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Ever heard of the 7 C's of History? Probably not unless you were involved in VBS (or walked down

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our big, long hallway to the *l* kids area before VBS!). The 7 C's are 7 words that

start with the letter "C" that tell some of the main stories of Scripture, focusing, of course, on the gospel.

At VBS this year, volunteers and children heard about those 7 C's in the Amazon jungle. They learned about *Creation*, where God made a perfect world in love, sovereignly creating plants, water, animals, and people. But it did not last. *Corruption* came into the world when Adam and Eve disobeyed God. Sin cursed the world then, and still remains today. Because of that sin, a flood – *Catastrophe* – covered the world, killing all except Noah and his family, a small group of faithful Godfollowers.

Day 3 focused on *Confusion*, where God confused the languages of all the earth at the Tower of Babel. Next came *Christ* and *Cross*, where we did a quick overview of Jesus' miraculous birth, life, death, and resurrection. Kids were very pointedly asked if they follow and know this powerful Savior, and were given an opportunity to respond and reflect.

Our last day was the last of our 7 C's – Consummation. Kids and volunteers learned of what is to comeour future hope. Kids played games to discover what is true and false about all the things we hear of heaven, and how it is going to be so much better than we can even dream. Again, children were given an opportunity to think through whether this is their future home or not, and to respond.

If you're thinking that seems like a lot to cover in one week, you're right! But we did it and the Lord was so



clearly with us every step of the way.

A few things about VBS 2024 that stick out to me :

-106 people. That is my count for how many people showed up before and during VBS to serve over 150 children that walked through our church doors and heard the words of truth. Over 25 people who served at VBS this year did it for the first time!

-At every single station, the gospel was reinforced and the theme was connected, whether it was through Bible lessons, music, crafts, games, snacks, missions, or even our skit.

-We had beautiful, sunny days every single day.

-On Friday night of VBS, we had an opportunity to not only reach children, but also their families, filling the parking lot with many unchurched people who need Jesus.

-The kids came together to raise over \$1,100 to go towards HBC's mission trip to Wales to put on another VBS, just like ours.

As I reflect on VBS, I see the goodness of a kind Savior every step of the way. Sometimes it is hard in children's ministry to see the fruit, but the faithfulness of 106 people showing up to serve is truly what God is asking of us, and encourages me more than you can know. I cannot wait to get to heaven someday and see the fruit produced by the servanthood of your involvement in VBS. Truly, Jesus took care of us, and will continue to do so.

Hear me say this: thank you. The passion I feel for VBS is absolutely worthless if I don't have all the hands we had to pull it off, making it fun, safe, gospel-centered, and loving. It was smooth, high-energy, and exactly what I would hope and want. Isn't it so awesome that ministry can be this fun? Thank you for partnering with me to change lives.

"To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen." 1 Timothy 1:17

-Abby McPherson

<b>May 26</b>	June 2	June 9	June 16
Budget \$25,690.03 Annie Armstrong Offering \$75.00 Fred Tucker \$395.00 Media Ministry \$804.00 Mission Trip \$250.00 Student Camp Scholarship \$200.00	Budget \$21,255.45 Annie Armstrong Offering \$60.00 Lottie Moon Offering \$50.00 Mission Trip \$300.00 VBS \$100.00	Budget \$60,921.30 Annie Armstrong Offering \$48.00 Fred Tucker \$200.01 Mission Trip \$1,220.00	Budget \$24,036.28 Annie Armstrong Offering \$73.00 Fred Tucker \$100.00 Mission Trip \$400.00 VBS \$5.00
TOTAL: \$27,414.03	TOTAL: \$21,765.45	TOTAL: \$62,389.31	TOTAL: \$24,614.28
Weekly Budget	Weekly Budget	Weekly Budget	Weekly Budget
\$34,615.00	\$34,615.00	\$34,615.00	\$34,615.00
Year to Date Budget	Year to Date Budget	Year to Date Budget	Year to Date Budget
\$1,350,000.00	\$1,384,615.00	\$1,419,231.00	\$1,453,846.00
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Received to Date \$1,368,330.00	\$1,389,586.00	\$1,450,507.00	\$1,474,543.00

## **Recent Giving**

## birthday

**July 1** John Veltman Iris Armstrong

J<mark>uly 2</mark> Myra Butler

July 3 Pat Duncan Deanna Henry

July 4 Rozy Snider Will Embry Davis Leverett Lois Sibley

**July 5** Laura Landgrave

**July 6** Victoria Gowans July 8 Carolyn Holm Gina Embry Jody McChesney Dashiel Solomon Mary Williams

Sophia Blankenbaker July 9

, Easton Barham Burke Davis Jennifer Ringstaff

July 10 Chuck Lewis Bailee Embry Bill Hillen Bruce Parks Declan Price Reed McIntosh Rachel Smith

**July 11** Craig Grant Whitney Bruce

July 12 Grant Coleman Carol Ann Nelson July 13 Amy Dreisbach Kelly Nall Knox Armstrong

July 15 Sherry Feldpausch Carl Head Joyce Collins

> July 16 Pam Helton Hadley Baird Sharon Shaw

**July 17** Linda Mayhall

July 18 Cindy Anderson Denver Leverett Nancy King **July 19** Julia King Debbie Abney

**July 20** Kim Rinker

July 21 Penelope Rinker Sandra Murphy Eleanor Craig

July 24 Joe James Jenny Solomon Kathryn Hughes

July 25 Betty Stewart Victoria Wilkerson

July 26 Candyce Eatherly July 27 Chris Deaton Ted Rich

July 28 Kaitlyn McMichael

> **July 29** Will Hughes

July 30 Adaline McDonald Margie Cowden Vic Chesser

July 31 Kim Mitchell-Clark



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