

## Why Should I Attend VBS?

Vacation Bible School is upon us again and you may be asking, "Why should I attend VBS?" VBS is another opportunity for spiritual growth! Jesus established His church as a community of His followers to worship God, encourage one another, and spread the Good News. Attending VBS will allow you to grow closer to God and be encouraged by your family.

Ephesians 5:25-27 says, "Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word, that He might present her to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy without blemish." Christ's relationship with His church is permanent. The world can know God's love through the unity of believers and their commitment to Christ. Will you be committed to Christ during VBS?

First Thessalonians 5:11 says, "Therefore comfort each other and edify one another, just as you also are doing." We, as believers, rely on each other to increase our faith and our commitment to Christ. We build each other up through love and service. Will you attend VBS to encourage others?

During Vacation Bible School, the Bible will be taught and spiritual growth is our focus! Will you attend this opportunity to grow closer to our Father and each other?

- Allen Jones (adapted), South Green Street church of Christ, Glasgow, KY (via *Bulletin Digest*) -

### Tell Me The Story Of Jesus

Fanny J. Crosby, 1880

Tell me the story of Jesus, Write on my heart every word;  
Tell me the story most precious, Sweetest that ever was heard,  
Tell how the angels, in chorus, Sang as they welcomed His birth;  
"Glory to God in the highest! Peace and good tidings on earth."  
  
Fasting alone in the desert, Tell of the days that are passed,  
How for our sins He was tempted, Yet was triumphant at last;  
Tell of the years of His labor, Tell of the sorrow He bore,  
He was despised and afflicted, Homeless, rejected and poor:  
  
Tell of the cross where they nailed Him, Writhing in anguish and pain;  
Tell of the grave where they laid Him, Tell how He liveth again.  
Love in that story so tender, Clearer than ever I see;  
Stay, let me weep while you whisper, "Love paid the ransom for me."  
  
Tell me the story of Jesus, Write on my heart every word;  
Tell me the story most precious, Sweetest that ever was heard.

Isn't this what Vacation Bible School is all about?

### News & Notes



**WEDNESDAY BIBLE CLASS: Canceled this week (June 12th) due to VBS.**

**CONVERT'S CLASS: Canceled this week (June 13th) due to VBS.**

**CONGRATULATIONS:** To **Katie Wright** on her graduation from South Side High School. In the Fall, Katie will be going to West Liberty University on a scholarship and will be majoring in Chemistry.

**FIFTH SUNDAY, JUNE 30th CONTRIBUTION:** Will be sent to the Churches of Christ Disaster Relief Effort in Nashville. Give cheerfully and generously.

**BIBLE QUESTIONS & ANSWERS: Beginning the last Sunday evening in June (30th), and continuing each last Sunday evening of each quarter (depending on interest), Bible questions will be considered for Bible answers. Please submit your questions by next Sunday, June 16th.**

**PANTRY:** Spam.

**REMEMBER THESE SICK & SHUT-IN: At Home:** Docie Moore, Linda Parkes, Zachary Guiddy (Tim Martin's grandson), Dean Spencer, Peggy Linger, Claudette Miller, Nancy Cox, Barbara DeLong, David Strum, Cheryl Renfro Walker, David Michaels (Ed's brother), Todd Grimes (Cindy Miskimen's nephew), Lori Stocks (Karen Strum's niece), Eric Martin (friend of Joe Brubaker), Rich Shilling (relative of Iris Durbin). **Fox - Chester:** Audrey Geer (Linda Hall's mother), Janice Hutchins, Mary Johnson. **Elsewhere:** Carol Williams (Sharon Sprout's mother), 104 N. Clayton, Carlsbad, NM 88220. **Herman McHan**, 7401 Elmwood Dr., Lisbon, OH 44432.

### BIBLE NAMED A STATE BOOK

Tennessee Republican Gov. Bill Lee signed a law making the Aitken Bible\* one of ten new official state books of Tennessee. It was the first Bible to be published in the United States during the Revolutionary War.

The state legislature passed the bill, with Democrats and Republicans voting along party lines. Democrats voted against the bill, citing concerns over constitutionality.

Other works on the list include George Washington's farewell address (1796); *Democracy in America* by Alexis de Tocqueville (1835 and 1840); *The Papers of Andrew Jackson*; *Roots* by Alex Haley (1977); *American Lion* by Jon Meacham (2009); and *Coat of Many Colors* by Dolly Parton (2016). - Source: *Newsmax Magazine* (June, 2024)

\* The Aitken Bible is a King James Version of the Bible that is historically important. Historians refer to it as "The Bible of the American Revolution". As a primary source of the American Revolution, this one Bible claims three remarkable titles: 1) the only Bible approved by the United States Congress, 2) the only Bible recommended to Americans by our Founders, and subsequently, 3) The first English Bible made in America (*Journals of Congress*, September 12, 1782).  
- [firstamericanbible.org](http://firstamericanbible.org)