part of caring for your children. Thank you, Staff, for loving and caring for all the children. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to

contact Miss Doris or myself. We are happy to work with our parents to provide the best care possible for your child.

"For God is not unjust to forget your work and labor of love which you have shown toward His name" . . . Heb. 6:10



*Respectfully,
Miss Kathy*

Greetings from the

Classrooms

Greetings from the Infant Room!

Hello from the Infant Room! As you may know it has been very busy in the Infant Room. We now have 13 babies on our roster! I would like to welcome Gabriel Cress, Jillian Dulaney, Arianna Hawk, Addison Owens, and Brianna Seffens. What a blessing!

The weather has been pretty rainy but we have been trying to get the babies out as much as we can. The addition of our new four seat



stroller has been a big help. Please remember to bring in sunscreen



if you haven't already. Gas drops are also allowed to be given if you would

choose to bring them in.

For the past few weeks we have been teaching the babies sign



language. Quite a few have caught on already! The word of the week will be posted on our gate. If you would like a copy of it for home use, please let us know. Have a blessed day!

Infant Room Staff

Hello from the PreToddler Room!

We are still working on learning our ABC's, colors, and other songs at circle time. We are going to plant a seed and watch the seed grow and change into a plant.



We go outside when the weather permits us to. While we are outside we talk about what we see around us.

As the weather is getting warmer, please remember to send a change of clothing for the warmer weather.



If you would like your child to have on sunscreen and you have not yet

sent any in, please do so. Thank you.

PreToddler Staff

*Christina, Virginia,
Nicole, and Barb*

Hello from the Toddler Room!

The Toddler Room has been very busy learning our addresses and town where we live. I have also noticed the children helping each other out with counting and shapes during circle time. We are looking forward to summer and outdoor activities. If you would like to send a



bib for your child during lunchtime, this would be fine. Thank you.

*Miss Kim and
Miss Marlene*

Hello from the Preschool/Pre K.

It is hard to believe the year is about to come to an end. The children have all come a long way from August till now.

We will be having our **graduation on May 27 at 10 a.m.** with refreshments to follow. All is welcome!

Our Summer School program will be a little more relaxed. We will have circle time and some table work. I am hoping any Toddler turning three thru the summer and are potty trained, that the parents will allow their child to come up

at least by the beginning of August to help the transition. We welcome all toddlers to our Pre-School room.

We hope everyone will come to our 10th Anniversary Picnic on June 8 from 5 to 7 p.m.!

We also need to remind parents we need an extra summer outfit for any accidents.

We wish everyone a wonderful summer!

Pre School Staff

School Age Program

School Age #1 Room

Greetings from the School Age #1 Room. With only 2 weeks of school left the kids are so excited about the summer program field trips soon to come.

We have a lot of neat activities planned for Summer Day Camp. For the first week in our summer program the theme is "All About Me." We are trying to get the kids to focus on how special each and every child is. Our overall theme for the summer program is "Discovery." The theme name itself speaks a lot for our summer activities planned. We hope to have a great summer!

*School Age Staff
Katie, Amber, and
Lauren*

School Age #2 Room

In the School Age #2 Room we had a wonderful time making bath salts for our mothers. Going along with Mother's Day we studied the Bible verse Eph. 6:1-3 which speaks of obeying your father and mother.

The children are memorizing and reciting a new verse each week. We also had a week all about words and the children got to make up their own words and definitions. They used their words in a story, poem, and word search. We are also going to be working with money and figuring tax. The kids will be making their own



store and take turns being the cashier-- which should be a lot of fun! We are really looking forward to our summer program this year starting June 2. We would like to welcome our new teacher Ms. Claire!

School Age Staff

*A Child is not
a vessel to be
filled but a
lamp to be lit.*

