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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2014!

Vacation Bible School is next week! So grab a hammer, find a paintbrush and put on your creative thinking cap! At Workshop of Wonders (WOW) VBS, kids will discover how to imagine and build with God!

At WOW VBS, discover how the ordinary becomes extraordinary with God. Experience the love of Jesus. Start an adventure. Use your imagination and creativity to build your faith. Use your heart, mind, and imagination to participate in the creative life of God, the One who works wonders. The adventure toolbox at the Workshop of Wonders includes the following activity centers that will WOW your children: interactive Bible



storytelling, crafts, science, recreation, music, snacks. Our overall theme verse is Psalm 77:14a, **“You are the God who works wonders.”** Through WOW VBS, it is our hope that children will realize that they are capable of great things when they use their hearts, minds, and imaginations to follow the example of God, the One who works wonders! It is June 23-27, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m., and registration for children ages 3 (by September 1, 2013) -4th grade is still open!

It is also not too late to volunteer to guide kids. In years past, Eules First has hosted 150 kids for this great week. That takes a good number of volunteers. Lets make sure that they all have a wonderful week!

Registration for children and volunteers is available online at fumceules.org/registration. If you have any questions, please ask Aubree Marlow.

Donations needed: Paint cans (preferably empty), Paint trays, financial gifts, card board egg cartons. Finally, **we need help decorating.** We will be decorating the church June 18, 19, and 20 from 5:00-8:00 p.m. Please come by and show your support.

PRAYER WARRIORS NEEDED

Element Students are working hard on their summer mission trips this week in Kosciusko, Mississippi. They are painting homes, repairing roofs, building porches, and building wheel chair ramps. They are building relationships with home owners they are serving as well as those they are living with. Mission trip is a time to step away from the normal day life and have a chance to see God in their life and in the

world in a different way. It is time for us as a congregation to pray. We have included a list of participants. Please take time and say a prayer for them this week. If you would like to leave a note or see what is going on there is a Facebook group for the living center: www.facebook.com/ctcymkosciusko2014.

Participants: Nick Best, Bailey Bufkin, Brianna Davis, Brian Gilby, Jordan Graham,

Emily Halleck, Caitlin Kramer, Emily Lewis, Lia Maloney, Tara McMillon, Michael Neid, Nick Neid, Taylor Robertson, Matthew Sprague, Carol Bolton, Ron Coats, Steve Heyduck, Jerry Maloney, Shane Mullin, Judy Tribble

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

- What:** Teach kids about God through fun and games
- When:** June 23-27, 9:00 a.m.– 12:00 p.m.
- Where:** Mornings begin in the Sanctuary
- Who:** Kids ages 3 (by September 1, 2013) -4th grade

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PRAYER LIST

If your prayer request has been left off, please resubmit it. All requests are for 30 days only and will need to be resubmitted after that time.

