

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

The school year has drawn to a close and summer is here. It is the time of the year that children love best, summer vacation. One of the events that we have here at Nashville Road that usually kicks off summer for us is our VBS! I am praying that this year will be successful in both bringing in new children and families as well as teaching about God’s Inspired Word. Our dates for VBS this year are **June 5-8** and we would like to ask everyone to invite friends, family, neighbors, and anyone you may meet to come and join us.

I always get excited when VBS comes around. Although it seems a little more stressful than I remember it being when I was a young child, I love it all the same. To me, VBS is the opportunity to remind myself of all the joy and wonder of being a child. We live in a world today that is all about growing up. By the time a child reaches 6th grade it seems that they are already being pushed to grow up. Young people try to prove their maturity by boasting about their age, showing their driver’s license, and trying to talk, act, and behave as society shows us adults should act.

However, we forget how important it is for us to be like children, even in the church. In **Matthew 19**, we see a similar situation that happens today. Jesus was teaching to the crowds and some of them had young children who they had brought along with them. As the parents had brought their children up to see Jesus and to have Him lay His hands on them and pray, the disciples began to criticize them. I mean, after all, isn’t Jesus for adults? He doesn’t have time to be dealing with the nonsense of children. But Jesus responded to them in **Matthew 19:14**, “Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for of such belongs to the kingdom of heaven.” Jesus was telling the disciples that the kingdom of heaven belongs to those who are like children. We see what Jesus meant by this in **Mark 10:15** which says, “whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it.”

In a world that demands that we grow up as fast as possible, Jesus tells us that we need to be like children, but how do we do that? Much like Nicodemus and his struggle of understanding being born again, I find myself wondering how to become like a child when we are growing up? Jesus actually taught this to His apostles. In **Matthew 18**, Jesus’ disciples were having a bit of a debate and thought they would bring the question to

Jesus. The question they were discussing was who is the greatest in the kingdom. **Matthew 18:2-6** says, “ And calling to him a child, he put him in the midst of them and said, “Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. “Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, but whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to have a great millstone fastened around his neck and to be drowned in the depth of the sea.”

When it comes to answering how to become like children, we should begin by doing what Jesus did to the disciples. He placed a child in their midst. By watching children and building their faith and love in God, we can begin to see their ways and we can learn to be humble, obedient, loving, and teachable as children. This is necessary for us to do as Christians. To not only be childlike ourselves, but to bring up children in understanding and loving God and His Word. Jesus gives a warning in verse 6 that is quite specific. If someone causes these children to sin they are better off at the bottom of the ocean. Being a Christian does involve some maturity, but we should never be so mature that we ignore the importance of bringing young people close to God. Children are an example of the kind of hearts we must have. They are an example of humility. Take time to look at children and to become like them. The doors of heaven may be closed if you refuse. As we prepare for the beginning of summer, let us resolve to encourage more children to come to church. By attending events like VBS, attending our Sunday and Wednesday night Bible classes, and even listening to them or watching them in worship, we too can learn to imitate them and to truly live as a child of God.

Andrew Spivey

Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning.

James 1:17

COORDINATED BIBLE CLASS STUDIES

Sunday Read – 1 Kings 19
Wednesday Read – 1 Kings 20

BIBLE STUDY



Questions for last week’s reading of **1 Kings 17-18.**

1. What did Elijah tell Ahab about rain and how did God provide for Elijah?
2. What did Elijah tell the widow to do and what was the result?
3. When the widow's son died, what did Elijah do?
4. What kind of contest did Elijah challenge the prophets of Baal to do and who won?
5. What happened after the contest?

PRAYERS REQUESTED

Fate Evans came forward on Sunday, May 22 and requested the prayers of the congregation. Let us remember to keep Fate in our prayers.

THANK YOU NOTE

Thank you so much to all who participated in Sharing Day. I really enjoyed having you come and visit me. The children were precious in their singing and their knowledge of the Bible. Thanks also for the goodie bag. I loved it. Love to all,

Evelyn Harris

SENIOR GROUP

The Senior group will meet on **Thursday June 30th at 6:00 pm.** in the fellowship room. Be sure to bring finger foods and ready to play games. For more details, please see **JoAnn Williamson.**

SUMMER YOUTH CAMP

The youth will be going to camp with Hartsville Pike the last week in June. Please see **Garrett Rowlett** for more details.

