



TRUE LIGHT

Thy word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path. ~ Psalm 119:105

July 16, 2023

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

SUNDAY

Sunday School :

9:30 a.m.

Worship:

10:15 a.m.

5:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

Bible Study.....7:00PM

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"This is the day the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it."

Psalm 118:24

*We Welcome You
To All Of Our
Services*

THREE MOTIVATIONS FROM VBS

As this is being published, we are nearing the end of VBS 2023. Months of preparation pays off in a week that always seems to fly by. The amount of prayer, planning, and work that it takes to make a Vacation Bible School a success is tremendous.

For many churches, though, VBS is just a "thing" they do because they have always done it. While it takes a lot of effort, it just kind of happens and then is forgotten until a few weeks or so before that usual time slot on the calendar starts drawing near the next year. But even then, there can be excitement that comes when a Vacation Bible School is successful.

Knowing that, I want to share three things that VBS should help motivate us to do more than just that one week each year. These are things that we put so much effort into for that one brief event, but that we should put more effort into on a more regular basis.

- DECORATING EDUCATION SPACES

It has amazed me for years how congregations will decorate classrooms, hallways, and even stairwells in their education area for VBS, but will hardly change a poster on the wall for the "regular" Bible school program. Certainly, VBS is a time to decorate in a way that is special, but should we not also try to make our classrooms look special for each unit of study? How could a room or a hallway be decorated for a quarter's study on the life of Moses or on the book of Acts? Make it happen!

- INVITING GUESTS

This may be the most obvious. We put all this effort into VBS, so we will go all out to be sure we fill our classrooms and seats with visitors. People will pass out flyers, go door-knocking, and share things on social media. Young people will invite friends and neighbors. While "special events" help with that, should we not be inviting people all the time? Don't let it stop just because the event is over.

- VOLUNTEERISM

Maybe because they grew up going to VBS, adults will volunteer to help with Vacation Bible School almost like they will volunteer for nothing else. If that describes you, thank you for your help, but why not volunteer for something else during the other 51 weeks of the year! Take that motivation and use it to help a teacher or a deacon get work done for the Lord.

There is still a place for VBS in our church calendars, but we never need to do something just to do it. When done well, it is exciting, but that excitement should also lead to motivation to do our best at all times. What kind of motivation will you take from your VBS this year?

Adam Faugh, via A Legacy of Faith blog post

GOD KEEPS HIS PROMISES!

Please be part of our Vacation Bible School featuring

Noah's Ark Adventures

July 23 - 26, 2023

6 - 8 Sunday - 6:30-8:30 Monday-Wednesday

BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

July 16 - Rick and Ginger Beard (A)
 July 17 - Kevin Mays
 July 19 - Walker Boyt
 July 20 - Cindy Williams
 July 21 - Jonathan & Lara Simmons (A)
 July 23 - Sharon Durham
 Johnny McGowan
 June Mothersbaugh
 Cameron Shipman



CHILDREN'S HOMES NEEDS

Velveeta Cheese * Nuts * Disinfectant Spray (i.e. Lysol) * Bathroom Tissue Paper * Light Bulbs * Spaghetti Sauce

Pick up date: July 24, 2023



Attendance for July 9: 105

Contribution for July 2: \$4609

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Sue Flowers * Gene Dauck (Stan's dad) recently hospitalized but improving * **Shirley Grimes** (Ginger Beard's mother) suffered a light stroke Tuesday and was scheduled to be released from the hospital Friday * **Mike Duley * Jerel Jester** taking immunotherapy treatments. * **Louella Akers** is not doing well * **Karen Forkum and Gloria Moore** struggling with many health issues * **Travis Cooper** is not doing well * **Nikki Lawrence** having tests for some health issues *

Continue praying for these members of our church family: Louella Akers * David Burleson * David Carson * Scott and Judy Flannery * Sue Flowers * Patsy (Hardy) Gregg * Darlene McGowan * Helen McGowan * Jeff McGowan * Ida Roberts * Waynetta Rodgers * David Terrill * Bettie Thurston * Marty Watson * Woody Wood

