



The MESSENGER



A Fuller Word

Vacation Bible School

Someone once said, "Children are God's way of demonstrating to adults that you reap what you sow." That is so true.

Well on June 5th-9th we will have Vacation Bible School here at OBC. Vacation Bible School is the largest outreach and evangelistic ministry we have in the church. I hope that you have either found the way that you can be involved or that you will pledge to pray for the children, teachers, and leaders. We really need to do a lot of "sowing" this week!

School is Out

It was the end of the school year and some of the children wanted to bring gifts to their favorite teacher.

The florist sent a bouquet of flowers with his little girl to give to her teacher... "Ohhhhh, they smell so nice. Thank you for these beautiful flowers," she said. Another little boy brought a bag of freshly baked cookies from his dad's bakery, "Ohhhhh," said the teacher, "they are so delicious. Thank you so much for these cookies." Lastly...another little boy brought a huge box to his teacher...but it seemed to be leaking somewhat and beginning to spill on the ground. "My oh my," said the teacher, "your dad owns a big liquor store...did he send me some brandy, as she took some of the drops that were falling to the ground and tasting them?" "No," said the little boy. The teacher once again tasted some of the drops that were dripping onto the floor and said, "Oh...your dad sent me some Champagne?" Once again the little boy said, "no teacher, I gave you a little puppy!"

School is out and all the kiddos are ready for a great summer. We will have lots of activities for our children and youth throughout the summer. They will not want to miss out on all the fun!

Many Blessings,

Pastor Eric

Summertime Fun

Summer Activities for Kids



Wednesday evenings for kids are going to be SUPER! Beginning June 21, our preschoolers and children will be enjoying some very special activities! Take a look!

June 21 — Ball Night — Kick ball, Dodge ball, Golf, and more!

June 28 — Movie Night — Movie and popcorn/snacks!

July 12 — Ice Cream Night — Sundaes, Pie in the Face, and more! (This is an all-church event.)

July 19 — Western Night — Horseback riding, stick horse relay, western games, costume contest!

July 26 — Water Night — Water slide, water games, kiddie pool, sprinklers, water balloons, etc.!

August 2 — Field Day Night — All types of field day competitions!

Contact Faye Brown for more information: 334-237-0645.

Preschool & Children's Ministry

I am so excited about the opportunity to serve our church family through the Children's Ministry. OBC children have always been so dear to my heart through GAs and VBS and I am looking forward to becoming even more involved with them. I love their hugs and eagerness to share their love with me.



Our first goal was to plan fun and engaging activities for the children during the summer months. A terrific team of parents met and have come up with some ideas that you will love. From Water to Horses to Ice Cream!!! The list of activities for "Kid's Super Summer Wednesdays" is included in this newsletter. Please be sure to bring your children and preschoolers and bring a neighbor's children. Our mission is to share God's love with them and, by doing so, grow our children's department and add more families to our church family.

VBS time is here. "Maker Fun Factory" will teach our children more about their Maker and His Love. Great fun. Learning the Bible. 8:30-11:30 Monday June 5- Friday June 9. Bring your friends. Parent's night will be Wednesday Night June 9. Hotdog supper at 5 in the fellowship hall. Children's Worship Rally Presentation at 6 in the sanctuary.

My next goal is to provide activities for children during the evening worship time. More to come about that later.

Please pray for me as I seek God's wisdom in this new and exciting phase of my life. I would love your ideas and help. Email me at fayebrown444@gmail.com.

Faye Brown

Middle School Ministry

Hello, OBC Family! I cannot express how excited I am to be working with the awesome OBC Middle Schoolers, and parents! Thank you for allowing me to be a part of your ministry. If you missed the Parent Meeting Wednesday (May 31), please make sure and get a survey from me or your student's Sunday School teacher. I value your input and information. Also, students, if you need a Student Survey, see me or your SS teacher as well.

