

2010 Children's Summer Camp Director Bios Christ United Methodist Church

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Michael Applegate grew up in Hillsboro, TX where he met his best friend and wife of over eight years. They have two wonderful children that inspire him every day. In wanting to give his own children a great foundation in the fundamentals of sports, he and Chris developed their programs. His gift of teaching led him to coaching while still in high school.

Chris Danielson is originally from Minnesota. He graduated with a degree in Sports Management. His passion is playing and teaching sports. Giving children an opportunity to see and explore what sports they enjoy is an important aspect of growing up and helps shape the overall development of children. He believes getting involved in sports at an early age can leave a lasting impression on a child, and builds teamwork.

Denise Hall is the Scrapbook Queen. This will be her third year to conduct camp at CHRIST CHURCH. She is married to Sonny and has 1 cat. She enjoys watching her niece and nephew's little ones when their parents need a break. She is the Office Manager at Sugar Land Dance Center in the evenings.

Natalie Hightower is the owner and director of Stretch-n-Grow Sugar Land/ Richmond area. I have been teaching children for the past 13 years. Stretch-n-Grow is a fitness and nutrition program for children. We teach children ages 2-12 endurance, strength and flexibility as well as fundamental motor skills in a fun exciting way. Nothing is better than watching children grow up and choose to have a healthy and active lifestyle.

Meredith Pennington is a native of Bryan, Texas. She trained at the Jane Lee School of Dance for fifteen years and has over sixteen years of experience teaching dance. This will be her fourth year to direct dance camps at Christ Church.

Marc Ponder is the new intern for the youth department at Christ United Methodist Church. He has seven years of experience working with children. Marc has also coached flag football, basketball, and track at Southwest Christian Academy.

Joanne Shipman is a second-year camp instructor! She is married to Charlie and has 4 children. She is very proud of her oldest son, Christopher, who is serving our country in the USMC! Meredith and Nick are successful college students, and the youngest, Caroline is a volleyball player and a student at Clements High School. Joanne has been a teacher/assistant at Christ Church School for 15 years and has loved all of the children who have been in her care.

Missy Tielke has been a teacher/assistant at Christ Church School for 16 years. She is married to Tim and has 2 grown children. Travis is an EMT and has 2 beautiful children of his own that keep Missy on her toes, and Ashlyn is currently a student at the Court Reporting Institute of Houston, as well as a member of the Sugar Creek Baptist Church Dance Ministry. Missy loves the excitement she sees in each and every child in a classroom! This will be her third year of teaching Summer Camps for Christ Church.

Mary Beth Yarbrough is a Texas-certified teacher who teaches Kindergarten at Christ Church School. She has enjoyed teaching pre-K through 8 for 16 years, including Spanish and Sunday school and in a "previous life" was a Foreign Service officer with extensive foreign travel experience and fluent Spanish and French. She feels blessed to be able to help children reach beyond themselves and learn about the wonderful world around them, through creative discovery. She feels all children deserve the gift of being able to pursue discovery through confidence in reading. She is a mom to three active teens, and enjoys participating in Fort Bend Theatre productions with them. As a member of Christ Church, Mary Beth loves that her church home provides her with the opportunity to be involved in many different teaching experiences, and looks forward to fun journeys at summer camp!

Denise Zimmer has worked at Christ Church School teaching two year olds for 15 years. She has 3 adult children, a 3 year old granddaughter, and another granddaughter due in April. She loves working with two year olds. They are so much fun to be with!!!