

# FTPC Sunday School Newsletter

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First Thai Presbyterian Church  
Sunday School Teaching Team



## Current Program- Fall 2008

### Upcoming Events

Special Music Performance -Young  
Adults & Children..... 11/9

Thanksgiving Performance... 11/23

Special Music Performance-Young  
Adults & Children.....12/7

Christmas performance.....12/21

### Ongoing Events

- ◆ Children's Sermon in the main Church 10:00-10:15
- ◆ Pre-K to 1<sup>st</sup> grade Sunday School 10:15-11:15
- ◆ Talent Store

The FTPC is excited to announce the beginning of this year's children's Sunday school, with students ranging from 2-6 years of age. We are following the Gospel Light Sunday school teaching curriculum for the previously mentioned age group. The bible will be taught in chronological order.

The general structure of the children's Sunday school will begin with the children's sermon in the main church which typically begins after the song "Gloria Patri", or within the first 5-10 minutes of the adult worship service.

The children's sermon will review the bible story learned on the previous Sunday (with the exception of special holidays). The Sunday school teachers rotate leading the children's sermon. Afterwards the children will be excused with their Sunday school teachers.

Subsequently snack will be provided and a bathroom break will follow. The teachers will then begin one of the

following 5-10 minutes centers related to the bible lesson: active games, construction, arts and crafts, dramatic play, music, and bible story. Sunday school routinely ends at 11:15 A.M.

Afterwards the children have many activities to choose from. Some of the children may occasionally continue to sing songs or play musical instruments with the young adult in preparation for upcoming performances.

Alternate outdoor activities that will be rotated include but are not limited to the following activities: basketball (1<sup>st</sup> grade and under level) parachute activities, and relay/race games. Parents are encouraged to supervise their children during outdoor play. Additionally, children can purchase items from the talent store with their "talent tokens" earned at church (please refer to page 2).

### Meet the Teachers

We have a talented group of dedicated young adults from the FTPC teaching the children's Sunday school. The teaching team consists of Nidra Toongkamani, Justin Phukunhaphan, Mark Noisiri, Joseph Toongkamani, and Matthew Noisiri. The parent support team includes Jessica Yenjai and Janejit Potikom.

Nidra is a senior at Cal Poly Pomona, majoring in psychology and music. She possesses a kindness, gentleness, and has a great deal of patience for the children at church. Justin is a senior majoring in civil engineering at Cal Poly

Pomona. His energy and playfulness when engaging the students are only surpassed by the children themselves.

Mark is studying to become a nurse. He intuitively senses just the right challenge when it comes to teaching the children. Joseph works for a civil engineering company. He plays an integral part in providing multi-media support for the Sunday school class. Matthew is a junior in High School. He has a strong interest in the culinary arts. His creativity is evident when he is interacting with the students during construction center.

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## Upcoming Performances

Listed on the first page are scheduled performance dates for the children and the young adults. The events titled special music performance means that the young adults will pick music to play and sing in the main church immediately following the children's sermon. The children will accompany the young adults with musical shakers, drums, tambourines bells, etc...

The children are not required to sing or keep in rhythm for that matter. In this way the children are given the opportunity to get comfortable with performing in front of the main church without the pressures of singing by themselves. Parents are welcome to sit with your child during the performance if this will make your child more comfortable.

The children are scheduled to sing with their teachers on the Sunday before Thanksgiving and Christmas. These will be simple songs such as "Deep and Wide" (English and Thai versions), "Down in my heart", "He's got the whole world in his hands".

All children in attendance on the performance dates are encouraged to participate. For those too young or too shy to sing, musical shakers will be available. Those unfamiliar with the song can repeat after Nidra as she will first sing the phrase and the children can repeat the same phrase. For further information such as lyrics to the songs and a more updated song list please contact Jan via email. In the near future the pertinent Sunday school information will be posted on the church web page.

## Talent Store

A table with items that can be redeemed with "talent tokens" will be on display in the courtyard during lunch once a month. Children can earn talent tokens in a variety of ways, depending on the age of the child. For instance a child can earn tokens by showing up to church, sitting on their

designated spot during circle time, memorizing a short bible verse, singing a song learned in Sunday school, and answering questions during the children's sermon. Talent tokens will be in the form of bible characters and will be kept at church in each child's individual folder.

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