I think Colossians 1:9-10 summarize God's purpose for our ministry: "And so, from the day we heard, we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to Him, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God." Let us be faithful so that EACH of us lives a life pleasing to the Lord, WALKING according to His ways, bearing FRUIT in our lives, and GROWING in our love and knowledge of Him! (OBC Church family, please do not cease to pray for our youth as they live out their faith for the Lord.)

I'm in! Are you? If not, now is the perfect time to get started! We have many exciting things planned for the Summer so make sure and put them on your calendar! I look forward to each of them as we dive into God's Word and also get to know each other. Hope to see you at them all!

SUNDAYS in June:

June 4: VBS Kick-off! No Youth classes tonight. Come help (be here at 4:30) or come watch as we celebrate beginning VBS!

June 11: Youth Summer Kick-Off! 12:00 - 8:00 PM - Trip to Marianna, FL for swimming and fun in the sun at "Blue Springs" (not the one in Clio). Bring a sack lunch, money for snacks, canoe/paddleboat rental if you choose (\$10/hr), and supper. Go to <http://www.jacksoncountyfl.net/parks-and-recycling/blue-springs> for more information.

June 18: Fathers' Day - No evening services.

June 25: Bible Study and "Sonic Sunday". Bring money.

Wednesdays in June

June 7: VBS Family Night 5-7 PM. No Middle School classes tonight. Come support VBS!

June 14: 6-9 PM Bible Study, dessert and swimming at Bo and Hope Deloney's home

June 21: 6-7:30 PM Archery with Mr. Bill

June 28: 6-7:30 PM Bible Study and walk to Milky Moos. Bring money.

A look ahead:

July 5: Meet with adults for Gideon speaker from Egypt.

July 12: Church-wide Ice Cream and then Youth Messy Game Night

July 19: ALL Youth will meet together with Miss Kathy. (I will be in Guatemala.)

July 26: Prayer Walks at the schools

Aug. 2: "MOVING UP PARTY" at Shipwreck Island! Details to come soon!



Mrs. Denise

High School Ministry

The last school bell has rung, the books are packed away and summer time is upon us! With beautiful days ahead, the OBC HSM has made some great plans for the month of June! With no schedules to keep, we've extended our Wednesday night meeting time to include an extra dose of Bible study and fellowship. so, jot down these plans, grab your Bible, bring a friend, and join us for the HSM calendar of events for June!

- Sunday, June 4th, 5-7 PM—Assist with VBS Kick Off Party
- Wednesday, June 7th, 6-9 PM—CFA and adventure land in Dothan
- Sunday, June 11th, 12-8 PM—Trip to Mariana, FL for swimming. Bring sack lunch and money for snacks/supper. Drinks provided.
- Wednesday, June 14th, 6-9 PM—Bible study and supper at the Little House
- Sunday, June 18th—Father's Day—No evening activities
- Wednesday, June 21st, 6-9 PM—Fast Food Supper and Bowling in Enterprise. Bring your \$!
- Sunday, June 25th, 5-7 PM—Bible study and Sonic Sunday. Bring \$!
- Wednesday, June 28th, 6-9 PM—Devotion and Supper @ Milky Moos



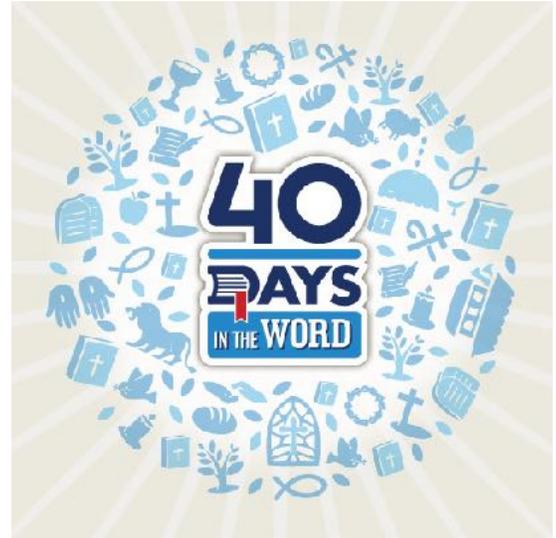
Mrs. Kathy

Summer Bible Study for All Youth "M & M Mondays"

Meditation & Missions

Join us the following days, 9-12 in
the FF:

June 12, 19, 26, July 10, 24, 31



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

June 5 – 9

8:30 – 11:30 am

K – 5th Grade

Join us each day as we experience
the Maker Fun Factory!



