

# Sunday School NEWS

Hi and welcome to our first Sunday School newsletter. With a bit of luck we will have more newsletters to come. Thanks to Suiru Tunteng and Peter Davies for allowing us to insert our first edition into the St Barnabas newsletter.

For those of you who may be visiting St Barnabas for the first time, and are reading this newsletter, let me take a few lines to let you know who we are. Marie-Claire is our Sunday School director, Debbie is our Sunday School teacher, and we teach the eight children who have registered this year. We have fun, we do crafts, Bible lessons, and we even did a Christmas pageant. Our Sunday School runs during our church service, from 10:30 to 11:15 am, when we join the congregation for communion.

## Check out what we have done so far!



We made awesome valentine hearts with biblical scriptures of love on them.



Shamrocks showing that the three leaves are like the Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

We made an Alleluia banner, decorated it and held it up at the end of the Easter Service.

Marbeli Chavarria-Pradia, our now thirteen-year-old foster child from Nicaragua, received handmade Christmas and Birthday cards signed and decorated by the entire Sunday School.



Here is a picture of all the Sunday School kids doing our Christmas pageant, "The Best Pageant Ever."



## Craft Corner – Making Paper Heart Lilies:

Supplies needed: White construction paper, glue, scissors, and green pipe cleaners.

Cut a heart out of the paper. Keep the pointed end up. Fold one round over the other and glue them together. While the glue dries, take a pipe cleaner and tie a knot in it about 1 -2 inches from the end. Make a loop above the knot. When the flower heart is dry, pull the pipe cleaner through the heart until it sits on the knot. This will ensure that the flower holds its shape. Taken from [www.themotherhuddle.com](http://www.themotherhuddle.com)

**Joke** – What do you call 10 rabbits walking backwards?  
A receding hairline!





### Five Finger Prayer

*Thumb* – This is the strongest. Use this to pray for family like your parents, brothers, sisters and friends.

*Index* – The pointer. Use this to pray for those who point you in the right direction like teachers.

*Middle* – The tallest finger. Use this to pray for those in authority, like our prime minister and world leaders.

*Ring Finger* – The weakest. Use this to pray for the lonely, the sick, shut-ins, and those in trouble.

*Little Finger* – The smallest. Use this to pray for yourself.

### Did you know.....?

The custom of giving eggs at Easter has been traced back to the Egyptians, Persians, Gauls, Greeks and Romans, all cultures to whom the egg was a symbol of life.

There are 24 flowers on an Oreo cookie.

The last word in the Bible is AMEN.

There is a talking donkey in the Bible. (Numbers 22:28)  
[www.whatchristianswanttoknow.com](http://www.whatchristianswanttoknow.com)



**Book review** -By: Nathan Callender

*Wonder* by R.J. Palacio

August is an 11 year old boy with a facial deformity, caused by genetic errors during birth. He is finally going to a real school after being home schooled for several years. Throughout the Book August finds friends and finally feels like a normal kid. For Example: At the beginning of the book August sits at a lunch table with a girl named Summer, they decide that the table that they were sitting at would be the table that only kids with summer type names could sit at. Throughout the book

Summer has to face temptations that will cause her to no longer 'Hang-out' with August. When Halloween comes around August hears his best friend (Jack Will) talking rudely about him. August does have one person that he knows and understands him and that is Via (his older sister). Via is very protective of August and supports, loves and cares for him.

I would definitely recommend this book to a friend and to you as well.



### Announcements

**May** – We'll do something nice for Mother's Day.

**June 15** – The last day of Sunday School and St Barnabas' picnic in the park.

**September 21** – Sunday School registration and Back to Church Sunday. Bring a friend!

**Poem** – *April*: By Author Unknown

Rain has such fun in April, it patters through the trees  
Talking to all the leaf buds and robins that it sees  
It splashes through the puddles and skips along the walks  
Goes coasting down the grass blades and dandelion stalks  
It dips in all the flowers and when the clouds blow by  
It paints with flower colors a rainbow in the sky.

**On that note**, let's not forget God's littlest creatures, bees, butterflies, insects and birds. So when you plant your gardens this spring, remember their needs: A variety of plants for food, rocks, brush piles or even a rotten log for shelter, and birdbaths or small dishes for water. If you drop a few rocks in them, small insects like bees and butterflies can crawl down them to drink.

"So God created ... every kind of flying creature. And God saw how good it was." (Genesis 1:21)

**Wishing you a Happy Easter filled with love, friends, family, and of course lots of chocolate.**

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