Alton and Reta Ray	David Viggiano, Nancy Bickel's cousin	Jeff Blackman, Pat Wilson's son	Mary Ledbetter, Mac Ledbetter's mother	Robert Swann	Tom and JoAnn, Polenz family friends
Amanda Mayer	David White, Heidi Graham's co-worker	Jerry Maloney, Sr. Joe Brown, Jackie Robinson's brother	Maurine Padgett, Nancy Bickel's co-worker	Roger and Charlotte Martin	Tom Woods and Janet Rhino, Lewis and Linda Moore's friends
Anabella de la Fuente and family, Caro Kenyon's sister	Dawnita Grimes' family, Heidi Graham's friend	Joe Musselwhite, David Davis' uncle	Maxine and Bill Wallace, Kimberly Knighton's friends	Roland Bohnet, Vera Farmer's son	Warner Muirhead
Ann Burns	Devan DeBoynton	Joley Brown	Michaela, Cody, & Carson Thomas, Carol Bolton's daughter	Ron Hula, Stephen Pilney's friend	Wendy Swann, Lee and Sandy Swann's daughter
Audrey Bradford, Jay Bradford's mother	Don Bell, Lee and Sandy Swann's son-in-law	Josh, Michael Mulholland's friend	Michele and Baker Ingram	Sam Adams, Kaye Best's neighbor's son	Willie Turner and family
Barbara Cody, Randy Pilney's friend	Donna Bertram	Judy Mulholland	Michele Heroux and family, Amber Hawthorne's friend	Santos Gonzales, Bill Farmers co-worker's husband	In the Military:
Becky and Woody Kemp Bergdahl family	Doris Alexander, Dottie Rust's sister	Kathey Woods and Shawn Alback, Milford Roop's niece and nephew	Michele Moffatt, Alan and Lynne Moffatt's sister-in-law	Shawn Albach, Milford Roops' nephew	Carl Miller
Bill Ray, Charlotte Everett's friend	Esther Rogers	Kelsey Abbott, Sherwood and Cheri Abbott's granddaughter	Mike Khun	Shayla Herigan, Eileen Mode's friend	Chris Mulford, Pat Bailey's grandson
Bill Roach	Family of Carl Coley, Ann Wilson's father	Kelly Dugan, Leslie Cumming's friend	Natalie's friend	Sidney Gorton, Marjori Haddock's friend	Colton Hardaway and Kayla Davis, son and daughter of Michael and Lore Osborn
Bingenheimer family	Family of Claire Parker, Kelsey Carter's friends	Ken Klasen	Nick and Lisa Schoenberger, Ron Coats' friends	Stacy Smith	Devan DeBoynton, Robin Biles' friend
Brian Murdock, Marla Williams' brother	Gabriela Troya and family, Caro Kenyon's sister	Kevin Maines	Nolan Hardwick, Barbara Collier's father	Stan Clarke, Sue & Richard Morrow's friend	Eric Sherrer, Justin Sherrer, Patric Owen, and Alan McClelland, Grandnephews of Vic and Judy Torres
Bruce Meek, Kent Polenz' friend	Gary Rutherford	Kimberly Massey and Shawnee Zelis, Milford Roop's step sister and her boyfriend	Ollie O. Sallis, Sean, Steven, Latoya, and Andrea,	Steve Townsend, Ken and Betty Vowell's and Roger and June Ivey's friend	Gail Worofka
Burton family	Gordon and Linda Roberts, Nancy Bickel's friends	Kristen Hammit (praise)	Our Youth on mission trip	Stuart Hudsmith	James Fiaccone, Sue Fiacone's grandson
Cameron Mode	Henrika Bradford-Gladney, Barbara Bradford's daughter	Linda Bates, Michelle Barker's friend	Pam Roorda, Johnnie Dirod's daughter	Summer travelers	Jeffrey Stone, Lucille Link's nephew
Carol Duncan	Herbert T. Roop II & family	Lisa and Lance Fish, Les Foley's daughter and son-in-law	Pat Holland, Cindy Balentine's sister	Susan Henslee and family, Michelle Barker's friend	Josh Crow, Annette Kelleher's son
Carol Rust, Dottie Rust's daughter	Homeless and Hungry everywhere	Lisa Moffatt, Lynne and Alan Moffatt's daughter-in-law	Paul Jones	Susan McGehee	Justin Knighton
Catherine Shrake, Kathy Knowles' grandmother	Honor Vaughn	Lorraine Tatarevick	Paul Simone, Larry and Phyllis Augustus' friend	Sydney Marie Peel, Pat May's great niece	Sam Weatherby, Gary and Carol Turner's nephew
Charleen Coleson, Kimberly Knighton's mother	Isabel Rosero, Caro Kenyon's mother	Marge Schinlaub and family, Carla Fink's aunt and cousins	Paula Brown	Tamara Rose, Myna Moody's great-granddaughter	Stephen Tate
Cheryl Mossburg, Randy Pilney's friend	Jack Loftin, Stephen Pilney's co-worker's father	Marlene Hill and John Lewis	Peter Shrake, Kathy Knowles' father	Terri Marlow	Travis Thomas
Chris Coley and Katie Ritchie, Ann Wilson's brother and niece	James, Caro Kenyon's neighbor	Martha Wells	Pierre Tshimanga's family	Terron Muller, Les Foley's niece	
Christopher Sallis	James L. Gravely, II, Bernardo Schirmer's grandfather	Mary Bowie, Shametrius Sims' grandmother	Rita Rose Everett, Charlotte Everett's daughter	Those lost in addiction	
Christy Lawhorn	James Thompson		Rob Richards	Tim and Janna Martin and family	
Cindy Balentine	Jan Isbell and the Isbell family,		Robbie Breaux, Audrey Coats' friend	TJ Pepper	
Clara Klasen, Ken Klasen's mother	Jeff and Amber Bosher and family				
Cody Baldree					
Daniel Davis, Blaine Davis' uncle					

