



Vacation Bible School July 18- 22

8:45 am-12:15 pm

Ages 4 years – 5th grade

6:00 pm-8:30 pm

6th – 12th grades



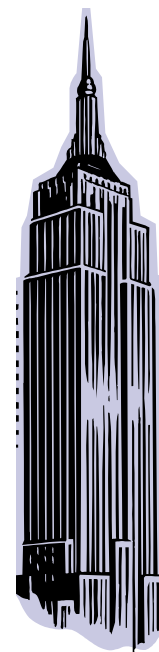
VBS is our largest outreach effort of the year.



VBS Set-Up Days
Monday July 11 thru Thursday July 14,
8:30 – 4:00
Friday July 16, 8:00 – 1:00
Directors and Workers ready their rooms.



Sunday, July 17
Buildings will be open after morning
worship for final preparations.
Everyone meets in the Worship Center
at 6:00 pm for prayer.



THERE ARE WAYS EVERYONE CAN HELP FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL!

- PRAY for what God will do during this week.
- Register your children, grandchildren, neighbors! (Online or forms in office)
- Purchase and bring items from the "Big Apple Board" as soon as possible.
- Come help any time during "Set-Up Days".
- Come work during VBS week, even if you can only spare a couple hours.
Don't worry: We WILL find a place for you to serve!!
- Volunteer to help with Family Night (July 22).



There are over 100 volunteer positions available during the week. From classroom to recreation, snacks to decorations, music to clean-up crew, nursery to crafts ... there truly is a place for everyone!



THE BUTLER SERVES

"Twenty Distinctives of Sunday School" by the "Sunday School Kid"

Last month, you'll remember, I gave you the first ten distinctives of Sunday School. Here are the other ten:

11. **Designed for ministry to every member of the church.** This is how we keep track of everybody in our church and with the goal of no one falling through the cracks. For this reason, it is imperative for every member to be enrolled in our Sunday School.
12. **Evangelistic in purpose.** Sunday School is all about evangelism. Therefore we frequently explain the Gospel and "how to be saved" right there in our Sunday School class time.
13. **Involves members in ministry.** Sunday School is of the people, by the people, and for the people. You will notice that we have no "pastor's class" in our Sunday School. That is by design. In Sunday School we involve more than 200 people in ministry responsibilities every Sunday of the year and every week of the year.
14. **Assimilation effective.** Getting people into the church is one thing. Keeping them is another! The most effective means of keeping people connected with our church is getting them connected and involved in Sunday School. Studies by Lifeway Christian Resources indicate that after five years only 20% of new members will be active in membership if they only attended worship, whereas 80% will be active members if they participate in both Sunday School and worship.
15. **Organizes the whole church to carry out the Great Commission.** In fact, my favorite definition of Sunday School is "the whole church organized to carry out the Great Commission". No other ministry or organization in our church or any other church has that responsibility and that reward.
16. **Makes disciples through on-the-job training.** Through Sunday School we actively involve all our active members (who are willing) in some sort of service for Christ. People learn more, learn faster, and develop as followers of Christ more quickly by hearing and doing the Word rather than hearing only.
17. **Every Sunday.** Sunday School is reliable, fifty-two Sundays a year. Most other ministries of our church start and stop and start up again, but not Sunday School. Sure and steadfast.....that is Sunday School.
18. **Multiplication minded.** A goal of every Sunday School class is to reproduce another class. Our church is the Body of Christ and the "body" grows through the multiplication of cells. Our Sunday School leaders understand that new classes grow faster than long-standing classes, and that the average class reaches its peak attendance in about two years. There are plenty of exceptions, but that's the rule.
19. **Kid-Centric.** 53% of our Sunday School leaders work with children, youth, and preschoolers. We know that a four year old can be taught much, much more than can a forty-four year old. Kids are the future and the future is wrapped up in those bundles of potential called "kids".
20. **Open enrollment.** We enroll anybody, anywhere, at anytime, as long as they agree to become a member of our Sunday School. Here are the facts from Lifeway: One in 4 persons enrolled in Sunday School will be saved in one year. One in 417 persons not enrolled in Sunday School will be saved in one year.

I'll see y'all in Sunday School this Sunday!!!

