

Walnut Creek Baptist Church Lighthouse



Please submit announcements to the church office by Wednesday of each week for publication in bulletins and news letters.



SUPERHEROES OF THE BIBLE!

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God showed up and showed off during VBS 2014! 26 children experienced salvation through Christ Jesus making Superheroes of the Bible one of the most successful vacation Bible schools in recent years.

VBS Director Shannon, Charity and Nikki wrote the curriculum. Paula created caricatures of Noah, David, Shadrack, Meshack, Abed-Nego, Daniel, and Jesus. Days 1-4 emphasized God's amazing power working through ordinary and some very young people. Day 5 introduced the most amazing and powerful superhero of all time teaching children that Jesus really did save the world through His death, burial and resurrection.

Most Fun: Puppets *Cuz* and *Hippy* kept kids laughing as Kerry Sue explained how God

sends supernatural power through His people to do things that are humanly impossible.

Most Interesting: Jackie and Jennifer conducted scientific experiments demonstrating how God purifies His people proved one of the most interesting stations.

Most Effective: Surveys show two elements most effective in winning children to Jesus. Music led by Rick, Ginger, Paula and Morgan. Also noted was the continued focus on one scripture. Philippians 4:13, I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me. Students will certainly remember the ultimate superhero...Jesus!

Many adults and children participated in the 6-9pm time slot that could not join the morning classes normally offered.

Donna and the kitchen team extraordinaire served dinner and a snack each evening easing the after work time crunch for parents.

Attendance: daily average: 135 with 111 children and 24 adults and youth working. Total enrollment: 181 which includes 39 adults, 11 youth and 131 children.

VBS leaders organized a child pick-up procedure similar to that used by area schools increasing child safety and parental peace of mind.

Children donated over 600 non-perishable food items instead of traditional offerings. Items distributed as needed providing for families in crisis.

Well done, Children's Ministry Team and VBS volunteers...thank you so much!!!

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VBS 2014
Thank You!



Director: Shannon
Pre K: Nikki, Ann, Ashley, Zane
K: Cindy, Amanda
1st: Ken, Tony
2nd: Jimmy, Joe
3rd: Tammy

4-5th: Janie
Kitchen: Allen, John, Raymond, Gary, Donna
Music: Rick, Ginger, Paula, Morgan
Crafts: Wil and Dena, Elayne
Puppets: Josh, Danny, Kerry

Games: Holly
Science: Jennifer, Jackie
Floaters: Lance and Summer, Wendy, Jodie and Charity
Youth: Jacee, Carley, Brayden, Cole, Trey, Hunter

"Garbage People"

Missionaries to India, the Troup family, visited WCBC Sunday, July 13th sharing their heart for the *Garbage People* there. These very poor areas consist of groups of make-shift housing much like homeless people in the USA.

Six million Hindu gods are worshipped by the citizens of India. Most have never heard the name of Jesus!

Human Trafficking statistics show that the sale of children is the third most frequent crime in India following illegal drugs and gun smuggling. Criminals promise parents a better life

for their children. Desperate to improve life for their little ones, indigent parents sell children for as little as \$50. Girls from 5-15 years old are bought and forced into prostitution!

Brother Troup noted Peter's three denials of Christ at Jesus' trial in the Gospel of John chapter 18 and how Jesus restored him in chapter 21 emphasizing that God has a plan for each individual regardless of personal failures. He encouraged believers to love God and seek Him daily.

WCBC donated \$1,363.26 to help finance the Troup family's mission efforts in India.

Guatemala Mission Trips: Youth July 24-31th and Adults August 7-14th. Village of Hope Orphanage for special needs children with Todd and Amy Block.

Fundraising Results:

Spaghetti Lunch Sunday, June 22nd \$791.00 raised.

Best Ball Golf Scramble Sunday, June 29th raised \$1,358.00.

Kenya Africa Mission Trip: The trip scheduled for May 2015, is still in the planning stages. Missionaries go to help the Fleming Family.

Missions



...I heard the voice of the LORD, saying: "Whom shall I send, and who will go for Us?" Then I said, "Here am I! Send me." Isaiah 6:8

Children's Ministry



Children's Church Meeting:

Sunday, August 10th 5pm
Everyone is invited!

Contact the Children's Committee:

Nikki, Chairman
Charlene, Co-chair
Shannon, Treasurer
Wendy, Secretary
Ashley, Jennifer
Wil

For information on children's ministries and activities.

Needed!!!
VBS evaluations and nursery volunteers may be submitted to the Children's Committee or on-line at wbcddiana.org/info-center. Volunteers may choose to serve on rotation one Sunday morning every 2-3 months or to substitute as needed.