MEMORIALS

BIRTHDAYS

June	25 –Kevin Balentine, David Downey, Tami Polenz
17 –Brenda Menton, Sarah Miller	26 –Skip Halleck, Pat May
18 –Warner Muirhead	27 –Carol Black, Susan Downey, Laura Parsons
19 –Randy Pilney, Katie Tindel	28 –Ken Vowell
21 –Lia Maloney, Sue Morrow	
22 –James Knighton	
24 –Blaine Davis	

ANNIVERSARIES

June
17 –O.D. & Norma Lively, Alton & Reta Ray, Mac & Janet Ledbetter
25 –Dave & Linda Lewis
26 –Don & Ann Wilson, Larry & Phylis Augustus

PERSONAL STORIES

I have begun to follow Jesus better than before by:

them to let go if I can not help. Matt Taylor

-Milford Roop says, he has helped 3 families with God's love, and has spent more time visiting others in the hospital.

-Praying for those who frustrate me and for patience to understand and help

FOOD PANTRY NEWS

Happy summer! The Food Pantry is ready for a great summer, but wants to make sure you know a couple of things going on. First, we will be having a food drive during Vacation Bible School as a mission opportunity for the kids. You are also invited to bring a summer donation to help us serve our community. Second, the Food Pantry will be open Thursday July 3rd, and closed

July 4th. Have a great summer! Here is the Food Pantry schedule:

June

20 –Marie Bean, Darlene Carter, Milford Roop, Jill Schaneberg
 27 –Doris Brown, Trish Franklin, Dottie Rust, Judy Torres

July

3 –**Note the Pantry will be open Thursday, due to the July 4th Holiday!** Phyllis

Augustus, Linda Lewis, Judy Tribble, Milford Roop

11 –Gloria Daves, Helen Davies, Maggie Lucas, Tami Polenz
 18 –Marie Bean, Darlene Carter, Tami Polenz, Jill Schanenberg

25 –Doris Brown, Trish Franklin, Dottie Rust, Judy Torres

Needed Food Items:

- Chicken and Tuna Helper



FROM THE PASTOR

It just dawned on me a couple of weeks ago that I finished seminary 25 years ago this past May. It doesn't seem that long ago, but, then, my parents always used to tell me time went by faster as you get older.

Thanks to the internet, I still keep up with some of my friends from seminary. Having attended seminary in Kentucky, many of my classmates were not from Texas. We are, literally, spread across the country.

I remember having had a great time in seminary. I was excited to be able to study deep into God's Word as well as theology, history, and philosophy. Everything seemed to come together there to prepare me for ministry. Or so I thought.

These days, honestly, I don't know how much I remember about the various and sundry things I learned in seminary. What I do remember from those years, though, and one of the things that has kept me going for 25 years now, is that God is bigger than any specific aspect of life or school. Just as important as this, I learned there that God would meet me anywhere, in anything, any time I sought.

Most of our classes were straight lecture courses, with books to read, papers to write, and tests to take. We had Chapel twice a week. Chapel experiences varied widely. One week a service might open with incense leading a processional of classically robed clergy. The next, we might be

singing along with guitars, the words projected with an overhead projector.

I found that whether I was in class, or in the least formal worship service ever or even the most formal, most ritualized worship service you can imagine, God showed up. God met me anywhere and everywhere.

Every word, every conversation, every image, every movement included an opportunity to recognize God's presence and goodness. I believe this is still true today. I also believe it is as true for you as it is for me.

So, here's to the next 25 years of God being available and willing to meet us anywhere and everywhere we are!

HIGHWAY EXPANSION UPDATE

Remember: The FAQ from our Mays' All-Church meeting is available from the Church Office or on our website. Just click on Highway Update to see all the questions and answers that we have at this time.

