

THOUGHTS ON VBS FROM CHILDREN AND ADULTS

- This was the BEST VBS ever! I loved having the characters and so many involved from different age groups.
- One parent reported her child came home and asked for forgiveness for being rude as result of one of our teachings about Jesus and the sinful woman. Praise the Lord!
- One child broke down on the way home...about a year ago he/she go really upset one night because they were talking about people who are less fortunate then they are. They asked God for a way to help them...and now they are thankful because they think the Blessing Box is that answer.
- One child noticed a visitor didn’t win a giveaway prize and donated their winnings to show how much they cared.
- After the explosion on the last night, many children (without being asked) stayed until the end to help pick up all the trash and did so with a joyful heart. One child even made the connection that they talked about in the game on Tuesday evening...Serving is fun!
- Several people expressed their excitement over the addition of our Blessing Box outreach project.
- Many adults commented on how convicting the nightly lessons were and what an awesome job the teachers did!
- Many young families commented on how thankful they were to have a meal provided with VBS...This made it much easier for them to come as a family.

BLESSING BOX

You may have noticed something new on our property, close to the west entrance. It’s a Children’s Ministry service project called a Blessing Box. (Matthew 25) The idea is simple- we collect non-perishable food items and toiletries in hopes of blessing those in our community who are in need of some assistance. We, the church, will provide the majority of the Blessing Box items as donations but the community is welcome to join in and stock the Blessing Box as well. Our children, along with some adult assistance, will be in charge of helping to keep our box stocked up throughout the week. If you feel inclined to participate, you may bring donations anytime. We have labeled tubs set up in the foyer and in the west hallway near the office for you to drop donations. Here is a suggested list of items to contribute:

Non-Perishable Food Items:

Peanut Butter  
Canned Tuna, Ham, Chicken  
Canned Soups, Stews, Chili  
w/pull tops!  
Granola/Protein Bars  
Nuts, Oatmeal, Cereal, Crackers  
Beans, Rice, Lentils, Pasta  
Kitchen Staples (flour, sugar, salt/pepper)  
Pasta Sauce, One Box Meals or Mixes

Hygiene Items:

Shampoo/Conditioner  
Toothpaste/Toothbrush/Floss  
Brushes/Combs  
Deodorant  
Body Wash

Please pay special attention to make sure the items you bring are not expired, damaged, rusted, etc. As with all new ideas, there is usually a learning curve so we appreciate your patience as we put this project into →

FROM THE PREACHERS DESK

The Body in Motion

What a great and exhausting week this week has been! Vacation Bible School was a smashing success with over 50 children in attendance and nearly as many adults in attendance.

There were so many moving parts in VBS both in the preparation and in the heat of the battle.

Decorations, dinners, snacks, Bible lessons, activities and a new Blessing Box –

And all of these things take PEOPLE – many people –

People doing the decorating – people planning and organizing and cooking the dinners – people serving the dinners – people organizing the snacks and more people serving the snacks – people putting together Bible lessons and teaching them – kid wranglers wrestling kids long enough to hear the Bible lessons – people in costumes – soldiers shooting off confetti guns – people planning activities and making them happen with a wide range of ages of children – kids bringing food to stock the Blessing Box – lots of singing – lots of praying – lots of cleaning every day in between – t-shirt designing and ordering and passing out – etc – etc – etc...

It's such a wonderful thing to see the Body of Christ in motion and to experience it as a participant. To see children learning about Jesus and to hear His name on their lips is a great joy to behold.

Many of us have heard many times these famous words of Paul from 1 Corinthians 12 –

*<sup>6</sup> There are varieties of effects, but the same God who works all things in all persons. <sup>7</sup> But to each one is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good... <sup>20</sup> But now there are many members, but one body... <sup>27</sup> Now you are Christ’s body, and individually members of it.*

It’s so much FUN to go beyond the knowledge of these facts and EXPERIENCE Christ as we live out our purpose of being the Body of Christ as we serve Him together.

Thank you to all who were involved in making this VBS a success.

Much Love,

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action. Please see Kendall, Lynette, or Jennifer for more information. Thank you for supporting the children and may the Lord bless their efforts!

*“Take what you need, leave what you can.  
Little becomes much in the Mater’s hand.”*

FAMILY NEWS

**Frankie Rice**—Judy Lewis' brother, is in ICU in Oklahoma City. Please keep Frankie in your prayers.

**Bobbi Newberry**—will have surgery on her eye on Wednesday, July 6th. The lens in the left eye has tilted causing loss of distance vision as well as double vision! She needs your prayers.

