



## Vacation Bible School 2009

G'day, Mates! We are looking forward to a good time exploring the "Land Down Under" in Vacation Bible School this year. The theme for VBS is "Boomerang Express: It All Comes Back to Jesus." What a great Australian theme! When you think about it, everything in our lives revolves around and comes back to Jesus, whether we acknowledge Him or not.

The Bible study will focus on several episodes in the life of the Apostle Peter. As we apply the Bible lessons to our life we will grow in our worship, service, and obedience to Christ. We have classes for children beginning at age three, up through adults of all ages. Each age will be studying the same scripture, on their level. Attending VBS really is for the whole family!

Crafts, snacks and recreation will have a distinctly Australian flair this year. Some of the craft classes will be making a didgeridoo, a long Australian horn. Snacks will include such tasty items as sheep station cupcakes, termite mounds, and maybe even platypus punch!

You won't want to miss the Family Night BBQ on Friday, August 7 beginning at 6pm. The menu will be hot dogs and "snags" cooked on the "Barbie." Following dinner we will have a short program in the sanctuary, with a slide show of scenes from the week's activities. The whole family is invited to this special event.

So, join us for a week of Bible study, crafts, snacks, games, music, prizes and Australian trivia at "Boomerang Express: It all Comes Back to Jesus."

**August 2 - 7, 2009 - 6pm - 8:30 pm**  
**For ages 3 - adults**  
**First Southern Baptist Church**  
**It's FREE!!**

## High Attendance Day

Congratulations to Jean Johnson and Latoya Williams!! They both received a special gift because they had guests with them for High Attendance Day on July 12. We had 76 in the morning worship service that day. Praise the Lord!

It was a good day in the Lord's House. Each person present received an imprinted key chain, a gift from the church. We had good music, as always. Ken Hillard brought a good sermon on love. Thank you to each one who joined with us to worship. To God Be the Glory!

## Solid Ground Trio

What a glorious time we had on Sunday, July 19th. There were over 70 people that came to listen to The Solid Ground Trio. We were glad to have guests from other churches as well. It was an exciting night as their music had the audience clapping their hands and tapping their feet. Our hearts were blessed by their singing, preaching and sharing about Jesus Christ.

## Block Party

Thank you to those of you who helped with the block party on Saturday, July 4th. We gave away free Hot Dogs, chips and a drink. Everyone had a wonderful time playing games, doing crafts and jumping in the jumper. Later in the day Pastor Han brought out balloons and started filling them up with water and you can probably guess what happened from there. That started the water war. Everyone had a good time either getting wet or laughing at what was going on. This event was a lot of fun.

## Kim's Corner

We had a VBS preparation meeting on Saturday morning. After the meeting several of us distributed flyers to advertise the event. Linda, Edith, and I were a team, and went to Bayfair Farmer's Market to pass out flyers. I saw three kids with two women in the parking lot and I offered a flyer while telling them about our church VBS. The younger woman said "No." While walking away I overheard the older woman saying, "VBS is fun." When we arrived at the entrance of the outdoor market, a lady came out of nowhere and shouted at us "YOU CAN'T DO THAT! You know the rules for free speech right?"

When I am in Rwanda I don't need to pass out any flyers to invite kids to VBS. They come joyfully. When I go for a walk, kids join me on my walk. We hold hands and walk down a dirt road, communicating with smiles, giggles and laughs. Pretty soon we start singing "Jesus loves me". Adults smile at us. I don't have to prepare a VBS program as we do here in order to entertain kids. Just simple songs and hugs are sufficient for them.

Linda, Edith, and I found few people to invite to VBS at the farmer's market. I felt like I had committed a crime when we were stopped and told "YOU CAN'T DO THAT!" I can see why so many Christians here are discouraged to reveal their identity, let alone mentioning of the name of Jesus. If we stop telling others about Jesus because the world says "YOU CAN'T DO THAT", indeed we are committing a crime to our faith.



## VBS in Africa

Whenever I plan a mission team for travel to Africa, I always include a VBS activity. Now this is not VBS as Southern Baptists practice it, but might better be called PWK or Playing with Kids.

