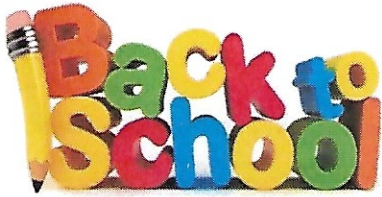


WATERLOO FIRST GRACE CHURCH
AUGUST 2024 NEWSLETTER



Back-to-school season has arrived, and along with it comes a variety of emotions for students, parents, and teachers. Many may be feeling excitement about seeing friends again and new classrooms but also anxiety and stress over new schools and schedules. Let's pray for our students as they return to school. Praying for their safety, focus, and faith is crucial during this time.

Kids and the first day of school:

- Some kindergarteners are crying. (And so are some Moms)
- First graders are looking nervous and looking around for someone they recognize.
- Second graders are looking confident, yet a bit comprehensive.
- Third graders come in and all the boys go to one side of the classroom and the girls go to the other.
- Fourth graders come in and the boys are punching each other on the arm and the girls are rolling their eyes and checking out the outfits the other girls are wearing.
- After fourth grade, individual personalities begin to emerge and they've made friends so the first day goes smoother.
- it's hard to find your child in the 5th grade through 8th grade because everyone is following the trend and wearing the same clothes and they seem to blend in with each other.
- High School years are unique, kids are joining school clubs and using their talents in extracurricular activities.

Here are a few thoughts for Mom and Dad:

- Don't worry until October. Kids are amazingly skillful at working things out by themselves. Things should be resolved by Halloween.
- Pray about how involved YOU should be. Your kids want to see you at school, but probably after the second grade, they don't want to see you there as often.
- Reassure your child that they will be okay and you want to hear about their day at school.
- Treasure these crazy, precious years, they go by way too quickly.
- Take a moment to realize that while so many things seem to matter today, Jesus still matters the most. Find time in the coming weeks to pray for teachers, friends, academics, and remember that spiritual success is the most important success your child can receive.

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight." – Proverbs 3:5-6

"Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go." – Joshua 1:9

AUGUST CALENDAR

Thursday – August 1

Praise Team 5:00 p.m.
Prayer Time 6:10 p.m.
Evening Bible Study 6:30 p.m.

Sunday – August 4

Prayer Time 8:30 a.m.
Sunday School 9:00 a.m.
Worship Service 10:00 a.m.
Youth Group 5:00 p.m.

Tuesday – August 6

Craft Workshop 3:00 p.m.

Wednesday – August 7

Coffee Bible Study 9:00 a.m.
Kids Connection Club 5:15 p.m.

Thursday – August 8

Praise Team 5:00 p.m.
Prayer Time 6:10 p.m.
Evening Bible Study 6:30 p.m.

Saturday – August 10

Men's Fellowship 9:00 a.m.
Women of Faith 9:00 a.m.

Sunday – August 11

Prayer Time 8:30 a.m.
Sunday School 9:00 a.m.
Worship 10:00 a.m.
Youth Group 5:00 p.m.

Tuesday – August 13

Craft Workshop 3:00 p.m.

Wednesday – August 14

Coffee Bible Study 9:00 a.m.
Kids Connection 5:15 p.m.

Calendar Continued....

Thursday – August 15

Praise Team 5:00 p.m.
Trustee Meeting 6:00 p.m.
Prayer Time 6:10 p.m.
Evening Bible Study 6:30 p.m.

Sunday – August 18

Prayer Time 8:30 a.m.
Worship 10:00 a.m.
Youth Group 5:00 p.m.

Tuesday – August 20

Craft Workshop 3:00 p.m.

Wednesday – August 21

Coffee Bible Study 9:00 a.m.
Kids Connection Club 5:15 p.m.

Thursday – August 22

Praise Team 5:00 p.m.
Prayer Time 6:10 p.m.
Evening Bible Study 6:30 p.m.

Sunday – August 25

Prayer Time 8:30 a.m.
Sunday School 9:00 a.m.
Worship Service 10:00 a.m.
Youth Group 5:00 p.m.

Tuesday – August 27

Craft Workshop 3:00 p.m.
AD Council 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday – August 28

Coffee Bible Study 9:00 a.m.
Kids Connection Club 5:15 p.m.

Thank you to the Women of Faith for remembering shut-ins with a bag of goodies, surprises and enjoyable visits.

It really helps to make the days seem not so long.

Thank you again and blessings to all.
Leora Dangler



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

04 – Sharon McDonald
10 – Allison Charleswood
13 – Arlo Vick
14 – Amber Chapin
14 – Deanna Robinson
18 – George DeLong
18 – Kerry Parrott
19 – Lisa Clifford
19 – Dennis MacDonald
19 – Eric Barr, Jr.
21 – Caye Lutz
27 – Lorraine Smith

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

27 – Randy & Dusti Bice
30 – Christopher & Carol Barr