The Sunday School Kid





FROM BRO. GENE

L.A.F.F. /Music /Men's Ministries

L.A.F.F. (Life After Fifty Five)



On the calendar for July:

- July 6 - Men's Breakfast, Star Café, 9:00
- July 18-22 - Vacation Bible School
- July 19 - Shut-in meals prepared and delivered
- July 20 - Men's Breakfast, Two Sisters Café, 9:00
- July 24 - Lord's Supper Service, 6:00 pm
- July 28 - Game night, 6:00 pm



WORSHIP TECHS FOR SUNDAY MORNINGS BEING TRAINED!

- Soundboard operators
- PowerPoint operators
- Videographers

✚ We are training new helpers to run power point during our worship services and are looking for another helper or two for each morning service. You don't have to know any computer programming; just pay attention and hit the arrow.

✚ We are also training soundboard operators. If you are interested in helping out here, please contact me or Keith Griffin. We'll get you trained and in the rotation as soon as you're ready.

✚ Our videographer, Forrest Pennington, needs helpers. He will train you. We normally record the 9:00 am service, so if you attend that service and would be willing to give it a try, just let me know!

November 28— December 3

Branson 2011

\$650

- Miracle of Christmas
- Twelve Irish Tenors
- Jim Stafford
- Alabama Revival
- Andy Williams
- Rock It Top 10 Revue
- Yakov Smirnoff Dinner Show
- 5 Hot Buffet Breakfasts
- 5 nights Residence Inn
- 2 Dinner Meals included

Per person / double occupancy
 \$100 deposit per person due at sign-up. Last day to sign up is September 1, 2011



L.A.F.F. Hawaiian Cruise March 1 - 10, 2012



- Two days nights in Honolulu, Maui & Kauai
- One day in Hilo, & Kona
- With or without airfare
- With or without pre-cruise stay in Honolulu.
- \$350.00 per person due at sign-up
- Payment schedule
- Book your own shore excursions.
- Prices include travel insurance!

FOR BEST RATES
 AND CABIN
 CHOICE SIGN UP
 ASAP



Call Jan Kilgore in the office at 281.328.2564
 For more details.
 jkilgore@fbcrosby.org

NEHEMIAH BROTHERS MINISTRY OF HELPERS



We have jobs to be done for our seniors' and single-parents' homes. If you would let us call you when a need arises, contact the office to get on the list. If you have a need with which we might be able to help, call Ronnie (281-851-5631) or the church office.

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Heirs of Adam

Just as Adam was put in the Garden of Eden to "cultivate and keep it", we help our seniors "cultivate and keep" their yards up, and work on the church property. We post yards in need of attention, from mowing to edging to gathering leaves, and have volunteers get together and knock out about two at a time. They usually work one or two days every couple weeks.



If you are on Facebook, there is a page to communicate when and where help is needed, who can help, and how: <http://www.facebook.com/?ref=home#!/pages/Heirs-of-Adam/141152519228204?ref=ts>



If you don't do Facebook but can work with us, please call Dale Akers (281-324-1158) or Bro. Gene (281-328-2564).



KIDS STUFF

Prayers for our Children

7-7-11

Pray 7 times throughout the day

7 requests

7-7:30 pm Prayer Gathering in the Sanctuary

“Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you.” Matthew 7:7

Our church family has been entrusted with several children facing significant health issues. On July 7th, our church body will come together for a **day of prayer** on behalf of these children.

Guides naming the children and 7 prayer requests will be made available on Sunday, July 3rd and Wednesday, July 6th to assist with the day of prayer.

“Jesus grew in stature, wisdom and favor with God and man.”

Luke 2:52



PHYSICAL



WISDOM



MINISTRY/
COMMUNITY SERVICE

We are taking the challenge to “Run with endurance the race that is set before” us! We are building our spiritual muscles, gaining physical strength, and making a difference in the lives of people across the street and around the world!

Our final Tuesday is July 5th:

Meet at church at 9:00 am to go to Mountbatten House to minister to the Senior Adults in the retirement home.

We will return to the church by 11:15, enjoy a time of recreation and snacks, then dismiss at noon.

Triathlon Finish Line

For all Triathlon Participants and their families!

Saturday, July 30th

Race Begins at 9:15

Kids will participate in a triathlon

including physical activity, wisdom and ministry.

The event will conclude with an awards presentation.

All kids need to turn in their triathlon books by Sunday, July 24th

to determine the award level earned.

