



# September




SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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4 EXTOLLO First—Fifth Grade	5 LABOR DAY Holiday	6  Blood Drive Pre-School Parent Orientation	7 Pre-School Begins  GOLD RUSH Children's Ministry Wed. Night Program	8 JoAnn Griffith Circle Childcare Provided 	9  West Gastonia Bible Club	10
11 FLAG CARDS SUNDAY SCHOOL 	12	13	14  GOLD RUSH Children's Ministry Wed. Night Program	15	16	17
18 EXTOLLO Kindergarten Bonclarken Hymn Service Inquirers Class Begins	19	20	21  GOLD RUSH Children's Ministry Wed. Night Program	22	23 	24
25	26 Titus 2 Morning Book Club Childcare Provided 	27	28  GOLD RUSH Children's Ministry Wed. Night Program	29	30	

**Parents! Please Read These Reminders About Worship Care!**

1. If your child is moving up to our four year old class, remember that they are dismissed to worship care directly from the worship services. You will need to pick them up from Sunday School if you attend the 11:00 service.
2. If your child is moving up to our first grade class, remember that they are dismissed to KIDS CHURCH directly from the worship services. You will pick them up at the end of the second floor hall.
3. If your child is moving up to the fourth grade class, remember that they now remain in the entire worship service.

**0-6 Month Room Will Re-Open!**

Due to our continued "baby boom" at First ARP, we will re-open our 0-6 month (non-crawlers) during the SS and 11:00 worship hours. This room allows our newest members the special space and attention that they need.

This room also houses a private station for nursing mothers.



## the Parent LINK

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**POWERSOURCE**

**ASK GOD:**

1. To guard your family members and their faith during difficult times.
2. To walk with you and make his love real to you when you're confronted by crisis.
3. To help you overcome worry and place your trust in God



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**Turn to God for Comfort**

Because this month marks the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the 9/11 attacks, we'll be bombarded with recaps of the tragedy. Even if your children weren't born yet in 2001, they'll learn about this event and ask tough questions about it. This somber date can be an opportunity to talk to kids about life's challenges and stresses—and how God shepherds us through them.

Whether children are confronted by the illness or death of a loved one, school bullies, parental job loss, or divorce, these stressors all bring uncertainty and anxiety. Take time to reassure children of your constant love for them and of God's promise to never leave us. Be attentive, accepting, affirming, and reliable. As much as possible, maintain the same schedules and rules during crises because structure and boundaries help children feel safe. When changes occur, let children know what to expect. Also encourage your kids to talk openly about their feelings and fears. Most importantly, pray that God will help you all grow closer to him, no matter what obstacles you face.

**INSIGHTS**

- About 25% of young people experience a serious traumatic event by age 16. Children are more vulnerable to trauma because of their age, size, and dependence. *nctsn.org*
- About one in 50 U.S. children is homeless.
- Each year, about 3.3 million children are exposed to domestic violence. *(various Internet sources)*