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A detailed look at the mission
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Education Ministry Area

The Education Ministry area continues to be excited about the opportunities for spiritual growth that are taking place in the life of our congregation. From the youngest of our members to the oldest, disciples of Christ are formed through small groups, fellowship opportunities, Bible studies and Sunday school.

Our children continue to grow through their participation in BAM and Kids Club. During the past few months they have studied the coming of the Wise Men and Epiphany, The Boy Jesus in the Temple, The Greatest Commandment- Love One Another and the Last Supper. They have created "baby kits" for Haiti and made Valentines that were shared with our homebound members. We are also pleased to have five children participating in our Catechism class this spring who will be recognized in worship on March 14th.

The Pioneers (Grades 6-8) in recent months have made hygiene kits as a part of their fall lock-in, participated in the set-up of Family Promise, held a successful Valentine's fundraiser and will be helping with the Easter Egg hunt on Palm Sunday. During their Sunday school and Wednesday night gatherings they have been studying a variety of faith related issues about their relationship with God, what they believe and living their faith in everyday life. They also are celebrating the participation of three of our eight graders in this year's Confirmation Class. Confirmation Sunday will be April 4th.

Our Senior High youth have been participating in Bible studies on relationships, dating and other social and personal issues that they face as they mature as young adults. In the coming months they have planned a lock-in in conjunction with their spring yard sale, a car wash, and are anticipating their week this summer at Montreat. They continue to appreciate the support they receive from their church family for their fundraisers and mission projects.

We have been most pleased with the small groups for adults which have been formed in the past couple of months. They include

- Pairs and Spares is an adult small group that gathers monthly to play games.
- Dinner Group for those who desire to dine at a local restaurant once a month with members of their church family
- Men's Prayer Group
- Quilting 101

These new small groups in addition to those we already have (Women's Bible Study Groups, Prayer Shawl Ministry, Sunshine Group and our Book Clubs) provide multiple opportunities for adults to fellowship and study together.

In our Sunday school classes, we are excited about the four new teachers who have come forward for our Faithbuilder's Sunday School class and the New Member class being offered by Ed Kusper and the Mission/Nurture Ministry Area.

In the months to come the Education Ministry area will be intentionally focusing on preparations for future ministry opportunities being offered for all ages through Sunday School, Wednesday Night Programs, Small Group studies and the like. It is their desire to have designated persons within their ministry area whose responsibility is to advocate for the ministry needs represented in each of our age level ministries as well as those that impact the spiritual life of our congregation.