VBS Evaluations: Please help! Your thoughts are greatly appreciated! Complete the on-line form at http://wbcddiana.org/page/vbs_2014_evaluation_2671

Nursery Volunteers: Please complete the on-line form at http://wbcddiana.org/page/nursery_volunteer_lists to volunteer.

Children's Church Meeting
Sunday, August 10th at 5pm. Everyone is invited! All those currently working in Children's Church and all those that would like to begin serving our children.

Children's church is led by various teams of three or four adults. Each team works on a rotation basis allowing

participation in adult level worship and discipleship training in addition to serving WCBC children. New team members may choose to join an existing team or form a new one. Either way, serving children is a most rewarding experience bringing blessing without measure!!!!

Swimming

...in July. Watch the bulletin for dates and times.



Girls In Action

"GAs" Summer Camp

Thank you for taking time to come with your girls to Girls' Missions Camp. God decisively moved through the worship services led by Brother David and Miss Sarah. We can report 11 professions of faith and an undetermined number for prayer to the glory of God. Our camp attendance totaled 327 children and adults. 98 Little Sisters, 214 Big Sisters, 5 Servant Leaders, and 10 staff members (not counting Miss Molly, Miss Susan and Miss Rita who came to help Miss Lydia).

Your girls generously gave to the missions offering \$2,107.36. Our IMB missionaries, Duane and

Kristy Falk, received \$850.00 to use in their ministry. Retired IMB missionary, Ross Collier also received \$850.00 to use in projects he still supports in Malawi. Nicola Greene for Heritage Church in Preston, England, received \$200.00 in addition to the mountain of pencils, stickers and toys your girls brought for them and Mission Marshall. The remaining \$207.36 will be given to Lakeview for needed projects. Thank you for inspiring this spirit of generosity in your girls.

After all the bills were paid, there was a generous balance to start camp for 2015. However, Brother Szyd has indicated there might be an increase in the cost of

camp for next year. If so, we will increase our price for camp by \$5. Please know that we are working hard to provide the campers with quality leadership, instruction and wholesome fun to the glory of God while charging as little as possible.

Mark your calendar now for Mid-Winter retreat, February 6-7, 2015. As of right now, camp is calendared for June 22-25, 2015. If there is a change, we will notify you. The theme for camp next year is *Gotta Tell It!*

Royal Ambassadors

"RAs" Summer Camp

Walnut Creek young people dominated competitions at Lakeview Baptist Assembly taking first place in the most fish caught. Jacob grabbed first and Zane walked away with third place in the Down Hill Races. Zane took first place in riflery and scored 135 in Archery with Blayne hot on his heels scoring 120. Cameron won camper of the week in the *Lads* age group and Zane won in the *Crusader* group. Students and Sponsors, Kenneth, Josh, Jimmy, and Joe returned inspired and ready for God's next great work!

Thank You
Visiting Pastor
Jack!



Visiting Pastor Jack did an amazing job of filling in for vacationing Pastor Marvin on Sunday, July 20th. Using passages

from Judges 2-1-5, Genesis 21:17-18, 22:15-18, Exodus 3:2-4, Joshua 5:13-15, I Samuel 5:19-23 and Hebrews 12:1 ...let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us...

Methodically drawing a parallel between Israel's sin recorded in Scripture and the sin that people still struggle with today, Brother Jack challenged the congregation to rid

themselves of the *enemies* (specific sins) that prevent us from entering into God's promised plan for each individual. Sin interrupts our fellowship with Him.

God told Israel to drive the enemies out before taking the land because He knew Israel would fall into sin under their influence. God's people wondered in the desert for 40 years because they let fear of the enemy over-ride God's

command and His promised victory.

What are we letting override God's command and God's promise for our victorious life?

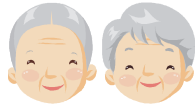
What bad choices do we make because of fear. Fear is the opposite of faith. It reveals a lack of trust in God and His promises.

God is faithful. What He promises, He will do! His love is everlasting and He always gives us His best!!

Act Six Senior Adults

Senior Lunch!

Monday, July 21st at noon about 20 senior adults met to share lunch and play bingo. Participants brought small gifts to use as prizes for the winners. The Delicious lunch was prepared by some of the best cooks in Texas and all enjoyed the great fellowship with precious WCBC members and guests. Next Senior Lunch Monday, August 18th. *All senior citizens are invited!*



senior
lunch!

Adults

Business Meeting July 16th

Allen, Adult Sunday School Director reported 103 average attendance.

The minutes and treasure report were accepted as presented. Requests for church letters included one from First Baptist Church Ore City for Leah and another from New Hope Baptist Church for Dylan and family.

