

# They're lovin' it



It's been a while since I wrote a church post, so here we go. A while back I mentioned the 4th and 5th grade moving into a new room. The old one was getting kind of cramped and so when the church redesigned the area in the front of the church, adding a mini-café and some TV screens for the live video feed from the worship center, we were able to take the room where the live video feed was. This room doubles as a junior high room on Sunday afternoons and has a large portion dedicated to games. There are four TVs for video games, thankfully not used for our group. There are also two carpet ball tables, four foosball tables (not all in good shape), two air hockey tables, and one of those mini-basketball games. Now you may have heard of most of what I listed, but you may not have heard of carpet ball. This is a game that uses ten pool balls plus the cue ball. Each player gets five balls. The field is long and narrow (about one foot wide by ten feet long) and the object is to knock your opponents balls into his pit (each side has a pit). The picture above shows a game in progress. No, the kids aren't from my church- I just grabbed the pic off the web. As you can imagine the kids love these games. Of course it makes the parent's job harder, peeling them away at the end... ☐

Besides the games, the new room has a divider that cuts off the games during the main time, a projector hanging from the ceiling that broke down this weekend, a better sound system than in the old room, and some couches to sit on during small group time, though some groups leave the room to hold their small groups. We did this in the old days too when we had this room, before we were moved upstairs when the upstairs was new. The teaching and worship area is larger as well. Large enough that some forward-thinking person decided to set up the chairs in three sections. You see, in the old room we only

had room for two sections which kind of became the “boy’s side” and the “girl’s side,” distinctions we never had in mind. The first day one of the leaders was watching the kids as they claimed a chair and commented on how it was fun watching them try to puzzle out which was the boy’s side and which was the girl’s side. ☐

The student from Moody Bible Institute who was a leader a few years ago when he was in high school and now came back as a study for his class, taught today at the second service and recorded himself for his class. He was a little nervous at first I could tell, but he got into it and did a fine job. One of these days I’ll get a chance to teach in the new room, but the children’s pastor, Steve, wants me to record the kids and make weekly shorts to show at the beginning of class. I did a little too good of a job on the DVD I made for my cabin... ☐ As soon as he gives me a camera on which to do it, I will, probably in two weeks as I am doing drama next week. The camera I used at camp really isn’t good enough as it was made to be a still camera first.

The calling idea is working well too. I have called at least the parents of each member of my small group once so far and I should be giving another call either this or next week. There is one student who gave me an unreadable number so I haven’t been able to call him yet though and I totally forgot to ask him this weekend about it. I hope I remember next weekend.

Well, I think that’s enough for now. Until Tuesday most likely. Due to small group, Monday is a bad time for me to post.