In addition, we have this news

regarding the expansion of Highway 183: On May 29 TxDOT announced the winning bid for the job. The group chosen is called Southgate Mobility Partners. They now have until the end of the year to prove they can accomplish what their bid sets out for them to do.

Our Trustees are in negotiation with an attorney to represent us in the coming negotiations. Much thanks to all who have been working together to see that we are prepared.



July

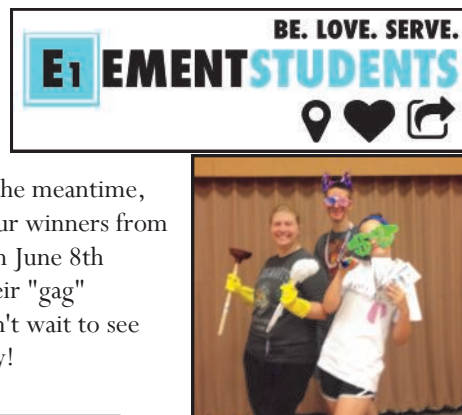
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YOUTH MINISTRY

Wow! It's been a great few weeks! Thank you church family for your love and support of our students over the past semester! It has been really fun for us to follow up with all of the dividends for our Mission-velope investors! From washing cars, to hosting game nights, and even sharing ice cream together, the best part of it all has been to witness laughter, conversations,

and the deepening of relationships between our students and many of you! If you haven't been able to spend time with us in person over the last few weeks, we understand! Please, however, spend time praying for us, the clients, the city of Kosciusko, MS and all of the many other people participating in the CTCYM Mission experience this

week. We'll be sure to share a ton of pictures with you when we return, but in the meantime, here's one of our winners from Bunco Night on June 8th showing off their "gag" prizes! We can't wait to see you this Sunday!



BOOK CLUB

Summer is here, and the Summer Book Club as returned as well. Don't forget to read your June Book Club book!

June: Malcolm Gladwell's *David and Goliath*. In *David and Goliath*, Malcolm Gladwell

challenges how we think about obstacles and disadvantages, offering a new interpretation of what it means to be discriminated against, or cope with a disability, or lose a parent, or attend a mediocre school, or suffer from

any number of other apparent setbacks.

We'll meet the last Sunday of each month following the second service for discussing.



PRESCHOOL NEWS

Angel News:

Preschool and Kindergarten has been having a blast with summer camp! The first week we went on a photo safari each day to find tigers, elephants, zebras, lions

and monkeys. The second week the students were astronauts and explored outer space. We will be on summer break for the remainder of June and July, but will return to the office

on August 1. We will be checking voice mails and e-mails should you need to contact us or register. Have a great summer!

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Congratulations parents! We made it to the end of the school year and it is officially summer! If you haven't read Jen Hatmaker's blog post, "Worst End of School Year Mom Ever" (jenhatmaker.com) I suggest you do so whenever you can. It's hilarious, and I related to it for sure! I for one am very excited that summer is here. To me it means longer evenings and more opportunities to spend some time with my family! Texas heat is upon us. And if you're anything like me, you might be looking for ways to stay cool. I found a neat website that has 51 things to do with

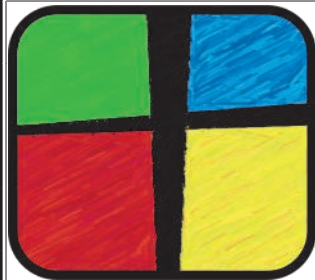
your kids this summer. Yes, some of them are outdoors, but most of them are neat things to do inside to avoid what I like to call the "lobster burn." You can access it all here: www.iliveindallas.com/summer-activities-for-kids.

Vacation Bible School is here! I am so thankful for everyone that has volunteered their time and am excited to see new faces and explore the Workshop of Wonders! There are still openings for teachers in the preschool and older elementary Sunday School classes! Just one Sunday a month would help. I am positive you will be blessed

by it, as well as be a blessing to the classes you are helping. **Our nursery is also looking for help.** It is a paid position, and would be a great part time job for someone looking for a little extra income. If you are interested in either of these opportunities, please email me at children@fumceulless.org for more information! Thank you for your continued support and prayers!

-Aubree Marlow





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