ORDER OF SERVICES

SUNDAY

June 5, 2022

9:00 AM

BIBLE STUDY

(Classes for Nursery – High School upstairs)

Song.....Ben Hutson
 Opening Prayer.....Carl Newby
 Auditorium Lesson.....Andrew Spivey

10:00 AM SERVICE

Welcome.....Charlie Seals
 Song Leader.....Ben Hutson
 Opening Prayer.....Jim Cherry
 Sermon.....Andrew Spivey
 Lord's Supper.....Allyn Hosman
 Closing Prayer.....Tim Cummins

5:00 PM SERVICE

Welcome.....Charlie Seals
 Song Leader.....Ben Hutson
 Opening Prayer.....Bob Brown
 VBS Lesson.....David Johnson
 Lord's Supper.....Ken Veale
 Closing Prayer.....Bob Sever

WEDNESDAY

June 8, 2022

7:00 PM

Welcome.....Charlie Seals
 Song Leader.....Ben Hutson
 Opening Prayer.....Tony Butler
 VBS Lesson.....Bob Brown
 Closing Prayer.....Brent Smith

Visitor's Desk Volunteer.....Julie Cummins

IF YOU CANNOT SERVE, PLEASE CALL

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday Bible Study 9:00 a.m. - Sunday Morning Worship 10:00 a.m.
 Sunday Evening Worship 5:00 p.m. - Wednesday Evening Worship 7:00 p.m.

SICK LIST

Bill Johnson has finished treatments and will be seeing his doctor soon. **Bob & Wanda Gregory** are both having health issues. **Mike Tidwell**, is doing much better. **Rachel Goode**, friend of Carl & Pam Newby has been diagnosed with breast cancer. **Ronald Milliken**, husband of Helen Milliken, continues cancer treatments. **Steven Simmons**, son of Charles and Fay Simmons, continues to recover from back surgery. **Vycki Puckett**, daughter of Jack & Anita Cato, continues recovering from hip replacement. **Ty Tyler**, son of Ann Tyler, continues with serious health issues. **Craig Sweeney**, son of Doris Sweeney, hopes to qualify for a new treatment available on 5/18. **John Arnold**, father of Brenda Veale is homebound and dealing with serious health issues.



PRAYER LIST

Shelby Ross; Sandi Jones; Maxine Cothron; Gerald Miles, The Waters of Gallatin, 555 E. Bledsoe Drive, Room 305; **Frances Catron; Jean Deaton; Charlie Cliburn; Ricky Cantrell; Wade & Wanda Kennedy** parents of Diana Stephenson; **Ricky Cross**, friend of Betty Buttrey; **Ida Lou Sherrill**, mother of Alex Sherrill; **Lawrence Redding**, son-in-law of Betty Melcher; **Taylor Lackford**, niece of Brenda Veale; **Dustin Lackford**, nephew of Brenda Veale; **Janice Haskins**, sister of Jim Cherry; **Larry Conley**, friend of Wanda Proctor; **John Gregory**, brother of Bob Gregory; **Harold Cole**, friend of Lena Baggett; **Bobbie Carter**, sister of Janice Johnson; **Betty Billingsley**, sister of Wanda Proctor; **Walter Wooten**, brother of Wanda Sherrill.

SHUT-INS

Marilee Frederick, Gallatin Rehab, Room 309A; **Joyce Savage**, NHC Place Sumner, room 107; **Jane Hughes**, 126 Seabury Dr., Greenville, SC 29615; **Melba Hill; Penny Campbell**, The Village of Bellevue, Room 204, 8118 B Sawyer Brown Road, Nashville, TN 37221; **Dorothy Sullivan**, Front Porch Senior Living 115 Sunset Pl. Portland TN, 37148.

We depend on families and friends to help us update this list. Please notify us of any changes

OUR RECORD THIS WEEK

Bible Study.....	82
Morning Worship.....	150
Sunday Evening.....	75
Wednesday Evening.....	75
Contributions.....	\$5,482.00
Youth Group Account.....	\$4,351.00

Elders

Tony Butler.....	615-452-0560
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David Johnson.....	615-300-9084
Alex Sherrill.....	615-289-9935
David Thompson.....	615-598-6621
Jerry Watson.....	615-461-8137

Deacons

Carl Newby Brent Smith
 Ken Veale Adam Williamson



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