

 **MUNSEY**

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FAMILY MINISTRIES

A monthly publication for Munsey Youth and KidMin families





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.

WHAT A SUMMER AT SPARK CAMP!

What an incredible week we had at **Spark Camp**! This year, we reimagined our traditional Vacation Bible School into a full-day, weeklong experience that combined meaningful Bible study and small-group discipleship with exciting electives, outdoor water adventures, creative worship arts, and plenty of fun.

More than **50 children** and **40 volunteers** came together to discover what it means to build God's Kingdom by following Christ. We are so thankful for everyone who made Spark Camp such a success, and we're already dreaming and planning for an even bigger and better experience next summer. Stay tuned!

COMING UP AT MUNSEY

Wednesday, August 5 – Wednesday Night County Fair Kick-Off

Our midweek programming returns with a dinner and games for the whole family at **6:00pm** in our gym! Please RSVP by August 2 at munsey.org/rvsp. Regular Wednesday evening classes begin the following week on **August 12, from 6:00-7:00pm** each Wednesday.

Sunday, August 9 – Back-to-School Sunday

Join us for a **combined worship service at 11:00am in the Christian Life Center Gym** as we celebrate Back-to-School Sunday. During the service, we'll have a special **Blessing of the Backpacks**, praying for God's guidance, protection, and provision over students of every age, as well as their teachers and school staff, as they begin a new school year.

Sunday, August 16 – Bible Sunday

Bible Sunday is a special milestone for our children. During worship, we'll present each child with an age-appropriate Bible to encourage and equip them as they continue growing in God's Word over the coming years.

CHILDREN & YOUTH MINISTRY TRAINING

Are you ready to make an impact in the lives of the next generation? Whether you're a longtime volunteer or simply interested in learning more about serving, you're invited to our **Annual Children's & Youth Ministry Training** on **Sunday, August 30, at 12:00pm in the Gathering Place**.

Lunch will be provided, followed by training and resources to help prepare our volunteers for an exciting year of ministry.

Please **RSVP by August 23** at munsey.org/rvsp. Free childcare will be available for preschool and elementary-aged children.

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.*

August Preschool



Week One: God made everything, and God made me.

Bible Story: God Made Everything. God Made Me.*

Scripture: Genesis 1:1-31; Psalm 104

Week Two: I am wonderfully made.

Bible Story: Wonderfully Me

Scripture: Genesis 1:27; Psalm 139:13-14

Week Three: I am created to show what God is like.

Bible Story: God Made Me in His Image

Scripture: Genesis 1:26-27; Exodus 34:6-7

Week Four: I am important to God.

Bible Story: God Knows Everything About Me

Scripture: Psalm 139:1-4; Matthew 6:26; 10:30, 42

Week Five: God loves us so much that God gave us Jesus.

Bible Story: God Loves Me

Scripture: John 3:16; 1 John 4:9-10

More Ways to Engage with Your Kid

Faith & Character Activities



Orange Kids Music



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August Elementary



Week One: Image of God

Bottom Line: I am made in the image of God.

Scripture: Genesis 1:26-30; Colossians 1:15

Suggested Virtue: Uniqueness

Week Two: Created for a Purpose

Bottom Line: God made me for a purpose.

Scripture: Ephesians 2:10; 1 Timothy 4:12

Suggested Virtue: Confidence

Week Three: In All Things God Works for Good

Bottom Line: God can use all things.

Scripture: Romans 8:28-29

Suggested Virtue: Trust

Week Four: Woman at the Well

Bottom Line: Jesus values everyone.

Scripture: John 4

Suggested Virtue: Respect

Week Five: Gifted Together (Building the Tabernacle)

Bottom Line: God grows His gifts in me to build His kingdom.

Scripture: Exodus 25:8-9; 39:42-43

Suggested Virtue: Cooperation

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Worship Song of the Month



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YOUTH

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School meets weekly on the Youth floor at **10:00am**, with **fellowship and snacks at 9:45am**. All 6th-12th graders are welcome!

6TH GRADE WELCOME LUNCH

Our Welcome Lunch for our new 6th grade youth and their families will be in the Gathering Place on **August 2 after 11:00am** worship services. Mindy will share all about Munsey Youth Ministries for this school year.

COMBINED YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

Our Youth Kick-Off event for 6th-12th graders is **August 2 from 5:00-7:00pm** at the Seeleys' pool. This will be such a fun time of fellowship and will give students a chance to get to know each other. We'll have lots of time to swim and eat dinner together. All you need to bring is a towel, sunscreen, swimsuit, and some friends. Lots of our youth, staff, and volunteers will be there, so we hope we'll see you there too! Just let Mindy (mindy.moore@munsey.org) know if you need directions.

LIFE GROUPS

Our Life Groups (small groups based on grade and gender) will start meeting on the Youth Floor on **August 12 from 6:00-7:00pm each Wednesday**.

HIGH SCHOOL PRAYER BREAKFAST

High School Prayer Breakfast will meet **each Thursday, starting August 13, at 6:30am** at the West. Market St. Chick-fil-A. Transportation is not provided to school, and students need money for breakfast. Friends are welcome!

MIDDLE SCHOOL PICK-UP

Middle School Pick Up is a monthly outing for our 6th-8th grade students. We plan to have our first Middle School Pick Up on **Wednesday, August 26**. We will be kicking this year off with a trip to Paradise Acres. **Youth will need money for snacks and the activities**. 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 August 26.** RSVP to Mindy Moore (mindy.moore@munsey.org) by August 24. Friends are always welcome!

YOUTH ORCHESTRA OPPORTUNITY

Do you play an instrument? Join us in the Gathering Place on **Tuesday, August 11 at 6:00pm** for an interest session about Munsey Memorial's newest ensemble.

Before our interest session, we would like to gather a bit of information, so please visit munsey.org and click the *Munsey Orchestra* graphic to fill out a short survey.

We look forward to making beautiful music with you!

Soli Deo Gloria

Justin Boazman, Director of Music





JULY IGNITE DISTRICT YOUTH EVENT



SPARK CAMP

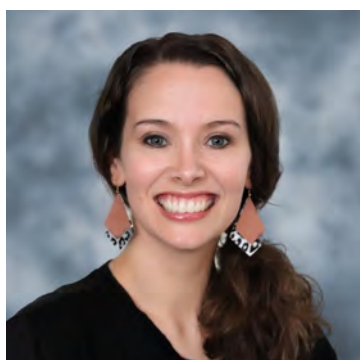


FROM THE COVER - THE DOCKERY FAMILY

Munsey has been a great source of comfort for our family. We knew it was time to find a church home: a place where Shepard could grow up with warm memories of time spent learning, serving, and growing in faith, just as Chris and I had when we were children. I am thankful for Munsey friends who invited us to join them for service one morning.

From day one, we have felt welcomed and encouraged by the community at Munsey. We are thankful to have found not only a church home, but also friendships and spiritual growth alike. It has been a joy watching Shepard grow in his faith; I will always be thankful for the wonderful children's programming and hard-working staff that make it all possible. We are so proud to be part of this church that is a Christ-centered leader in our community. ~ *Holly Dockery*

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