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Enter the KidZone

New Year's resolution #1: Spend more quality family time in 2007.

LIVONIA, Mich., December 21, 2006 -- Memorial Church of Christ in Livonia has the perfect solution to help you keep that resolution. Starting Sunday, January 7, the church, located on Five Mile Road just east of Levan, is inviting families to participate in their weekly KidZone program every Sunday evening from 6:30-7:30 p.m.

KidZone is a free program designed for children in first through sixth grade, and parents are invited to come and share the experience with their children as well. The program starts with a variety of upbeat songs. Then children learn important lessons by experiencing Bible stories through dramatic reenactments. They are then divided into small groups—based on grade level.

During small group time, kids make craft projects, play games, and take what they are taught from the weekly drama lesson—relating it to their everyday lives.

"The program helps kids see that learning about God can be fun, and they walk away with practical ideas on how to live out what they are learning," says Angie Patek, children's minister for Memorial Church of Christ.

Each Sunday, when children return, they meet with the same small group and the same group leader. "We do this to foster healthy relationships between the kids and with the leader." Patek says.

Memorial Church of Christ also offers Sunday evening programs for 3-5-year-olds, and free nursery care for the very young.

Parents are invited to join their children during KidZone to experience the hour with them; or they are welcome to join an adult class offered by the church as well. For junior and senior high students, the church provides the "OneWay Coffeehouse," an ideal gathering spot for tweens and teens.

Memorial Church of Christ is a nondenominational Christian church located in Livonia, Michigan. Each Sunday, they offer contemporary worship services led by a praise band at 9:30 a.m. and 10:45 a.m., and a worship service featuring traditional music and hymns at 10:45 a.m.

Sidebar:

Date: Sunday, January 7, 2007

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Place: Memorial Church of Christ, 35475 Five Mile Rd., Livonia, Michigan 48154

Cost: FREE!

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