



Spread the Word

September 2007

The Newsletter for Immanuel Bible Church Home Educators (IBCHE)

And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to His purpose.
-- Romans 8:28

Welcome Back!

We hope everyone enjoyed their summer, and got recharged (enough) to tackle another year of homeschooling! Thanks to everyone who made the kick-off Ice Cream social such a success, and a special WELCOME to all our new families! We look forward to getting to know you better in the months ahead as we share and support each other on our journey.

September Meeting!

Our first meeting of the year will be **THURSDAY, September 6th** from 7-9 pm in Room 400 of Immanuel Bible Church. Come join us!

SCIENCE CLUB

Tuesday, September 4th, 2-4pm in Fireside RMS
Exploring science through creation
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Ministry Sunday

Ministry Sunday is Sunday, September 9 all three services in Firesides 1 and 2. POC is Valerie Schwarzwaldner at valerie.schwarzwaldner@gmail.com

PLAY DATES!!

Thursday, September 6, 10:30 AM at Katherine Loos' home, the Prek-1st Grade Play Group will meet. POC is Katherine Loos at loosfamily@gmail.com

IBCHE Park Days 2007-2008

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We will meet at 1030 at the following locations:

Sept 27th (Lacey Woods Park, Arlington, VA)
Oct 25th (Cherry Hill Park, Falls Church, VA)
Nov 29th (Great Falls Grange Park, Great Falls, VA)
Dec 20th (Alcova Heights, Arlington, VA)
Jan 31st (Hidden Oaks Nature Center, Annandale, VA)
Feb 28th (Long Branch Nature Center, Arlington, VA)
Mar 27th (Burke Lake Park, Fairfax Station, VA)
Apr 24th (Green Springs Garden Park, Alexandria, VA)
May 29th (Frying Pan Park, Herndon, VA)
Jun 26th (Mason District Park, Annandale, VA)

We will meet at 1pm at the following locations:

Sept. 27th (Clemyjontri Park, McLean, VA)
Oct. 25th (Mason District Park, Annandale, VA)
Nov. 29th (Frying Pan Park, Herndon, VA)
Dec. 20th (Hidden Pond Nature Center, Springfield, VA)
Jan 31st (Long Branch Nature, Arlington, VA)
Feb 28th (Hidden Oaks Nature Center, Annandale, VA)
Mar 27th (Green Springs Garden Park, Alexandria, VA)
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Jun 26th (Hayes [waterspray] Park, Arlington, VA)

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BOOK IT!

BOOK IT sign ups are happening right now!

Pizza Hut sponsors a reading program from Oct 1st through March 30th each year encouraging children in K-6th grade to read. During that time you set monthly reading goals for your kids and if they meet their goal(s) then they are awarded a certificate for a free personal pan pizza at Pizza Hut. It's a great way to encourage reading and a fun way to enjoy a special lunch once a month!

If you would like to participate, I need the following information:

Your first and last name (parent),

your child's first name and grade,

you complete address,

and a phone # or email so I can contact you if I have any questions.

(Information that will be sent to the Book It program will be your name (parent), the city and state in which you live and the number of students you have in K-6 that are participating.)

The deadline for signing up with our homeschool group is September 10th. **If you already signed up in the spring and received a confirmation email from me, you do not need to send me your information again.**

Angie Martens

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From the Editor.....

Newsletter submissions are due by the 25th of each month. I will strive to send out the newsletters on the 1st of each month! Thanks and I'm looking forward to another great year! -- Celeste

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If you're game, then how about:

NEWCOMERS CORNER!

An Interview with.....Jen Cates

Jen, Tell us about your family.

I am married to Scott (14 years this week!), and have 2 boys Wesley (age 8, 3rd grade) and Wyatt (age 4, pre-K)

Where did you move from?

We just moved here in June from Dayton, Ohio. We are an Air force family and have lived on both coasts and several places in between. We have moved 11 times over the years, but this is our first time living in DC.

What do you love best about homeschooling?

There are two aspects of homeschooling that I have come to really enjoy. First is flexibility. Being a military family, my husband's schedule changes greatly and sometimes with short notice. With homeschooling, we are able to change our schedule with his. I also enjoy family time when he comes home from work and not have to spend that time doing "homework" in the evenings. Second is the close relationship my sons have continued to share. Since my boys are 4 years apart, if we weren't homeschooling, they would be spending a great amount of time apart, one in school and the other preschool. I love that they are close and hope that they will continue to have a good relationship throughout their lives. It is a joy to see.

Your favorite (and least favorite) subject?

Our favorite subject is reading. I love reading the classics that I grew up reading with my son. We could spend hours in the library and are often limited in the number of books that we check out by the amount we can carry! Our least favorite subject is handwriting. But we continue to practice anyways!

What are your hobbies?

I love to go camping with my family. We have an RV and enjoy exploring new places. I LOVE Nascar. I love driving my 67 Camaro and going to car shows. And pretty much anything my boys are in to doing which is usually loud, messy, and slightly dangerous. I also enjoy cooking for other people.

What's up for the Cates homeschool this fall?

This year I am starting to use Great Science Adventures for science. I am going to start a reading program called Scaredy Cat with my youngest son. Besides IBCHE, we participate in Fort Belvoir Home Educators (FBHE) Co-op, FISHE soccer, AWANA, and Scouts. This year, I have volunteered to be the Cubbies Director at IBC. We have learned after many moves that it is best to just jump right in!

Read any good books lately?

This summer since moving here in June, I haven't really sat down to enjoy a good book for myself. Maybe this fall.... :-).

Help Fill Food Bags for those in Need!

The congregation of Immanuel Bible Church regularly donates food to our Emergency Food Pantry. Bags are made up of various non-perishable food items to serve a family of 4 for a couple of days. The bags are distributed by IBC Pastors and staff to anyone in need of food. Very often impoverished working poor have enough money to cover rent and utilities but not enough money to purchase food. We also serve those who are seasonal workers in their times of unemployment. In our sharing food for their bodies, we also give them spiritual food in our encouragement in Christ. In the last five years, over 350 food bags have been distributed in our community to those in need. To God be the glory!

This is a wonderful activity to share as a family. When you volunteer, the fourth Monday of any month, we meet in the lobby at IBC at noon, pray over our task and then we fill up food bags. It takes about thirty minutes and the children are great helpers in filling those bags! Proverbs 14:31 is a wonderful verse to pray over before bringing your children to serve in this ministry.

If you have any questions regarding this activity to share with your children, please contact deedeecollins@verizon.net or call 703-643-9558.