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Hello from Sixth Street Christian Church! Believe it or not, I'm going to write some actual church news this week. Aren't you excited? Sixth Street has hosted a Bible study on Thursday at 9:00 a.m. for some time now. The five people who attend regularly are retired folks who happen to have that time free on their schedules. That time doesn't work very well for people who work outside the home during the day and parents with young children. The church has been experimenting with addressing that issue for three weeks, and I believe we've found a couple of workable solutions. One solution is an online version of the discussion group. People who work can check in on their breaks or in the evenings and add their comments then. Another option we now offer is a kiddo-friendly study group hosted by yours truly at the parsonage (130 N. 6th Street, Middletown). The group – that now consists of the Cooper family: Michael, Leah, Claire (2 years old), and Ruby (eight weeks old) – meets on Saturdays from noon until Claire needs a nap, usually about 2:30 p.m. It is a relaxed study that starts with a simple lunch and includes many short breaks for diaper changes and toddler questions. My husband and I are foster parents between children, and we are set up for children up to seven years of age. Right now, we are studying the Gospel of John, and while we are using a book to guide our study (Adam Hamilton's "John: The Gospel of Light and Life"), having a copy isn't necessary to participate in the lively discussion. We are question driven, which I love since I have plenty of my own. The Gospel of John has been a struggle for me to understand, and I believe the Holy Spirit can sometimes guide a group toward the truth more easily than it can an individual person. If you are interested in joining us, you can find more information on our website, www.sixthstreetchristian.org. Click on the "Christian Education" menu tab/option, and there you will find a description of the study along with a link to a page that contains downloadable questions for each week as well as comment boxes for the online discussion. If you decide to come, please RSVP before 9:00 a.m. on Saturday so I know how many people will be attending lunch; you can do so by calling 317-372-3926. I hope to hear from you soon!