There always seems to be an excess of kids and a poverty of resources; maybe one hundred children and one dozen pairs of scissors. The few boxes of supplies that we take along never go far enough. And then there's the communication difficulty. While we can share a few basic words in Kinyarwanda like "thank you" and "God loves you", we must rely on adult helpers to give directions. This is what often happens. One young missionary is working with 10 children at tables, drawing in coloring books or cutting paper. Another is running foot races with excited kids, while a third is kicking around a soccer ball. Maybe a fourth is busy taking pictures. Activities are spontaneous, unanticipated, and joyful. Often someone hands out small pieces of hard candy to outreached hands as the PWK concludes.

Rwanda is a poor country. As someone once remarked to me, "We bring to Africa boxes full of material goods and we return to America with boxes full of immeasurable love".



Sunday School 9:30 am  
Morning Worship 10:45 am  
Evening Worship 6:00 pm



Wednesday Evening Family Fellowship  
5:00 p.m.

*"Pray for Our Men and Women in Uniform"*

**Mike Brown** – Son-In-Law of Al & Jane Thornell  
**Branch** – Marines **Rank** – Master Sergeant  
**Assignment** – Stationed in Japan through August

**Todd Shaw** – Son of Bob & Caryl Shaw  
**Branch** - Army **Rank** - Staff Sergeant  
**Assignment** - Stationed in Kentucky

**Devon Henesley** - Grandson of Jean Johnson  
**Branch** - Navy **Rank** - Petty Officer 3rd class  
**Assignment** - Overseas

# August Calendar

- 2nd - Business Meeting - following morning worship
- 2nd -7th -Vacation Bible School - 6:00 - 8:30 p.m.
- 5th - NO Wednesday Dinner & Fellowship
- 9th - Church Council - 5:00 p.m.
- 10th - Rest Home Ministry - 11:00 a.m.
- 12th - Wednesday Dinner & Fellowship - 5:00 p.m.
- 16th - Lord's Supper - 6:00 p.m.
- 19th - Wednesday Dinner & Fellowship - 5:00 p.m.
- 22nd - Men's Breakfast - 8:30 a.m.
- Women's Fellowship - 10:00 a.m.
- 24th - Rest Home Ministry - 11:00 a.m.
- 26th - Wednesday Dinner & Fellowship - 5:00 p.m.
- 27th - Open Door Mission - 6:15 p.m.



- 7th - Shirley Halbach
- 8th - Diane Varady
- 10th - Robbie Currie
- 10th - Jane Thornell
- 17th - Janie Huffman
- 24th - Al Thornell
- 29th - Joy Lee



- 18th - Bob & Caryl Shaw
- 19th - Don & Joyce Thornburg



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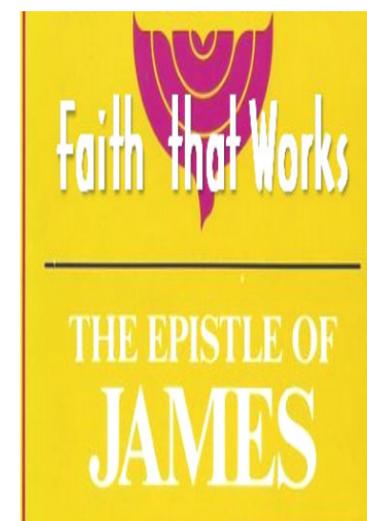
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## ~ The Letter of James ~

Come join us on Sunday mornings as Pastor Chris continues the sermon series called "Faith that Works" taken from the Letter of James.



~ August 2 ~

What is Life? [James 4:13-17]

~ August 9 ~

A Warning to the Wealthy [James 5:1-6]

~ August 16 ~

Associate Pastor - Ken Hillard

~ August 23 ~

Waiting for the Lord [James: 5:7-12]

~ August 30 ~

Effective Prayer [James 5:13-20]



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## Sunday Evening Service

~ August 2 ~

Starting Vacation Bible School

~ August 9 ~

Africa Report from Pastor Chris

~ August 16 ~

Guest Speaker

~ August 23 ~

A Video on the Life of Paul -  
Part One

~ August 30 ~

A Video on the Life of Paul -  
Part Two

