



TABERNACLE CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

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What happened to Summer?

Look out! Who is that behind the door? This was the big question of the summer as we did VBS.

Our route took us to many places to present the Gospel to boys,

girls, and adults. Several children made decisions as they were challenged to think about eternity.

The TCM team is grateful for your prayers and financial faithfulness. We

traveled many miles, got lost in the mountains, and experienced the beauty of God's great creation. Please enjoy some of the scenes of our journey!



Fall Schedule

Multiple sessions at all locations

Ascension Lutheran PS

9/5,6, 10//17,18; 11:7,8

12/5,6

Caring Corner

9/11;10/16, 11/13; 12/11

Cedar Valley PS & K

9/19,20; 10:24,25;

11/14, 15; 12/12,13

Holloway House

9/19,20;10:24,25;

11/14,15; 12/12,13

One location pending

Lighthouse Baptist

Kid's Club 9/19

Harvest Baptist Church

Mission Conference

October 7-10



Summer Thoughts



As a leader of this ministry, it has been wonderful to be able to team teach with my wife doing adult VBS. What a delight to continue to also work with the children doing, the



These pictures are the many faces and jobs of Joe Larsen from Harvest Baptist in Fort Dodge as he worked with our team. Joining us for a second year, he taught our preschoolers and the missionary story in first person as well as being the Wise Owl.



The following is Joe's testimony. "I enjoyed the summer a lot. Experience is the biggest teacher. It was amazing to not only see boys and girls come to Christ but to come to love Him as well! This summer gave me the confidence that I need as a leader in the future."



Above is eleven year old, Isabella, Osterkamp from Good News Baptist Church. She joined us for a couple of teaching times and here is her testimony.

"This summer was fun. It was a new experience for me. It helped me to get comfortable with teaching preschoolers! Thanks so much to Mr. & Mrs. Aljets for the opportunity. "

songs, memory verses and much more! The Lord has stretched us as we dug deeper into the scriptures to present accurately the lessons. It is amazing what we discovered. God is such an excellent teacher and has reminded us how important preparations are to the work. The word of God is a treasure!

One of my joys this summer was to award the prizes. Making the final deal was most exciting. The greatest joy was being able to share the Gospel in the lesson time.



Although traveling is fun, it is also tiring. We all were grateful for those who provided beautiful and comfortable accommodations throughout our summer. Just a bit of humor for you, the one hotel on our way home for North Carolina was what we chalk up to "an adventure". One never knows what challenges will be faced. Thanks to each member of our team who faithfully ministered without complaint.



Wayne (in light blue no helmet) and Sue Epperson have traveled with us for the past 25 years helping share the Gospel with children.

Mr. Wayne enjoyed getting back to Rockford and being able to travel to all the VBS'.

Sue says it was a "unique" summer. I also enjoyed working with Joe.

I believe the Lord will use him in the future. He certainly put a different spin on telling the missionary lesson.



Again, we extend a giant thank you for allowing us to continue serving the Lord in this work. You have had a part in each and every meeting and decision for Jesus. We depend upon your prayers and support.

Our team has already outlined next year's VBS theme, "ROUND UP". It will be a cowboy round-up with Dandy Dan, Wiley Wayne, Sweet Sue, and Darlin' Donna. As we prepare the lessons will include: Gideon, Elisha, Abijah, Deborah and Jael, and the maniac of Gadara.

Start praying early for opportunities to do VBS and for children to be saved.



Changes

Our world is changing rapidly as is our ministry. In April, Mr. Fred was asked to fill the pulpit at Lighthouse Baptist Church in Anamosa. Through this, the Holy Spirit began to challenge us to consider joining in the work at Anamosa. This was not something we anticipated or sought. It simply was a nudging from God to be open and prayerfully consider making this change.

Lighthouse was started a few years ago by Pastor Don Jackson and in February, 2017, they called Pastor Bob Heasty to be their first pastor. They outgrew their first building and purchased a permanent site for the church a few years ago. Now it is time to expand the programs.

