



# Your Child in Kids Branch

## Thanksgiving Blessings to your Families!

I'm grateful for all of you, our Kids Branch families, and all the wonderful things I hear that are going on in your lives. I see that 'family time' is strengthening on the streets in our community. Families are getting to spend more time with one another, they are going for walks with children in hand, biking, skateboarding, using hoverboards, and scooters for all size of kids. How fun is the landscape of our community, city streets, paths and parks right now? It's the whole family out for a walk, a picnic or neighbours out on the street discussing life...6 metres away of course. I love that my eyes and ears are telling me the pandemic is bringing people closer together on some level.

I know that God is pleased when we make time for our relationships. We can do that in many different ways as we have all experienced over the last months since the pandemic began. We've used phone, zoom, what's app, google meets and stayed in

bubbles or circles. We have grown stronger, wiser, more flexible, and we have seen the value of relationships and what community means to us in real ways because we've missed some of them, like our church family.

In this season of Fall I pray you find new ways to meet up and make time for relationships. Try sending a surprise to someone, a card or picture, some encouraging words, make time for a porch or front yard visit or a socially distanced picnic.

During this Thanksgiving I also encourage you to be the hands and feet of God. Allow God to stretch you and see others through his eyes. Allow God to use you and continue to give your friendship to one another. I pray God will fill your mind and heart with gratitude and that He will continue to lead you as you reach out to others. May you experience and be the bearer of peace along the way!

*Miss Anne*

*"A friend loves at all times, and a brother is born for a time of adversity"*

Proverbs 17:17

let our lives  
be full of both  
thanks  
and  
giving



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## What We've Been Up To

### Back to School Envelopes

Envelopes of prayers and fun were delivered to our Kids Branch kids just in time for going back to school. It was so great to say hi and visit with you on your doorsteps.



### Pop Up Session with Miss Anne & Miss Kelly (September 18th)

Community and fun was the focus of our time together! We played games and were able to catch up with one another.

A big thank you to Jordan and Shelly who assisted with the clean up after our Pop Up session!!!



## Celebrations

### Thanks to our 2019/2020 Kids Branch Volunteer Leaders

Our summer interns organized gifts for our leaders to say thank you for all their time and love they shared with our Kids Branch kids prior to the pandemic. We were able to hand deliver gifts of soap to their homes this September.

### Congratulations

...to our Grade 6's who have moved up to Grade 7! We hope you are excited to get involved with Encounter Youth - they are always doing some creative and fun stuff! Contact Blair Malfara (blair@tob.ca) for more details on our Encounter Youth Ministry.



## Coming Up

### Thanksgiving Drop Off

Expect to find a package delivered for your kids, sent with love, for Thanksgiving from Miss Anne & Miss Kelly.

### Thanksgiving

This Thanksgiving will be a little different for all of us. We won't be together as we usually would and many of us won't see our extended families except on zoom. Our prayers for you at this time are for your home to grow in love and may the fruit of the Holy Spirit be in your lives and take you to new places of growth.

### AGM

The Olive Branch's AGM is on Wednesday October 14th at 7:45 pm. All are welcome. If you are unable to attend and are a Ministry Partner, you can send a proxy to vote for you.

## Stay Connected

If you are not on our mail list and would like to be, for Kids Branch mailings or drop off's please e-mail Miss Anne @ anne@tob.ca or Miss Kelly @ kelly@tob.ca

Remember we are here to help you or someone you know that requires assistance. Contact Branch Out at 905-471-7700 x209 or email kelly@tob.ca

Need prayer? You can go directly to our website [www.tob.ca](http://www.tob.ca) and ask for a specific prayer.

