

FAMILY MINISTRIES

A monthly publication for Munsey Youth and KidMin families



THE BURKE FAMILY TELLS US ALL ABOUT THE LOVE THEY HAVE OF MUNSEY ON PAGE 5.

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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. Kindergartners - 5th graders meet on the Elementary Hallway in Room 209. Babies and toddlers meet in the Green Room, and children three years old through Pre-K meet in the Blue Room, all on the Preschool Hallway.

SAVE THE DATE: LUNCH AND LEARN PARENT ACADEMY ON MARCH 1

Technology is moving faster than ever, and keeping up with the risks our children face online can feel overwhelming. You are not alone.

We are thrilled to announce the launch of the *Munsey Parent Academy*, a new initiative dedicated to empowering our families. Our very first session is a critical one: FBI Internet Safety Training for Parents.

What you will learn: The FBI has created specialized seminars to equip parents with the most current knowledge to recognize and avoid the hidden dangers our kids can be exposed to online—from cyberbullying to online predators and more.

Why attend? Gain the vital tools and awareness necessary to keep your children safe in the digital age.

For all Munsey families and friends: This essential training is designed for you. Mark your calendar for **March 1** and look for more details and sign-ups later this month.



DOWNLOAD THE PARENT CUE APP!

Designed to help bridge the gap between church and home, the *Parent Cue* app provides timely, age-appropriate cues and conversation starters for every phase of your child's life. From weekly Bible story videos and recaps to insightful talking points about faith and character, the *Parent Cue* app equips you to continue Sunday's conversations throughout your week. Download it today or visit theparentcue.org – because what you do at home matters even more than what we do at church.

PARENTS' NIGHT OUT: FEBRUARY 13. 5:30-7:00PM

This Valentine's season, let us take care of the kids while you enjoy an evening off. Munsey Spark is excited to host a *Pizza and Pajamas Movie Night!*

- For Munsey K–5th Graders: a cozy movie night
- For Munsey Preschoolers: fun and supervised care in our regular nursery

Kids should come dressed in their favorite comfy PJs with a pillow and blanket in tow. We'll provide the pizza, snacks, and plenty of fun!

Requested Donation: \$5 per child (maximum \$10 per family)

MUNSEY WEEK AT CAMP BAYS MOUNTAIN

Munsey Week at Camp Bays Mountain is **June 14-19, 2026**, and Chris Brown will be the Minister in Residence that week! We look forward to giving out more Munsey camper scholarships, and we hope to have lots of our children and youth attend camp together. Registration will open this month, so stay tuned for more information!

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.*

February Preschool



SERIES OVERVIEW

Love is a word used for many things. We love chocolate. We love puppies. We love naps. But the love Jesus gives us is in a category all by itself. It's a love that is greater than any other love. It's a love that Jesus has for everyone, and it will never end.

KEY QUESTION

Who loves you?

BOTTOM LINE

Jesus loves me.

MEMORY VERSE

"Jesus said, 'Let the children come to me.'" (Matthew 19:14 NLT)

Week One: Jesus and the Children (Mark 10:13-16)

Week Two: The Lost Sheep* (Luke 15:3-7)

Week Three: Mary and Martha (Luke 10:38-42)

Week Four: Jesus Forgives a Woman (John 8)

More Ways to Engage with Your Kid

Faith & Character Activities



Orange Kids Music



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February Elementary



CORE QUESTION

What does it look like to love like Jesus?

CORE INSIGHT

God's Family / Community

MEMORY VERSE

"I give you a new command. Love one another. You must love one another, just as I have loved you." (John 13:34, NIV)

Week One: Jesus Teaches Nicodemus (John 3:1-21)

Bottom Line: God loves the whole world.

Week Two: The Most Important Commandment (Matthew 22:34-40)

Bottom Line: Love God. Love others.

Week Three: Zacchaeus (Luke 19:1-10)

Bottom Line: The love of Jesus can change things for the better.

Week Four: Jesus Heals Jairus' Daughter and a Suffering Woman (Mark 5:21-43)

Bottom Line: Show the love of Jesus to people in need.

