



REAL *Life* KIDS

NEWSLETTER



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Happy New Year! Office Closed	2 Office Closed	3
4	5	6	7	8	9 Happy Birthday, Paula Bowersox!	10
11 First Step Class 9:30-11am	12	13	14	15	16	17
18 Happy Birthday, Meg Coffin!	19 Office Closed MLK Day	20	21	22	23	24 Happy Birthday, Trish Bedell!
25 First Step Class 9:30-11am Baptism 9:30 & 11	26	27	28	29	30	31 Happy Birthday, Caleb Pint!



Sunday School Lessons

The Gospel Project

God is in Control

1/4/26 Jacob and Esau Genesis 25; 27

1/11/26 Jacob Fled from Canaan Genesis 28;32

1/18/26 Joseph Taken to Egypt Genesis 37;
39-46; 50

1/25/26 The Suffering of Job Job



Scripture

“You planned evil against me; God planned it
for good to bring about the present
result - the survival of many people.”

Genesis 50:20



Big Picture Question & Answer

Who is in control of everything? God is in control
of everything in heaven and on earth. Nothing is
outside of God’s good plan.



WHAT DOES “000” MEAN?

“000” on the LED pager screens means Real Life Kids needs help now. If you are background-checked, please check-in at the Children’s Check-In Counter in the Lobby.

Thank you for serving our kids!

JOIN THE REAL LIFE KIDS TEAM!

Serve weekly, monthly, bi-monthly, or as a substitute. Of course, a background check is required and we will prepare you to serve with confidence.

Email kwallace@lifespring.church

RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Snow Ice Cream

Ingredients

- * 1 cup milk (any kind)
- * 1/3 cup granulated sugar
- * 1 tsp vanilla extract
- * 1 pinch fine sea salt
- * 8 cups clean snow or shaved ice (more or less, depending on the density of the snow)
- * Optional topping: sprinkles!

Instructions

1. In a large bowl, whisk milk, sugar, vanilla and salt together until combined. Go scoop up some fresh (clean!) snow, and immediately stir it into the milk mixture until you reach your desired consistency. (The ice cream should be fluffy, not runny. But it melts quickly, so dive in quickly.)
2. Top with sprinkles or other ice cream toppings if desired, and enjoy!



SAVE THE
DATE

VBS
2026

SHINING A LIGHT ON
WHO JESUS REALLY IS

ILLUMINATION STATION

JOHN 8:12

JUNE 22-26

Volunteer Opportunity - RLK Supply Coordinator



Real Life Kids is seeking a reliable weekly volunteer to help gather, return, and restock supplies for all Sunday School classrooms. This role is ideal for someone who is attentive to detail and able to commit on a regular basis.

The preferred day to serve is Wednesday or Thursday, but we can adjust based on your availability.

If you are interested in this volunteer role, please contact Kelly Wallace @ kwallace@lifespring.church

FIRST STEP

CLASS

SUNDAY, JANUARY 11 & 25 | 9:30-10:45 AM

Register at lifespring.church/events

I'm a Christian Now

This 8 week class is for
1st-6th graders
Prior to baptism.

Thursdays
Feb 5-Apr 2
3:30-4:45pm

Register at [Lifespring.church/events](https://lifespring.church/events)
by February 1!



Joyful Journeys

A support group and fellowship group for families with special needs children (including adult children with special needs). This group offers disability-friendly fellowship events throughout the year for the whole family. Stay tuned for upcoming details on monthly meeting. Contact Trish Bedell for more information.

p.a.bedell@gmail.com



Real Life Kids NEED:

Save your paper towel tubes and bring to Children's Ministry!



BAPTISM

SUNDAY, JANUARY 25 | 9:30 & 11AM

Register | lifespring.church/events



Have you ever heard of LifeWise?

LifeWise was established in 2019 as a nonprofit organization that offers Bible-based character education to public school students in numerous states!

- With parent's permission, **LifeWise** programming for students is conducted DURING the school day at a location off school campuses.
- The program strives to complement teachers' efforts inside the classroom, with a goal of improving student behavior and academic achievement.
- The program is not exclusive to students of the Christian faith and takes any willing student who has permission.
- **LifeWise Academy** is adaptable and feasible for Bible education to be available in many communities.

You might be asking how this is even possible or legal:

- Released time religious instruction (RTRI) creates an incredible opportunity for public school students to receive valuable religious and spiritual education during the existing hours provided by their school day.
- The Supreme Court ruling (*Zorach v. Clauson*, 1952) makes it both constitutional and legal for communities across the country to establish religious programs like **LifeWise Academy** that meet the three conditions outlined by the ruling: the programs are off school property, privately funded and parent permitted.
- A student's expressions of faith are safeguarded by the **First Amendment**, ensuring their right to free speech and the free exercise of religion, as long as these expressions don't disrupt class or infringe on other students' rights.
- Released time guidelines strike a perfect balance, preventing government endorsement of any single religion while upholding our cherished right to freely practice our faith.

Recently there was a movie released in the theaters about **LifeWise**. The title was **"OFF SCHOOL PROPERTY"**. I encourage you to find it to watch if at all possible.

Please take a minute and go to lifewise.org to gain more knowledge of this organization and help your school district get the 50 needed signatures to get acknowledged as a possible place for **LifeWise** to begin exploring a new chapter.

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