ALL Participants will receive an award.



Middle School freak out Friday

7/15 Put Put Golf

7/29 Bowling

8/5 Roller Skating

8/12 Laser Tag

Each day trip will begin with feeding the homeless in downtown Houston, then we will continue to the planned activity. Each activity cost will be \$15 PLUS A SACK LUNCH

**High School
Mission Mondays
8:00 am - 8:30 pm
\$15 plus a Sack Lunch**

9:00 am-Noon Minister to Homeless
in Downtown Houston

12:00 Lunch

12:30 Travel to Afternoon Event
Home by 8:30

July 11 - Crystal Beach

July 25 - Canoeing on Village Creek

August 15 - Innertubing on Lake Conroe



2011 Ladies' Retreat



Ladies, do you long for a quiet place to rest, relax, and reflect on God's love for you?

Then Seaside Escape Retreat is your answer! More than a short rest from everyday responsibilities, it's a joyous excursion into Bible truths that refreshes, reinvigorates, and reconnects women with God and each other.

FBC's 2011 Ladies' Retreat

Thursday, September 22 - Saturday, September 24

Camp Allen in Navasota



Registration is \$75 and will begin soon!

Your payment will reserve your spot (limited spaces available).

Thursday evening will be a "get to know you" night.

Friday morning we will start the Seaside Bible Studies.



Seaside
ESCAPE



WHERE WOMEN BASK IN GOD'S PRESENCE



Our Church Family

Meet our New Members:

Carl & Jean Leatherwood

Adam Hunter

Matthew Comalander

Destini Mitchem

Josh Aiken



Congratulations to Matt & Jennifer Gilbert Jacobson
on the birth of daughter **Ally Grace**, May 29, 2011
Proud grandparents are John & Julie Gilbert



Congratulations to Houston & Tonya Prewitt
on the birth of son **Houston Blake**, June 3, 2011

Congratulations to Kelli and Patrick Philpot
on the birth of daughter **Madison Elizabeth**, June 22, 2011
Proud grandparents are Wesley & Linda Hunt and Dorothy Philpot

Our love and prayers are with...



Billie Windham and family, on home-going of Melvin
Inez Jones and family, on home-going of her nephew
Scott Odell and family, on home-going of his aunt
Ruth Reese and family, on home-going of her niece
Becky Brown and family, on home-going of her mother



Notes and Cards

First Baptist Church,

Thank you for
the lovely lunches every
month. They are very
much appreciated.

Marie Cosby

**Mrs. Cosby is a
recipient of our Shut-in
Meals Ministry.*

Dear Church,

Thank you all for the food you so thoughtfully prepared for our
family. Also, thank you for the prayers both before and after my Dad
(Melvin Windham) passed away.

Please feel free to visit my Mom (Billie Windham) in Kingwood.
She would really love that.

Gwen Kayden

**Billie Windham*

*Westminster Assisted Living
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On the Calendar for July 2011

July 4	FBC Campus Closed	July 19	Shut-in meals prepared and delivered
July 5	Kids' Triathlon 9a	July 20	Men's breakfast at Two Sisters Café 9a
July 6	Men's Breakfast at Star Café 9a		No Wednesday night (except Youth VBS)
July 7	Prayers for our Children	July 28	Game night and covered dish supper 6p
July 11-15	VBS prep and set-up	July 30	Triathlon Finish Line 9:15a
July 16	Sunday School monthly fellowships	July 31	Men's 5 th Sunday Breakfast 8a
July 18-22	Vacation Bible School! Children 8:45a-12:15p, Youth 6p-8:30p		Sunday Schl Leader Quarterly Training 5p

Sunday School / Worship Attendance Report

<u>5/29/11</u> (Memorial Day)	<u>6/5/11</u>	<u>6/12/11</u>	<u>6/19/11</u>
Preschool 51	Preschool 56	Preschool 52	Preschool 58
Children 58	Children 46	Children 50	Children 43
Youth 56	Youth 55	Youth 56	Youth 54
Adults 237	Adults 272	Adults 242	Adults 256
Total SS 402	Total SS 429	Total SS 400	Total SS 411
Worship 352	Worship 428	Worship 397	Worship 436

<u>Budget Giving</u>	Needed weekly: \$18,705	Needs YTD: \$ 467,630	Receipts YTD: \$ 482,254
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