

Why Do We Still Have VBS?

Is there still a need for VBS? Are they still effective? Is the amount of effort and money worth doing VBS each summer? May I encourage you and say "yes, it is still needed and can be worth our efforts, it can be one of the most rewarding things to see our children have fun while leaning the Bible."

In both of his letters to Timothy, Paul encourages him in his ministry. In 2 Timothy 3:14-15 Paul writes, "But you must continue in the things which you have learned and been assured of, knowing from whom you have learned them, and that from childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus." Paul is reminding Timothy to continue in his study of the Word of God and to remember the people who invested in teaching him since childhood. Some of these would be Paul himself; Timothy's mother, Eunice; his grandmother, Lois; certainly Silas; and likely countless others. Some ministered to him when he was physically a child, and others as he grew in the faith.

VBS is not the only way we can accomplish teaching our children, but it is a way and it is effective if we will put in the work. I want to end with a little story about our VBS this year. I was kind of down on myself because we were averaging about 40 kids a night. I thought to myself, before Covid we would have 60-70 kids. On the last night of VBS, one of our visitor kids came and said, "This was the greatest thing I have done all summer. Did you know that God put a rainbow in the sky? From now on when I see a rainbow, I know God did that. Mr. Greg, did you know that God saved people on a boat? I like boats." I was stunned that he did not know the lessons we studied. I then learned he had never been to church service before and was there because someone invited him to VBS. Church, this is what makes the countless hours and funds worth it. Stay the course and do not give up on our children.

- via *Magnolia Messenger*, S. Huntington St. Church of Christ, Kosciusko, Mississippi -

Galatians 6:9 "And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart."

The treasures of wisdom are hidden not from us, but for us, in Christ.

- Matthew Henry -

News & Notes

MAIN ELEVATOR: Out of Service for repairs. Please use the Lift at the front of the building until further notice.

BAPTISM: Laila Brown. We rejoice with her and with Rico & Latisha. May Laila have many years in service to the Lord.

COVERED DISH DINNER: TODAY about Noon at the Fellowship Building, followed by our **early afternoon service, 2:00 p.m.** at the Church Building.

FLOWERS AROUND THE BUILDING: Thanks to **Chris Wiersbicki** for the beautiful flowers placed around the building. He's working diligently and voluntarily to make our corner on Virginia Avenue more attractive. Thanks also to Dewey Moore, Sr. for maintaining the lawn and doing a good job.

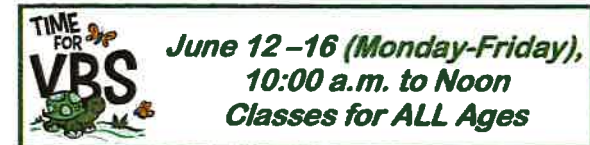
MEN'S TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY: Canceled until Fall.

MEN'S BREAKFAST: Next Saturday, June 10th, 8:30 a.m. at the Columbian Church of Christ.

GRADUATION PARTIES: Brett Thompson, next Saturday, June 10th, 2 to 6 p.m. at our Fellowship Building. Brett graduated from East Liverpool High School.

Also, **Aiden Haught** (grandson of Skip & Sue Haught), **next Saturday, June 10th, Noon to 4 p.m.** at the Weirton Heights Church of Christ Fellowship Building. Aiden graduated from Brooke High School.

TRAVELING TO THE CZECH REPUBLIC: Katie Wright will be going as a foreign exchange student. We wish her God's blessings, safe travels, safety while there, good health, and a safe return trip home. Keep her in prayer.



NIAGARA FALLS TRIP: Monday, July 31st to Wednesday, August 2nd.

Rooms will be \$200 per night (two queen beds per room). Additional costs will be for transportation, meals, and any charges for attractions.

Sign up by Sunday, June 18th.

PANTRY: Peanut butter & jelly.

SICK & SHUT-IN: At Home: Randy Beagle, Joe Collins, Peggy Linger, Nancy Cox, Mike West, Becky McKitrick, Blondenia Orr, Barbara DeLong, David Strum, Cheryl Renfro Walker, Lori Rowand (John Sprout's niece).

Fox - Chester: Mary Johnson (Lois Hissom's sister). **Fox, Pepperberry Suites, Chester:** David McCoy. **In Ohio:** Herman McHan, 7401 Elmwood Drive, Lisbon OH 44432.