FEBRUARY FOCUS: Love – choosing to treat others the way Jesus treats us.

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Worship Song of the Month



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MUSIC AND WORSHIP ARTS



Dear Munsey families,

In case you haven't already heard, I'm thrilled to announce that Munsey's worship, music, and KidMin staff (and volunteers!) are starting a new **Music and Worship Arts** offering for our **Kindergarten-5th grade students!** This is a brand new offering in addition to our great Sunday morning and Wednesday evening programming!

Starting February 8, we will begin offering a **twice-monthly Sunday evening** session from **4:00 - 6:00pm**. We want to provide a substantial block of time to expose the students to a variety of worship arts education and experiences from multiple disciplines in our rich heritage and faith.

Each evening, we plan to offer two different worship arts sessions in a rotation. We want to keep things fresh and interesting for the kids, and we want to ensure that they get a broad exposure to many different disciplines and opportunities! This spring, we plan to include **drama** to help reinforce the Bible lessons from Charity; **singing** in both contemporary and traditional styles; learning about **different instruments** (praise band, handbells, organ, and more); and learning all about the **"behind the scenes"** elements of worship preparation, including A/V production.

This program will be supported by our excellent staff (Matt Brickey, Charity Damrau, Brett Smith, and Justin Boazman) as well as congregational volunteers.

More information will come from our Music and Worship Arts Advisory Team and the church office. Reach out with questions as you have them. This is only a beginning, and we ask you to give us some grace as we iron out early details. In the meantime, save the date!

Drop-off will be at 4:00pm, and pick-up will be between 5:45 and 6:00pm on the following dates: **February 8 and 22, March 8 and 22, April 12 and 26, and the wrap-up will be on Mother's Day, May 10.**

With excitement!

James D. Culp (james.culp@gmail.com)

Music and Worship Arts Advisory Team

(James Culp, Sarah Jayne Della Vecchia, Connie Taylor, Wendy Whitmore)



YOUTH

Weekly Opportunities for Students

- 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 6:00-7:00pm
- Prayer Breakfast: Thursday mornings from 6:30-7:00am at the W. Market St. Chick-fil-A for high school students resuming January 15; transportation is not provided to the school, and students need money for breakfast.



YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

Our Youth Fellowship is **February 8 at noon** on the Youth Floor. To celebrate the Super Bowl, we will eat pizza and play games. Please RSVP with Mindy (mindy.moore@munsey.org) by **February 6**. Friends are always welcome!

MIDDLE SCHOOL PICK-UP

Middle School Pick-Up for 6th-8th graders is on **Wednesday, February 11**. We'll pick 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, February 11.** We will be going to Freddy's for our snack stop and then to 1st UMC to play games. Your youth will need money for the snack stop. **Please let Mindy (mindy.moore@munsey.org) know by February 9** if your youth plans to join in on the fun. Friends are always welcome!

ASP SUMMER MISSION TRIP

Munsey Youth is officially signed up for our June 7th-13th ASP Mission Trip! If you or your youth would like to go, please let Mindy know (mindy.moore@munsey.org). **A nonrefundable deposit of \$50 is needed to hold your spot.** You can pay by check, cash, or online. If you are paying with a check or online please write *ASP Youth Trip* in the memo line. If your family needs financial assistance, please don't hesitate to reach out to me directly—our goal is to make sure every youth who wants to attend is able to. For anyone interested in chaperoning, we're happy to share that all chaperone costs will be fully covered.

