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FAMILY MINISTRIES

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CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Munsey offers a variety of Sunday School classes for all ages from 10:00-10:45am with drop-off available at 9:50am. All ages check in on the children's hallway (2nd floor) and then proceed to their respective classes.

IGNITE THE NEXT GENERATION: WHAT'S AHEAD AT MUNSEY SPARK!

Munsey Spark is off to a vibrant start this school year! We've kicked things off by exploring what it means to be made in God's image, and in September, we'll dive into how to be a godly friend.

Our 11:00am children's programming takes Sunday School lessons to the next level with hands-on games, creative crafts, small group discussions, and prayer. Kindergarten through 5th grade students start the hour worshipping alongside their families and coming forward for the children's message, before heading up to the second floor for the rest of the service.

We owe a huge shoutout to our dedicated volunteer small group leaders who bring Spark to life every week! If you have a heart for encouraging the next generation, we'd love to have you on board. To find your spot on the team, contact Charity at 423-863-6915.

BRING THE HYPE FOR THE FALL FOR NORTH SIDE FESTIVAL 2026!

Get ready to bring the energy, Munsey family! On **Sunday, September 27, from 3:00-5:00pm**, we're heading to North Side Elementary for our beloved Fall for North Side festival—and we need *you* to help make this afternoon unforgettable. We're rolling out the red carpet for North Side students and their families with an epic lineup: inflatables, sweet snow cones, a dunking booth, a mini train, and so much more, completely free of charge to them.

Here is how you can jump in and show up big for our community:

- Bring the smiles, serve the food, help with activities, and show our neighbors the heart of Munsey in action.
- We are collecting gift cards to fast food restaurants, Walmart, and donations to purchase them to bless North Side families as door prizes. Drop off your donations at the Connection Point ahead of the event!
- Throw on your official festival shirt from last year! Need a new one? You can order yours for just \$10 through September 13. Order forms are available at the Connection Point and online.



Let's rally together, wear our shirts with pride, and show North Side Elementary the incredible power of our church family! Sign up to serve or to order a shirt at munsey.org/festival.

MIDWEEK MAGIC: YOUR GUIDE TO WEDNESDAY NIGHT SPARK!

Wednesday night Spark hit the ground running in August, and we have big plans for our kids all season long! Whether you're brand new or just need a quick refresher, here's what midweek looks like for our Munsey Kids:

5:45 – 6:00pm | Check-In & Drop Off (Check-in is at the desk near room 209, just like on Sundays.)

- Nursery (Ages 0–2): Room 201
- Preschool (Ages 3–pre-K): Room 206 for Music
- Elementary (Kindergarten–5th Grade): Room 209 for Bible Study

6:30pm | Room Switch

- Preschoolers move to Room 209 for Bible Study.
- Elementary kids move to Room 206 for Music.

7:00pm | Pick-Up (Please remember to present your guardian tag at pick-up!)

- Nursery: Room 201
- Preschoolers: Room 209
- Elementary: Room 206

Join us each Wednesday 6:00-7:00pm. We can't wait to see you there!

YOUTH

WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES

- Sunday School: meets weekly on the Youth floor at 10:00am, with fellowship and snacks at 9:45am
- Life Groups: Wednesday nights on the Youth floor from 6:00-7:00am
- High School Prayer Breakfast: Thursday mornings from 6:30-7:00am at the W. Market St. Chick-fil-A for high school students. Transportation is not provided to the school, and students need money for breakfast.



MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

Our first Middle School Fellowship is **September 6** at Pizza Inn in Elizabethton. We will meet on the Youth Floor after the 11:00am worship services and take a Munsey bus to the restaurant. Each youth will need \$5. Please RSVP by September 4, to Mindy (mindy.moore@munsey.org). Friends are always welcome!

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

High School Fellowship will be on **September 20**, and we'll be going out to a movie with movie title and time will be determined closer to the date. We will either go up to the new IMAX in Kingsport or AMC in Johnson City. Friends are always welcome!

