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A FAMILY NEWSLETTER

SUMMER ARTS FESTIVAL

One of Moriah and Bethany's favorite things to do every year is attend the Summer Arts Festival, which meets every morning for a week at First Evangelical Free Church. It's a place to learn things that might be new to you like dance, painting, and other interesting activities. The Newhouse Family has participated for several years. This year Kim and Mark were dressed in ethnic garb as they taught a class called *Where in the World*. It was about geography, missionaries, and foods eaten in other lands. One day the students made a wonderful fruit salad full of all kinds of exotic fruits, placed in serving bowls of hollowed out melon and pineapple halves. Very colorful and tasty! Baby N spent the week strapped to Kim with a long cloth Moriah brought back from Africa.



Bethany and Moriah did scrap-booking, where Moriah started a book for Joshua and Bethany started one for herself. The second class they chose was soap-making (pictured above is the soap they made). Mmmmm, all the different soap scents to choose from! At the end of the week all the children performed a musical; Moriah had a solo.



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Sew... What's Up? by Jordan

This month I was one of the assistant teachers at SAF (see front page article). There were just 3 teachers total for the "In Stitches" class. The kids sewed a pillowcase with a simple landscape design on the front, which they were able to embellish as much as time allowed. The three girls in the older (4th-6th grade) class had plenty of time to decorate it, but the younger group didn't have as much time. There were twelve 1st-3rd graders trying to sew on machines (only a couple had even seen a sewing machine in person before). I was glad to get through the week without any sewn fingers! Next year I will be taking over the lead teacher position and I'll be looking for assistant teachers to help me—don't make me come after you!



How's It Growing? by Moriah

This year's harvest was the best yet. We got a basket like this almost every day! The tomatoes did not like the heat at all, so they don't look so good right now. But in the beginning of the year they did well - handfuls of them a day. The basil is still doing very well and so are the beans and sunflowers - or maybe we should say "Daniel's Sunflowers".



Gadabout certificate was used for first-ever pedicure & a haircut/style

Best Birthday Ever!

Mark got Kim a getaway package at a silent auction a few months ago so they could enjoy it on her birthday (as she said farewell to her "30's"!)

The whole gang swam at the Windmill Inn Suites and then Kim's parents took the children home. Mark and Kim headed to PF Chang's Chinese Bistro to spend their gift card on Mahi Mahi with cilantro rice, black bean chicken, and tasty appetizers. After an evening walk along the Rillito "River" (it's a dry wash most of the year) to watch the bats, they enjoyed a restful sleep with no babies or toddlers waking them up!



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Celebrity Corner



At the Home School Convention in Phoenix we met the Burns Family, producers of (and actors in) *Pendragon*, a must-see award-winning Christian full-length film [Visit their website.](#)

We also met Dr. Voddie Baucham, who was the keynote speaker. Mark reviews one of his books in this month's Book Nook. [Visit Dr. Baucham's website.](#)

Special Days

Joshua David Newhouse is being adopted!	Aug 10
Cousin Kaeden Unwin	Aug 15
Bethany Newhouse	Aug 17
Cousin Ivy Unwin	Aug 20
“Mema” Joan Unwin	Aug 28
Great Grandpa Albert Holsinger	Aug 31

Book Nook by Mark

What He Must Be...if he wants to marry my daughter by Dr. Voddie Baucham Jr.

The rather humorous title of this book belies the very serious nature of the subject, while at the same time providing a succinct summation of the content within. One of the most important decisions anyone faces in their life is finding a wife or husband. It follows that one of the most important things a father can do for his daughter is to help her find the best match to be her life-long partner—one who will be a priest, prophet, provider and protector.

This is a tall order! Our daughters, of course, will have to desire these qualities in the man she will marry, and so fathers also carry the burden (joyfully!) to be an example to their daughters in these areas—talk about convicting.

Further, those of us with sons would do well to read this book so that we will be sure to raise them up to be godly husbands.

Fortunately Dr. Baucham has filled *What He Must Be...* with practical advice and points of application in all these areas—finding a husband for our daughters, being the example for them and raising our sons to do the same—while at the same time demonstrating from Scripture why this is something God would have us do.

I encourage all you dads to read this book, but prepare to be challenged and convicted as you do.

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Fun Day at the Water Park

Here in Arizona you get to be creative about all the different ways to cool off. One that the Newhouse girls really enjoy is playing in the water, especially with extended family! They had planned to go to the Brandi Fenton Memorial Park for a foster family gathering near the “splash pad” play area. Moriah, Bethany, and Daniel got wet right away, but Joshua was very hesitant, clinging to his grandparents who

tried to coax him into the water. A little after lunch everyone was surprised when the cousins showed up—Mema had invited them. Meanwhile Joshua decided the water play area was indeed fun. The foster families left soon after lunch, but since the Unwin cousins came late the Newhouses got to stay for MORE water fun, MORE wet children, MORE drying off and MORE people ready for a nap.



CUTE CWIP

Mark always sings “Jesus Loves Me” to Daniel when he goes to bed. One night he started yawning as the song began and said “Daddy, my dream’s already starting.”

MO'S HAIKU

*Its so hot outside
But still go out and have fun
In some cool water*