All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching,
rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness

2 Timothy 3:16



SUNDAY SCHOOL
Make the Connection

Worship Ministry

I have thoroughly enjoyed the last two months. Getting to know you and being a part of some of the special events that have taken place in the last couple of months has been memorable. The Tenebrae service, Easter Services, GW Long Baccalaureate Service, have all been tremendous. The support and helpfulness from many of you has been tremendous.



My heart is to reach people and to glorify God through our music ministry. Every week Kelli and I pray that people will be prompted to “show up” at church, and that we will all arrive with an open heart. We pray that Eric, the singers and musicians, will all be filled by the Holy Spirit to lead the congregation, and each of us, to a closer relationship with God the Father. I hope you will join me in doing several things that would help:

Pray – Pray all week for our leaders, teachers, staff. Pray about the people you know you are not involved in church and ask God to provide opportunities for you to help reach them

Act – Listen to what God tells you to do during your prayer time, and all during the day, then DO IT!!! Don't let a week go by without speaking to those you KNOW need Christ.

Be There – Make church attendance and worship attendance a priority for you and your family. Your spouse, children, family, and friends are watching how you prioritize your life. I personally know far too many people who plan their weekend activities and “attend church” whenever they're not busy with “something else”.

Serve – We need a FULL CHOIR every Sunday. Please consider practicing with us on Wednesdays at 6 and singing with us on Sundays. It's not rocket science, just listen to a CD, attend rehearsal, and sing along with a joyful heart. A FULL CHOIR and a FULL HOUSE sends a message to the community. Sign up to help with the media team, be a musician in the worship band. Please get involved in the music and other ministries for which you are gifted.

I look forward to seeing what God can do over the next few months as we dedicate our Summer to Him.

Bro. Alan

THANK YOU NOTE

Thank you so much for your support of Christians on Campus at D.A. Smith Middle School. Your generous donations of snacks, water, and money have touched the lives of many students this year.

We started the year with four students and had as many as fifty at one meeting. For most of these students Wednesday morning is the only time they hear the gospel. When students see me during the week they will tell me that they will be “at church” on Wednesday.

Thank you for showing seeds in to the lives of these students and providing physical and spiritual refreshment. At our last meeting we gave the salvation message and twenty-eight students came forward to make a decision to accept Christ.

Blessings to each of you!

Love,
Amanda Medley
D.A. Smith C.D.C.

Education Ministry



Two HUGE EVENTS capture my attention for this summer:

1. 31 Days to a Better Sunday School, and
2. Church-wide Sunday School Worker Training!

We will begin the month=long focus on improving our Sunday school on July 1st. I am asking all of us to spend a few minutes each day of July reading a short article focused on various aspects of Sunday school work. You need not be a Sunday school leader or even an attender to pick up a copy of the booklet. Copies of the booklet will be available beginning June 18. It will also be posted online.

Our 1st Annual Church-wide Sunday School Leader Training will be held on Sunday, July 23, from noon to 2 PM. We will provide a free lunch and also activities for children. I know that this is a busy summer but we must make Sunday school and Sunday school work a priority if we are going to “Lift up Jesus and love people!”

I want to welcome Faye Brown and Denise Andrews to our educational ministry staff. They are excited about ministry...and that excites me! They join me and Kathy Brooks on a team that is focused on ministering to our families through various age groups! Pray for them as they serve.
Michael