

# First Update

## A Pastor's Post

This year at Vacation Bible School, we looked up into the sky and were Galactic Starveyors. Our motto was to Search the visible and discover the invisible, allowing us to take a deeper look at the relationship that God wants to have with each one of us.

- Day 1: The Relationship Begins – Our Bible story focused on the creation of the world and everything in it, including people. We discovered that God created each one of us to love Him and that He cares for the people he created.
- Day 2: The Relationship Broken – The Garden of Eden, Adam and Eve, and the introduction of Sin into the world was the story for today. We learned that even though we sin, God will love us, even when we make wrong choices.
- Day 3: The Restoration Promised – This day brought us God's promise of sending His Son, Jesus. We learned about the prophesy of Jesus and the reason for His birth.
- Day 4: The Relationship Restored – Our focus today was learning that God had a very specific plan for Jesus. He would be put up on a cross and die for our sins, but the amazing part of the story is that He arose and is ALIVE for each one of us to have a relationship with HIM.
- Day 5: The Relationship Continues – Finishing out the week we discovered the truth that God is always with us when we have a personal relationship with Him. The students learned about Peter and the disciples and how God assisted them in catching a fish breakfast.

Our days were very full with bible study, missions, music, crafts, recreations, and tasty snacks. I am truly grateful for each of the volunteers that taught a grade level or led a rotations. Thank you to those who prayed for VBS, donated money and/or snacks, and provided encouragement through this process. I want to give a huge shout out to the youth of our church. We had several that pitched in during the week when they were able to fit VBS in between work and Summer Pride workouts. My job is made very easy when we have great volunteers and prayer warriors.

I hope that if you have not been involved with Vacation Bible School recently that you will consider volunteering in the future. My philosophy for Vacation Bible School is all about planting seeds in the hearts of little people and then having the opportunity to watch the seeds grow. We had several students asking some very important questions about having a relationship with Jesus Christ. Our leaders were able to answer their questions and then visit with their families. This is why I do Vacation Bible School – little people discovering the love and grace of Jesus.

I believe prayer is a powerful weapon and answered prayers were seen during VBS week. We had enough volunteers, great weather, an average of about 60 students each day, and an opportunity to share Jesus to a lost world. I would ask that you continue to pray for the seeds that were planted in the hearts of each young student and that a desire will grow within them to have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

Looking forward to next year when we will be get our GAME ON!!!! Starting praying now where you might like to serve.

Dena Walker,  
VBS Director

## Falls Creek

July 17-22, 2017

Registration \$175  
Until July 16th

Contact Derrick Thomas  
for more info!

### Regular Schedule

#### Sunday

Sunday School: 9:15

Worship: 10:30

Worship Choir 2:00

#### Tuesday

Brown Bag Bible Study: 12:00

#### Wednesday

Youth 6:00

## Thank you!

VBS 2017 was a HUGE success!  
 We couldn't have done it without all of  
 the VBS workers, helpers and most of all,  
 the children!

Dena Walker, VBS Director

## Worship Choir

will resume on Sunday,  
 August 6th at 2:00

# July 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 1:00 Deacons	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	11	11 6:30 Stewardship	12	13	14	15
16 6:00 Falls Creek Focused Prayer	17 8:00 Depart for Falls Creek	18 6:30 Properties	19	20	21	22 Return from Falls Creek
23 10:30 Falls Creek Report	24	25	26	27	28	29
30 6:00 Quarterly Busi-	31					

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We exist to glorify God  
 as we worship and make  
 disciples of all nations.

## Falls Creek

### Parent / Camper Meeting

Wednesday, July 12th @ 6:00

Attendance is required for this important meeting.