## February 2025

Hello Adventure Families!

This past season in AdventureKids has been one full of Kingdom light, joy, and beauty.

I continue to feel so incredibly grateful to serve in this capacity as I watch your children grow in their faith. It has been amazing to witness the ways that Jesus shows up in and through each child.

The light of Jesus has shone brightly as kids have settled into their small groups. I've witnessed and heard of new levels of engagement as these groups meet weekly during service, growing deeper in their learning.

I have also been amazed with the gentle hospitality your kids show. Every week there are guests and first-time visitors who are met with a warm welcome, intentional community, and a love like Jesus.

Thank you for your continued support, encouragement, and prayer over this ministry as we adventure together into the fullness of life that Jesus offers.

In Christ,

Pastor Amanda

# **UPCOMING**

Family Worship Sundays
MARCH 16

SPAC Toddler Time Wednesdays Biweekly FEBRUARY 19 MARCH 5 & 19 APRIL 2, 16, 30 MAY 14

VBS Save the Date
JULY 22-24

# A PRAYER FOR YOUR CHILD

"Lord Jesus, you gave the invitation for little children to come to you. Would my child(ren) come to be with you, become like you, and do the things that you do. Would they know your great love for them."

Matthew 19:14

#### GIVING UPDATE

September - December Giving:

\$80.00

January Giving: **\$29.70** 

MINISTRY DONATIONS

If you would like to help support our AdventureKids ministry, please check out our bulletin board outside the Great Room, where you'll find cards listing items that can be donated. Take a card and bring the donation to the office. We're incredibly grateful for the support families are showing in this way!

#### **VOLUNTEER NEEDS**

NURSERY - 1 adult

EXPLORER - 2 adults

DISCOVERY - 2 adults, 4 youth

GREAT ROOM - 5 adults

### Winter Learning

The first weeks of 2025 have been filled with goodness as we've explored the miracle-working King, Jesus! Through the stories of His miracles, we've received a deeper understanding of God's character and how Jesus revealed the kind of King He truly is.

We've looked at other kings and rulers in the Bible, noticing how power and authority can corrupt a leader, making them jealous, deceitful, self-indulgent, unfair, and disconnected from the needs of their people. But Jesus continually rewrites the narrative, showing us what a Good King He truly is. Through His miracles, we see that His Kingdom is one of justice, inclusion, and love. King Jesus reveals Himself as trustworthy, fair, caring, and as God who is both with us and for us.

As we move into our next series, *Kingdom People!*, we will learn that following Jesus means having a place and a purpose in the Kingdom of Heaven and how that transforms our everyday lives.

# **Upcoming Learning**

Kingdom People! will focus on how we live as friends of Jesus.

Over 4 weeks, we will study stories of the disciples:

First, Peter's confession that Jesus is the Messiah, and how Jesus calls him the rock upon which the Church will be built. In this story, we will explore what this means for us as the Church today, and how our faith continues to build the Kingdom.

Next, we'll look at the debate among the disciples about who will be the greatest in the Kingdom of Heaven. In this story, Jesus challenges the idea of rank by bringing forward a child. We will discover how each of us belongs in the Kingdom.

Third, we'll discuss the story of 'outsiders' casting out demons in Jesus' name, and the disciples' response in defense. Here, we will learn that Jesus leaves no one out—those who believe are not excluded from the Kingdom.

Finally, in our fourth week, we'll examine the life of believers how the disciples then, and disciples now, are all called to live as servants. Together, we will explore how, as Kingdom People, we can bless others.

Following this series, we will begin our adventure toward Easter, focusing on the last weeks of Jesus' life as we approach Good Friday.