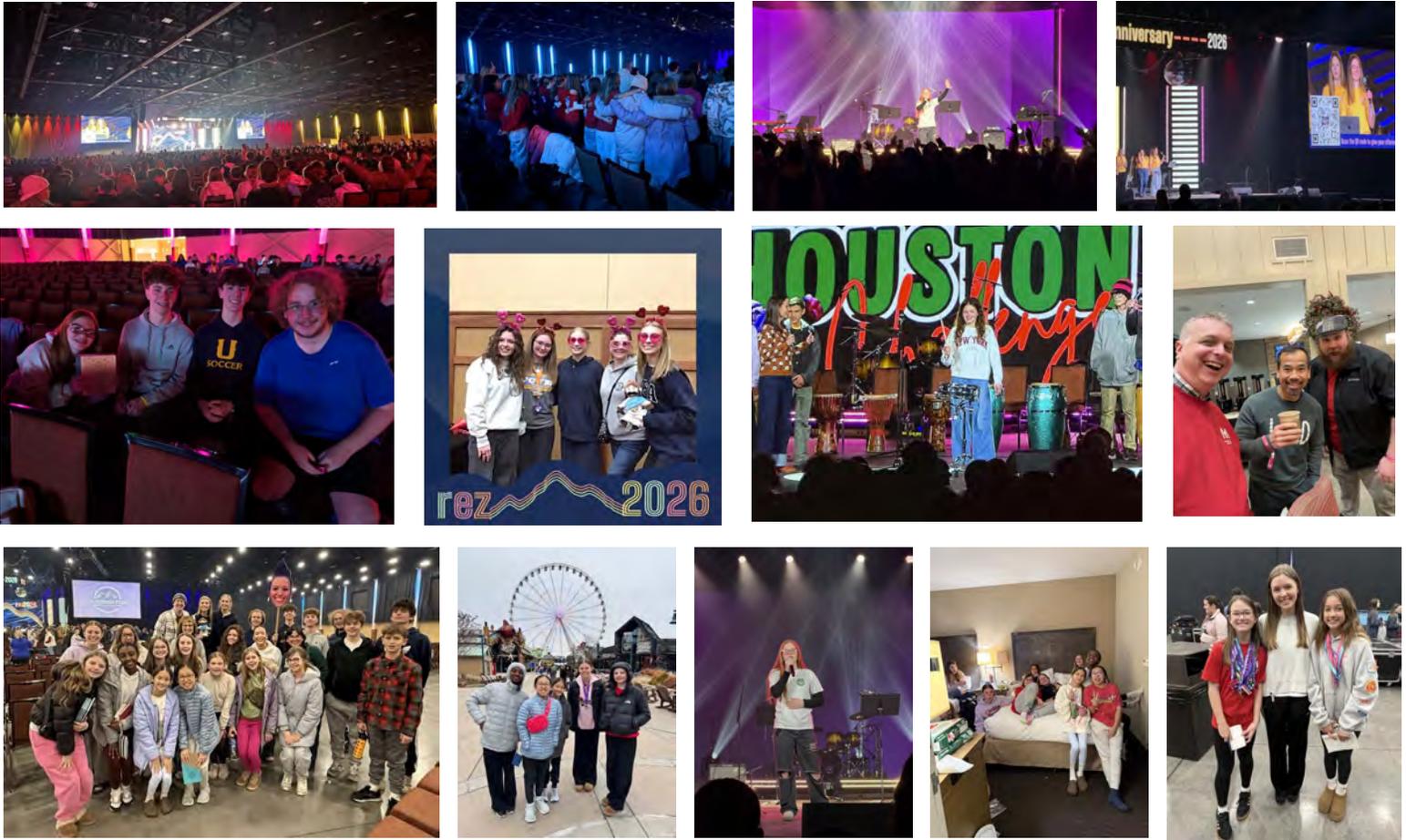
IGNITE

Our next *Ignite* District Youth event is **February 22** at the Wesley Foundation on the ETSU campus. Dinner will be provided. We will meet at the church at 5:00pm and take a Munsey bus over because parking is limited. We will be leaving the church at 5:15pm and return around 7:45pm. If you want to meet us there, the event starts at 5:30pm and ends at 7:30pm. Friends are welcome!

FROM THE COVER PHOTO - THE BURKE FAMILY

The community at Munsey is full of love - love for its neighbors, love for its members, love for its children, love for those with whom it disagrees, love for us at our best, and love for us at our worst. That love is expressed with actions - service work, food, classes to grow faith, groups to help us navigate the joys and troubles of life. This focus of faith and love in action is what drew our family to Munsey and keeps us there as we walk through the world together. We are beyond thankful and blessed to have found a community of love here at Munsey.

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