

From Rebecca...

And then Ginny sent me this...

*“Leaders in faith formation today are suggesting that we need to rely less on the formal or schooling model of spiritual formation, which emphasizes intellectual knowledge of the Bible and church teachings, and focus more on a formational model which includes learning from experiences and practice. The formational model does not depend on grouping by age and is actually more effective when people of different ages, even different generations, are learning together.”* - from an article titled “Why churches should consider a one room Sunday School”

While feeling like I was marching to my own drummer I was happy to learn that many churches are hearing the same beat! As sports and other conflicts crowd into the Sunday morning time slot, gold stars for perfect Sunday School attendance is a thing of the past. Perhaps you are sighing to yourself because you see this as just another defeat for the church in modern America. But I see this as an opportunity to evolve with our youth into a new century. A one-room school house would pull together a critical mass of children for imaginative presentations, music, discussions, and field trips, where everyone participates... and that is getting me excited!

You won't see the children in church for a while. **But we will be back** sharing what we have learned on June 7<sup>th</sup>. Our theme is “Life is Full of Resurrection” and we will either be downstairs rocking the rafters singing “Here Comes the Sun” by the Beatles, or taking field trips to the Hayes and Wilhelm farms, Marion Rowles’ garden, or getting dirty in our Community Garden across the street. Life is truly full of resurrection. Watch with us, pray for us, and support us as Sunday School is reborn in 2015.