**Scott Percival**—father of Jordyn Clark and son of Caroline Kelley, had quadruple bypass surgery Thursday following a heart attack. Everything went well and is doing good.

**Others on the prayer list:** The Lewis’, Julie DeSoignie, Tom Kirkwood, Kylie Lock, Darlene Larson, Tammy Pontious, Eliza Conwell, Scott Callaway, Helen Norris, Max (Lonnie’s great-grandson), Tim Evans, Dorothy Crisler, Kendall Brundage, Duane & Cathy McKinney, Larry Helton

NOTE OF THANKS

**Dear Church family**, words cannot express our deepest thanks and appreciation for all of the support during our Joy Story Vacation Bible School! Your prayers, help, attendance, and encouragement meant the world to us. So many children were blessed during our VBS as we learned about caring, loyalty, service, and forgiveness in Christ. We had at least 56 children and 55 adults in attendance throughout the week. Our new Blessing Box service project raised 127 food items that the community is already being blessed by! We believe this was the most successful VBS in many years and we praise God for that! We are requesting you join us now in praying for VBS 2023. More details to come! We love you Church Family! In Him, The VBS Committee

ATTENTION!!!

We will be taking down and cleaning up all the VBS and decorations on July 18 at 6:30 p.m. Please show up and help us with this task.

WESTVIEW BOYS HOME WORK TRIP

The dates for this year's work trip to Westview Boys Home will be Sunday, Sept. 25—Saturday, Oct. 1 - more details to follow; please see Wes with any questions! Please make plans now to attend.

MEN’S FELLOWSHIP & BIBLE STUDY

There will be a Men's Fellowship & Bible Study on Thursday, July 7 at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Room. Please let Wes know if you are attending so we can plan food accordingly. Call, text or email at (918) 607-8489 text or call or email him at [huskerwes1@gmail.com](mailto:huskerwes1@gmail.com).

CHILDREN’S CHURCH SCHEDULE

**July**  
July 03—Audra Hudspeth                      July 10—Jordyn Clark  
July 17—Kaitlin Francisco                    July 24—Sarah Bradbury  
July 31—Kaylee Hines

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THOSE WHO SERVE				
<u>SUNDAY, 10:30 AM</u>	<u>July 03</u>	<u>July 10</u>	<u>July 17</u>	<u>July 24</u>
<u>Opening Prayer</u>	L. Lewis	B. Turney	M. Neal	A. Shields
<u>Song Leader</u>	K. Dodds	K. Dodds	K. Dodds	K. Dodds
<u>Communion Talk</u>				
<u>&amp; Prayer</u>	D. Pierce	T. Norris	N. Bradbury	E. Newberry
<u>Contribution Prayer.</u>	L. Turney	L. Turney	L. Turney	L. Turney
<u>Collection &amp; Count</u>	C. Francisco	C. Francisco	C. Francisco	C. Francisco
<u>Ushers</u>	A. Hines	A. Hines	A. Hines	A. Hines
	D. Carroll	D. Carroll	D. Carroll	D. Carroll
<u>Closing Prayer</u>	E. Newberry	E. Newberry	E. Newberry	E. Newberry
<u>Deacon in Charge</u>	W. Pierce	W. Pierce	W. Pierce	W. Pierce
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<u>ATTENDANCE</u>				
<b>SUNDAY—June 26</b>				
Bible Class.....55				
A.M. Worship.....104				
Contribution.....\$3,110				
<b>VBS TOTALS</b>				
<b>Sunday—Kids-47/Adults 41;    Monday—Kids-50/Adults-50</b>				
<b>Tuesday—Kids 48/Adults 44;    Wednesday—Kids-56/Adults-55</b>				
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ELDERS		SCHEDULE OF SERVICE		
Rex Harris	Marvin Kline	<i>Sunday</i>		
Ed Newberry	Tom Norris	Bible Classes.....9:30 a.m.		
		Worship.....10:30 a.m.		
DEACONS		<i>Wednesday</i>		
Nathan Bradbury	Kevin Dodds	Bible Class.....7:00 p.m.		
Aaron Hines	Leroy Lewis	Bible Class.....7:00 p.m.		
David Pierce	Wade Pierce			
Alan Shields				
MINISTER				
Wes LeFlore				

