

THE PRINTS of PEACE

Emmanuel Baptist Church of Gambrills

Changing Lives with Christ

July, 2019

VBS START

When the Wright brothers were working to build and fly their first airplane, they were not the only ones working at that effort. Automobiles, balloons, and gliders already existed. Many people figured there had to be a way to combine them. And there were a half dozen around the world working on an airplane both before and at the same time as the Wright brothers. They may or may not have known of each other as it was during the 1890s to 1902.

The first Vacation Bible Schools were developed similarly. Various people are credited with the first Vacation Bible School. It is more likely that they were started at the movement of the Holy Spirit and did not know of all the other efforts taking place.

The first church in Boston, Mass., is often given credit for conducting the first VBS. In 1866 this church sponsored a summer vacation school which later grew into a summer term of public school.

In 1877 in Montreal, Quebec, a school was held which included songs, Bible reading, memory work, drills, calisthenics, manual training, and patriotic exercises. It was held in the summer session.

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**ZOOM IN!
FOCUS ON
JESUS!!**

**2019 Vacation Bible School
For kids 5 years old
through 8th grade
July 15th- 19th
6 pm - 8:45 pm**

It's almost time for VBS and a wilderness adventure like no other. This summer kids will focus in on some amazing, real-life encounters with Jesus and discover the most amazing truth of all—Jesus Christ is the Messiah, the Son of God, and by believing we can have life in His name.

So head out on your own adventure and visit, text, or tweet your young friends and neighbors inviting them to join in the fun.

Contact Margaret Shifflett to find out how you can contribute to this year's VBS.

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A MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY



Summer is just getting started and I know it is hard to believe, but it is also time to start **thinking about school supplies for the fall.**

One way we support the Waugh Chapel school community is by providing school supplies for students who are in need.

You can be a part of this ministry by:

- ✦ Purchasing specific items that are requested for each grade level,
- ✦ Donating money to help purchase these supplies,
- ✦ Shopping for supplies, and/or helping pack the book bags for delivery to the school in August.

Watch for coming information about school supply sales at local stores and the specific supplies that are needed.

CAP FOOD COLLECTION for JULY

Canned Meats (tuna, chicken, etc)

Y4JC IS JUMPING

Or we will be when we visit Sky Zone Trampoline Park in Columbia this month.

Wednesday, July 10

Check-in at 10:30 a.m.
Jump 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Lunch 12:30 - 1:30 p.m.

**Prayer does not twist
God's arm. We simply present our
requests, knowing that God has the
right to say yes or no.**

ICE CREAM

Don't miss
Sundae Sunday

on July 28,
following the
morning worship
service.



LKC Construction installed our church's new roof, gutters, and down spouts. They also painted the steeple.

They also install new windows and siding if you have need of that. You can pick up coupons for roofing, siding or window projects from the box in the church office. LKC's phone number is 410-672-6618.

VBS (Continued from page 1)

In the 1890's the Lutheran church began a series of studies for children in catechism and Bible.

In 1894 Mrs. D.T. Miles, the wife of a Methodist minister, in Hopedale, Illinois, gathered 37 boys and girls together for a daily Bible school which was held in mid-May following the close of public school. She felt that the short time she had with the children on Sunday mornings (Sunday School) was not nearly enough to teach them all they needed to know, so she came up with the idea of organizing a daily school for teaching the Bible during the summer months.. With volunteers she conducted the school for four straight weeks in May-June of 1894. They gathered blackboards, pencils, paper, construction blocks, modeling clay, sewing materials, visuals, and Bibles. Activities included singing, storytelling, pantomimes, marches, and more, including a re-enactment in the park of the children of Israel wandering in the wilderness.

In 1898 Dr. Howard Lee Jones, minister of the Epiphany Baptist Church in New York City, encouraged Mrs. Eliza Hawes to conduct an every day Bible school as a part of the missionary program of the church. Bible stories, music, and crafts.

In 1900 a Congregational minister held a school for children in conjunction with an established camp meeting.

Aware of many of these earlier efforts, Dr. Robert G. Boville, Executive Secretary of the New York Baptist City Mission, in 1901 conducted a series of daily Bible schools during the vacation season. With the help of several students from the Union Theological Seminary he conducted five schools in the city. More than a thousand children were enrolled. The

program consisted of one hour of Bible study, one hour of worship, and one hour of training in health and Christian living. Time was also reserved for crafts (handwork) and play. They advertised the program as a Daily Vacation Bible School.

Standard Publishing Company, a publisher of Sunday School and other programs of Christian education materials, was the first to publish material for a Vacation Bible School. In 1923 they produced three levels of VBS curriculum, enough for a five-week course for three age levels (kindergarten, primary, and junior).

The benefits of holding a Vacation Bible School are many. Our church's main goal is to use VBS as an outreach tool to share the gospel with un-churched children and families. This is the focus, prayer, and hope of our church's VBS program.

We have had children attend our VBS who have never attended any church on a regular basis. We shared the gospel with them. They took that message home with the teaching materials, crafts, and songs. We may never know how much good God accomplishes through these efforts, but we believe God is using them to build his kingdom.

RECYCLE

We encourage you to recycle your plastic cups, water bottles, paper coffee cups, plastic lids, etc. (no Styrofoam). There are four recycle containers in the church building.

1. Church Office
2. Kitchen, near microwave
3. West Wing, next to the piano
4. Children's classroom in West Wing