MIDDLE SCHOOL PICK-UP

Middle School Pick-Up is **Wednesday, September 16!** We will be going to Cook Out for our snack stop and Quantum Leap. **Youth will need money for snacks and \$10 for Quantum Leap.** We pick students up from Liberty Bell, Indian Trail and University School. **If your youth needs to be picked up from University School, please email penleye@etsu.edu, saying that your student will be picked up by Pastor Gary Ihfe from 1st UMC on Wednesday, September 16.** RSVP to Mindy (mindy.moore@munsey.org) by September 14. Friends are always welcome!

Scope and Sequence

Use this guide to explore our Bible lessons at home each week. *Because what you do at home matters even more than what we do at church.*

September Preschool



Week One

Genesis 37; Jeremiah 1:5

Joseph's brothers are angry when their father gives him a special coat, so they send him to Egypt.

Week Two

Genesis 39-40

Joseph chooses to do good after he is sent to jail for something he didn't do.

Week Three

Genesis 41

Pharaoh puts Joseph in charge of saving grain after Joseph helps him understand his dreams.

Week Four

Genesis 42-45

Joseph's brothers come to him because they need food, and Joseph forgives them.

This Month's Verse:

"For I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord." Jeremiah 29:11 NLT

September Elementary



Week One

Ecclesiastes 4:9-12

Two people are better than one. Bottom line: Choose your friends carefully.

Week Two

1 Samuel 20 (supporting: 1 Corinthians 13:4-8)

David and Jonathan. Bottom line: Friends love one another.

Week Three

1 Kings 19:14-21; 2 Kings 2:1-15

Elijah and Elisha. Bottom line: Friends encourage one another.

Week Four

John 21:1-19 (supporting: John 18:1-27)

Jesus forgives Peter. Bottom line: Friends forgive one another.

This Month's Verse:

"A friend loves at all times. They are there to help when trouble comes." Proverbs 17:17 NIV

AUGUST SPARK FUN

Our theme for August was "Made by God," and we talked about how God created us unique and in His image. Each week we had a creativity race where the kids had to build things out of different materials. They really got into it!



AUGUST YOUTH FUN



FROM THE COVER - THE HYMES FAMILY

Munsey has been such an important part of our family's life for the past nine years, and we cannot imagine our family anywhere else! We are so thankful to be a part of the Munsey community!

What initially drew us to Munsey was its strong focus on community outreach, its wonderful music program, and, most importantly, the way Munsey welcomes and accepts people from all walks of life. There is a genuine spirit of acceptance here, a sense that people are valued, respected, and invited to be part of the community as they are. These were things that immediately stood out to us and made Munsey feel like a place where we wanted to become involved. Over the years, they have remained important to us, but what we have come to love just as much are the people and the genuine sense of community we have found here.

It has been especially meaningful to watch our kids grow up at Munsey, surrounded by people who have loved, encouraged, and supported them through so many different stages of their lives. Knowing that they are being nurtured not only by us, but also by a larger church family that teaches them to care for others, value differences, and extend that same sense of welcome to those around them is something we are incredibly grateful for.

Aaron and I have also really enjoyed being part of the Point of Grace Sunday School since its inception. Elliott is enjoying Munsey Youth and Ticen loves KidMin! The friendships and connections we have all made in these small groups have become an important part of our experience at Munsey and have helped make the church feel even more like home.

Both our boys have learned how to be a part of worship through reading scripture, acolyting and singing in choir. They are also involved in the Scout troop that Munsey supports, which has given them another wonderful opportunity to grow, learn, serve, and build relationships within the broader Munsey community. It is one more example of the many ways this wonderful church has become woven into our family's life.

Munsey has given our family opportunities to worship, serve, grow, build relationships, and be part of something larger than ourselves. We are incredibly grateful for all that Munsey has provided our family and for the many people who have made it such a special place! Thanks to each and everyone of you!

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