Initially, we thought we would help them on Wednesdays in the fall to begin a children's program. Summer came and we did an adult and children's VBS. Then we assisted with their Wounded Spirit's Conference. Each time the Lord spoke to our hearts about making this change a complete move.

In August, after much prayer and thought, we reached a decision and spoke with our Pastor. We love the people of Good News Baptist very much, which made this change difficult but God has already given us a love for the people at Lighthouse Baptist. Pastor Osterkamp fully supported our decision to leave yet expressing that we would be missed. He graciously has suggested we continue to close out the year under Good News Baptist. At the first of the year, you will see the receipt change to reflect our ministry being under the Lighthouse Baptist Church.

If you would like a copy of the letter from Pastor Osterkamp, let us know and we will send it to you.

Pastor Heasty is excited and 100 % behind working to add this to the ministry of Lighthouse Baptist Church. God has given us a vision to begin a children's program for Lighthouse and we are thrilled about the opportunity. September 19 we will kick off a Wednesday night program with a Fall Festival.

Does this mean we will not be doing the ministry we have been doing? No, we are continuing to do children's ministry in chapels, children's meetings, VBS, making literature available and helping churches reach boys and girls. The only change is our church home and ministry oversight. Please pray for what God has put before us as a ministry.

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If you have not already checked out our Facebook page, be sure to take a look. We will try to post new things and keep you in the loop as to where TCM is ministering. It helps us to stay visible if you like or share our page with your friends.

Thanks for the help.



In our travels through North Carolina, we were able to visit the Library of Billy Graham. The picture above was taken as we exited the display. It is a powerful depiction of our journey towards the cross. The picture at the end was painted by Thomas Kinkade and if you notice there is only a solitary cross. There is only one way to Jesus by way of the cross, trusting in Him as Savior.

Blast from the Past



This beautiful young woman pictured with me (Donna) is Dr. Angila Moffitt. Angila was one of eight young people that were in a "teaching children" class in 1991 at Community Christian Schools where I was secretary. The class was offered to show how to effectively evangelize children and how to properly teach a Bible lesson. The outcome of this was amazing. Angie started out as a shy, self-conscious girl doing her best to fulfill the practical assignments given. It is hard to forget the nervous giggle which was interspersed throughout the lesson on Joseph. Then once a classroom teaching assignment was given, she gave it her all and had everything set up only to have it all fall on the floor but she persevered. At the end of the term a chapel for the whole school was done by the eight students and Angila was chosen to do the lesson. After the lesson was given, she gave the invitation and a kindergarten girl came to receive Jesus. The picture of her and the little girl on their knees is forever burned in my memory.

Later that spring she came wanting to continue learning as one of our summer missionaries. Without hesitating we gladly had her join us only to find she was terrifically homesick. Together we walked around the camp praying and encouraging her to keep on and with the help of mom talking her through the time, she did. In that summer she also was showing 4H sheep and the confidence gained in the class came through and she did well. Her mom stated, "I recommend this class very highly, mainly because of the spiritual growth it gives. Angila has learned more than words can express. Not only to lead a child or adult to Christ, but what she has learned is a foundation in her own life.

Prior to attending the class grades were a struggle but the following year, the confidence gained from the prior class, helped her begin to achieve success. She came back the second year to work through the summer but still was "homesick." More walks and talks with much prayer she made it. Upon completing high school she went to Ames and decided to study to be a teacher. Here she made the Dean's list. From an almost failing student to academic success, it is amazing. But, the story doesn't stop here, she went on to get her doctorate. Now Dr. Angila Moffitt is the Principal at Community Christian School in Fort Dodge, Iowa, the same school where a simple class on how to teach children was taught.

God is so wonderful to encourage us with those who continue on the work of teaching. Each of us need to continue the task of helping others learn how to handle the Word of God and reach the world with the Gospel. I want to be quick to credit the Lord with Angila's successes. I am only a servant to be used by God. He is the one who enables and equips so let us Praise the Lord for what has been done and continues to be done for His kingdom.