

## Hope Baptist Parent & Toddlers Group

### Autumn 2017 Newsletter

Welcome back we hope everyone had a wonderful Summer. It's great to see everyone back again, and a warm welcome to any new families.

### Term Dates for your Diaries

**Half-term (no groups):** 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> October 2017

**Last day of term:** 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> December 2017

**First day of Term:** 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> January 2018

### Dates for your diaries!

For more information on any of the following events, please email: [children&families@hopebaptist.co.uk](mailto:children&families@hopebaptist.co.uk) or check out our Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/familiesathope](http://www.facebook.com/familiesathope)

### **Light party fun!**

**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> October 10.30am - 12.00noon**

Children aged 0 - 11 years old can come and enjoy this fun party. We will learn all about light and what it can do for us. After a short time of family worship, all of the children will be invited to go to the hall for games, crafts, pumpkin carving and more!. You can either stay with your child or enjoy the rest of the service.

### **Firework Fun!**

**Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> November 10.00am - 12.00noon**

This event is especially for children under 8 years old, however everyone is welcome. There will be crafts, competitions, prizes, a bible story and much more... There will also be refreshments available for a small charge.

### **Children in Need cake sale**

**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November**

During your toddler session we will be having a cake sale to raise money for the Children in Need charity. Please bake/bring something to contribute to the cake sale and bring some money ready to donate to a worthy cause. Once the children are sat down at snack time the cake sale will begin. All money raised will go straight to the charity.

### **Christmas parties**

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December**

During your toddler session we will be having our annual Christmas parties! There is no extra cost for these sessions and the time will be the same, but it means that we will have a special snack, the children will receive a present from our special visitor and we will play some games.

### **The Nativity service**

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December 10.30am - 11.30am**

Come and join in the fun at Hope Baptist Church this Christmas.

We will be having our annual Nativity service and you are invited to join in! The service will be geared up for families, and the Nativity will welcome any child on the day to join in. If your child has their own Nativity costume please bring them wearing it, if not we will have plenty for them to choose from.

### **Get Ready for Christmas**

**Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> December 10.00am - 12.00noon**

This event is especially for children under 8 years old, however everyone is welcome. There will be crafts, competitions, prizes, the Nativity story and much more... There will also be refreshments available for a small charge.

### **Café Play**

**Every Thursday 10.00am - 12.00noon**

Did you know that every Thursday throughout the year we run a community café? Part of this is called café play. This means that we set aside the back half of the café and fill it with toys for your children to enjoy. It is free to attend and the café is very reasonable charging 50p for a hot drink, 50p for a slice of cake and 20p for squash.

### **Did you know...**

#### **Allergies**

Due to several allergies being prominent in all three of our groups, we have been implementing new procedures to ensure every child can play safely. So please remember to wash your child's hands with wet wipes after they have had their snack, ensure that your child is always sat at the table when eating any food, and all food containing allergens will be placed on a table near the hatch for you to decide what your child can have.

Thank you so much for your support with this, together we can ensure that toddlers is a safe place to play for everyone.

Through your continued support we are able to donate money each month to the following charities? These are:

The **Christian Resource Project** aims to resource local churches and schools with books, assemblies and any other resources they need.



Hope & Homes for Children

**Hope & Homes for Children** works to shut down institutions in places like South Africa and Sudan, so that the children can return to their parents or be placed with a loving family.

### Don't forget our Suggestion & Prayer Box

This is stored on the table inside the toddler room. It allows you to give us any suggestions you may have on how to improve the group, or what is missing from the group. Also if you have a prayer request please feel free to put it in the suggestion box, so we can pray for you. All suggestions and prayers will be anonymous and will not be shown to anyone other than the parent and toddler volunteers.

### Rhyme Time

We really encourage all families to get involved in rhyme time, as we feel this is a great time for all children and carers to have fun together!

### Mobile Phones

In the interest of all families that attend, please can we kindly request that mobile phones/cameras are not used in the toddler sessions.

### Admissions

We are really pleased that all of the sessions are now full, however please let your group leaders know of any changes to your circumstances. If any of your friends would like to come, please contact your group leader as we operate a waiting list.

### Hope Baptist Church is a place where children and families are warmly welcome.

We would love you to join us on a Sunday morning for our 10:30am service. After a short time of family worship, the babies and children are cared for in a crèche and children's groups that are filled with games and activities. The service will be finished at 12noon just in time for coffee and tea!

### Celebrating!

Have you thought about celebrating the birth of your child with a Service of Thanksgiving or a Dedication? For further information call Lily Tobin on 01752 708090 or email: [children&families@hopebaptist.co.uk](mailto:children&families@hopebaptist.co.uk)

### Party, Party, Party

Why let a crowd of children run riot in your home, when they can do it here! Our hall can be booked by contacting the Church Administrator on 01752 708090 or email: [office@hopebaptist.co.uk](mailto:office@hopebaptist.co.uk)

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Hope Baptist Church caters for all ages from 0 - 18 years. For further information please contact the Church Office on 01752 708090.

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