

Back to School = Back to Sunday Morning Fun for Families!

—The Episcopal Parish of —
**St. Mark
& St. Paul**
—On the Mountain —

STARTING SUNDAY, AUGUST 7th, WE WELCOME YOU TO JOIN US FOR:

Connections for Parents!

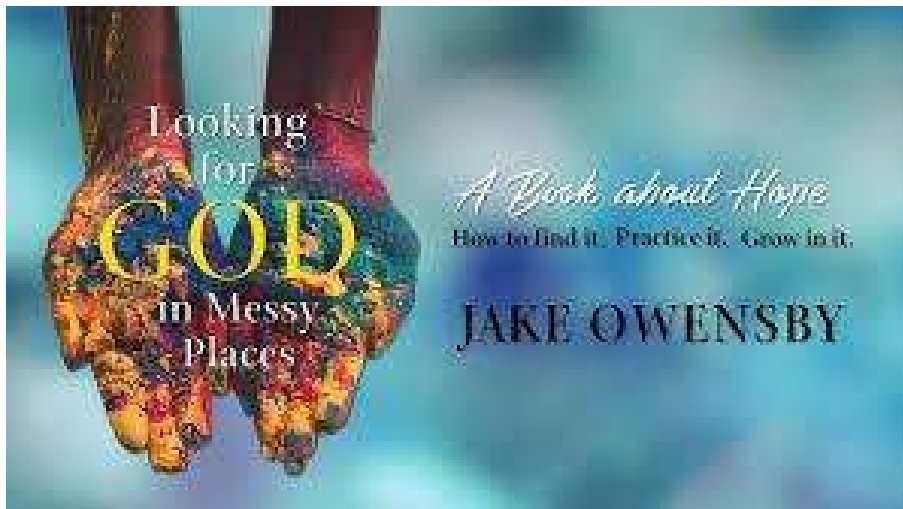
All parents and caregivers are invited to enjoy a chance to connect while the children have their own fun.

When: Each Sunday morning this Fall from 9:45am- 10:45am

Where: Front Porch of Brooks Hall (building to the left of the sanctuary of St. Mark and St Paul)

About: Our purpose will be to get to know one another, learn a bit about how we can support each other, and reflect a bit about the hopes we have for our children. We also will read short portions of this book each Sunday and reflect together each Sunday about its themes.

Some Reviews for: *Looking for God in Messy Places*, by the Rt. Rev. Jake Owensby



“This is beautiful and brilliant stuff, profound and plain, incredibly human, wise and charming. I trusted and enjoyed every word.” – Anne Lamott, *New York Times* bestselling author of *Looking for God in Messy Places*

“For any who feel frustrated and world-weary, and who want more than just wishful thinking or superficial spirituality, this

book is for you! In these pages, my friend Jake Owensby poignantly shows how LOVE is what can truly give us hope to carry on: real love, God's love for us, our love for each other, right here, right now in all the struggles of this messy life. And God knows, we need this book NOW!” — Bishop Michael Curry, Presiding Bishop of The Episcopal Church and author of *Love is the Way: Holding on to Hope in Troubling Times*

Read on for more information about children's programs

Godly Play for Children!

Godly play is a Montessori-based approach to Christian formation for children, age 3 through entering fourth grade.

When: Sunday mornings through the Fall from 9:45am- 10:45am

Where: Enter through the door at the Claiborne Parish House entrance which is marked "Office".

What: We plan to have two classrooms this year. Three year olds through children entering first grade will be in Godly Play One. Children entering second grade through fourth grade will be in Godly Play Two.

[Learn more about the program.](#)

Youth Sunday School!

Youth Sunday school builds community, encourages fun, and teaches them some of the basics of the Christian tradition.

When: Sunday mornings from 9:45am-10:45am

Where: Brooks Hall (the building with the large porch)

What: This group is for young people, fifth grade through high school. Weather permitting, they begin by playing yard games outside, then engage in bible study and conversation.

Nursery Open!

Infants and toddlers are invited to gather on the playground to form relationships with one another and have fun!

When: Sunday mornings from 8:30am- noon.

Where: Playground at St. Mark and St. Paul, or in the child care classroom at the lower floor of the Office Building.

What: Infants through three-year-olds.