Those dealing with cancer (non congregational) :

Melinda Akers * Chastity Beard * Cathy Bennett * Gina Bogle * Roxanne Carson * Sherry Chambers * Randy Cravens * Barbara Denson * Bill Fitzpatrick * Ronnie Goins * Patricia Greninger * Nolan Hollowell * LeAnn Jacques * Tommy Jacques * Pam Jeralds * Holly Johnson * Kristin Meadows * Connie Lemmons * Ponna Mahan * Linda Morgan * Paula Mason * Mike Napier * Betty Nicholson * Keagan Owens * Nikki Reif * Tammy Telker * Bobby Thornton

Other health issues (non-congregational):

Dixie Billingsley * DeeDee Burch * Mary Burke * Ruth Dauck * Jerry Grimes * Katie Hicks * Grant Howard * Clyde Jacques * Louella * Lola Johnson * Beckie King * Eva Latham * Nikki Lawrence * Louella Layton * Tim Lecroy * Shug Lee * Jerry Don McGowan * Brenda Robinson * Kevin Steed * Traci Suiter * Paige Tanner * Heather Whitehead *

Our Shut Ins

Louella Akers * Travis Cooper * Sue Flowers * Bettie Thurston * Marty Watson

Looking Ahead

Tomorrow: Summer Youth Series at Green Forest church of Christ at 7 p.m.

Ladies Lunch Out will be Tuesday at 11:30 at the Malden Country Club. There is a sign up sheet on the table in the foyer if you'd like to attend.

Our Summer Series speaker this week will be Austin Holiman from the Gideon congregation. There is a list of speakers on the table in the foyer.

VBS is coming to Bernie starting next Sunday. Our theme this year will be "Noah's Ark Adventures." We will need lots of help - please see Ginger to let her know what you can do! There is a sign up sheet on the table in the foyer for cookies and other items needed for VBS.

July 24 - Children's home grocery run. Let's get the cart filled up.

July 30-Aug. 1 - Gospel Meeting at the Central church of Christ in Caruthersville. More information is posted on the bulletin board by the nursery.

July 31 - Summer Youth Series at Bernie.

August 7 - Summer Youth Series at Shady Acres, Sikeston.

August 14 - Summer Youth Series at Dexter.

August 22 - Ladies' supper and devotional at 6 p.m. at the home of Amy Thomason. You will need your Bible and something to write with.

WILLING TO SERVE

July 16, 2023

Morning Worship:

Song Leader.....Cameron Traw
 Opening Prayer.....David Carson
 Scripture.....Ron Garner
 Prayer.....Zack Tanner
 Closing Prayer.....Justin Allen

Evening Worship:

Song Leader.....David Carson
 Prayer.....Wayne Reams
 Scripture.....Jeff Rodgers
 Dismissal.....Rodney Williams

Wednesday, July 19, 2023

Song Leader.....David Carson
 Prayer.....Ron Garner
 Dismissal.....Jerry McCoy

July 23, 2023

Morning Worship:

Song Leader.....Rodney Williams
 Opening Prayer.....Jon Neely
 Scripture.....Jason Karnes
 Prayer.....Sam Garner
 Closing Prayer.....Jess Lecroy

Evening Worship:

Song Leader.....VBS
 Prayer.....VBS
 Scripture.....VBS
 Dismissal.....VBS

Congratulations are extended to Nick and Kalyn (Traw) Harris, who were married Friday! The Harris' will be making their home in Arnold, MO.



Congratulations to Rodney and Cindy Williams on the birth of their second grandson, Waylon Cole Johnson, who was born July 2 to daughter Ashley and her husband, Cole. Congratulations to all!



Congratulations are extended to our new brother in Christ, Derek Mays, who recently put on Christ in baptism. If you haven't taken a moment yet to welcome Derek into the family, what better day than today?

In Sympathy:

Sympathy is extended to Jerel Jester in the death of his brother, Earl, who passed away July 5 in Michigan.

