



Back to School Means More Blessings!

Primary and Secondary school in America didn't always run nine months, Sept-May. Kids used to attend when they weren't needed on farms or in shops. The cycle of education followed the cycle of the community much more closely back in the day.

Now, the cycle of the community must follow the cycle of education, which to me is a good thing as far as priorities go. But it does mean that September crashes into us like a white whale ramming a psychologically damaged ship captain (you probably won't read this one until college, kids). And as we're all frantically preparing the kids (and teachers) to go back to school, we think it's important to help them prepare spiritually too.

So, we'd like to help everyone remember that we're called to be followers of Jesus in the classrooms, libraries, cafeterias, offices, and playing fields as much or even MORE as we're called to be disciples in Church. We're Blessed to Be a Blessing.

September 9th is Rally Sunday! We'll celebrate back to school and back to Sunday School with special moments in worship and a party afterwards. The elementary one-room class is starting a new and exciting curriculum this year. The Middle School Youth are going

to have Ms. Karen leading them through the bible. And the Senior High Youth are all invited for coffee with Pastor Heather the first Sunday of every month.

Sounds like Sundays are covered pretty well, but what about the rest of the week? Well, we don't want anyone to forget that they are called to be disciples. So we're going to play a game of tag.

Backpack tag, that is. Students-bring your backpack or messenger bag to church on September 9th and we'll bless it, and you, and give you a lovely backpack tag to clip to it, to help you remember! It looks like the picture at the top of this article. Teachers, librarians, administrators and staff-we couldn't have school without you. Bring your bags too and we'll pray over you, bless you and the work you do and give YOU a tag as well.

So mark your calendars, families and friends. Come get tagged, blessed and sent out into a wonderful school year of learning, growing and blessing!

And do your homework.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Heather