No other business. Meeting adjourned.



Welcome New Members

Janet,
Anna,
Chris and Penny

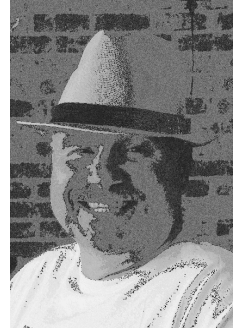
Marvin

Pastor Appreciation Sunday

This is a surprise for our pastor. Please do not mention this to him.

Celebration Picnic

Sunday, August 3rd
After morning worship



Mrs. Lois' Class: please bring potato salad.

Mrs. Nell's Class: please bring bread and rolls.

Mrs. Becky's Class: please bring baked beans.

All other classes: please bring desserts.

Everyone: Please send favorite pictures/videos of Marvin to Wendy Cummings on facebook or email to wendyc7503@gmail.com For slideshow presentation.

Love offering Sunday July 27th:
Envelopes available in Sunday School classes and in the sanctuary. Offering will go toward a special gift for Brother Marvin.

Prayer Requests

Harley
Mike
John
Troup Family Missionaries
World Situation
Peace in Jerusalem/everywhere
Lance
Gerald and Dot
Blue and Pat
Dacquri and Milah Sunrise
Kirk
The Downs family

Children saved at VBS
Leon
Charlie
Coty
Charlie
Ricky
Dakota
Carson and family
Keelan
Charlie
Doug
Miranda

Jaiden
Jimmy
Darrell
Cindy
Rita
Donny
Zack
Braydon
Upcoming Mission Trips
Alan and Leah
Todd and Amy
Jacky and

Jack
Jean
Curtis and Jackie
Gary and Brenda
Billie
Nell
Coy
The Williams family
Mrs. Lois
Mrs. Nell
Don and June
Bonnie

Lewis
Richard
Mrs. Lela
Mrs. Linda
Mrs. Frankie
Hope
Freddie
Chase
Property Expansion Team
USA

Resilient Faith... Standing strong in the midst of suffering

Beyond belief ... Does what I believe about God change the way I live? Sunday School studies during the last few weeks have shown us that what we know about God moves beyond just belief; it moves us to know Him and serve Him. We are moved to live fruitful lives in right relationship with Him.

How do you describe faith?

Faith may come easily to you, or you may struggle with trust. For all of us faith is tested when difficulties knock on our door.

And for some of us, faith is shaken.

How can we maintain a faith in God that is resilient, a faith that—no matter what happens—withstands the ups and downs of life?

In upcoming Sunday School lessons, adults look at the Book of 1 Peter, a short letter that shows us what resilient faith acts like. Mark Twain said, "Faith is believing what you know ain't so." This study from 1 Peter will show, however, that Twain's idea of faith "just ain't so." In fact, a resilient faith is grounded in Christ. Resilient faith:

- * Provides an actual foundation for a sure hope for mankind
- * Frees you to do what is good and right
- * Helps you find joy even in a world of pain and suffering
- * Is yours because of the sure resurrection of Jesus Christ.

It's good to know that because of Jesus a strong faith—a resilient faith—can be ours. We can stand strong regardless of what comes at us.

M. J. Sharp *Bible Studies For Life* Summer 2014; page 85.



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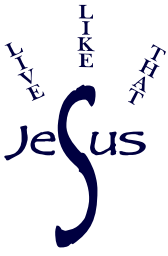
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1 John 2:6

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keep the *Son* in your *eyes...*
and your *eyes* on the *skies.*
Jesus is coming *soon!*

July/August Calendar

Please submit announcements to the church office by Wednesday of each week.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27 Prayer Time 8:30am Ice Cream Extravaganza Charlene	28 Lyndia	29 Men's Coffee Cup Softball Gam 6:45pm Debbie	30 Ladies Prayer 5pm Gaye, Gail, Beth	31 Meredith	1 August Paula	2 Debra Billie
Youth Mission Trip Guatemala!						
3 Prayer Time 8:30am Pastor Appreciation Celebration Picnic!	4	5 Men's Coffee Cup	6 Ladies Prayer 5pm Lloyd	7	8 Felicia	9
Adult Mission Trip Guatemala!						
10 Prayer Time 8:30am Sharon Christan	11	12 Men's Coffee Cup Peggy	13 Ladies Prayer 5pm	14 Rhonda	15	16
Adult Mission Trip Guatemala!						
17 Prayer Time 8:30am Nikki Morgan	18 senior lunch!	19 Men's Coffee Cup	20 Ladies Prayer 5pm	21	22	23 pray for the USA every day