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I have always loved summer. As far back as I can remember, summer has always been my favorite time of year. I don't dislike any other seasons of the year; it's just that summer is my favorite. And it isn't any particular thing or two that makes it that way; I just love summer.

In my adult life, one of the things I have grown to love that comes with summer is Vacation Bible School and all that goes along with it. The prep, the work, the almost out-of-control kids all over the church. It isn't something I saw from a distance and was drawn to; it took someone encouraging me to be a part of it. Teresa had been living and breathing VBS for several years. One year she asked me to do the recreation rotation at our church. I was not super hyped about the thought, but she was very persuasive, and I agreed to do it. I am not going to say that summer changed my life, but it did change my understanding of how God could use me in the local church and what gospel proclamation looked like.

In my 20's I was discipled and taught some very specific things about faith and faithful service to the kingdom of God. I went through evangelism training and learned multiple methods for sharing the gospel. I participated in outreach teams and made weekly visits knocking on doors and sharing the gospel with people. I went to festivals and fairs where we attempted to share the gospel. I was fully immersed in the local church and looking for ways to share the gospel.

Through all that training and talk about evangelism, no one ever talked about one of the most evangelistic things our church was doing. No one ever talked about the heart of Vacation Bible School – sharing the gospel with boys and girls. In my evangelism efforts, over the course of a year, two of us would knock on the door of a couple of hundred houses, talk with 150-or-so people, share the gospel with maybe 50 people. Yet in a week of time, our church was sharing the gospel with over 150 kids plus another 100 parents on family night.

So, there were two things I could not understand. First, why were we not beating the drum for Vacation Bible School and the gospel proclamation that took place there? Second, why didn't we acknowledge VBS for its effectiveness in sharing the gospel? Not to mention all the possibilities for follow-up with the VBS families we had just spent the week with, and the impact VBS had on men and women as they served.

At HBC, we will have 180+ kids, 25+ student workers, and 70+ adult volunteers during VBS week. Abby and her team will do an incredible job preparing and serving through that week, and the gospel will be faithfully shared with boys and girls. Families will be impacted with the truth of the gospel. Students and adults will be given multiple opportunities to have gospel conversations as they serve Jesus and love on boys and girls during the week. The gospel will be very clearly shared, and children will be brought face-to-face with what it means to follow Jesus.

Church family, VBS week is one of the most impactful weeks in the life of our church. It puts the gospel front and center, it provides opportunities for individuals to grow in their faith, it allows people to share the gospel, and it brings people into our church that need to hear about Jesus. There are so many gospel opportunities built into the week. Please, please, please, pray for the week of Vacation Bible School – come be a part of the week. Help our team make Jesus known to the world as God brings boys and girls to HBC for the week. We love you, church family, and we are thankful we get to make much of Jesus with you.

-Pastor Vince

June Birthdays

June 2: David Alford, Will Ringstaff, Haylee Hatcher
June 3: Phil Parsons, Susan Clark
June 4: Kathy English, Eli Crowder, Thomas Ray
June 6: Britt Embry, Doug Davis, Ralph Hancock, Brooklyn McChesney
June 7: Ron Hicks, Marilyn Zebrak
June 8: Josh Treon
June 9: Shelby White
June 11: David Ward
June 14: Lydia Whisenant, Barbara Koch, John Christopher, Keith Taylor
June 15: Hilda Lindeman, Joanne Manwell
June 16: Art Miller
June 18: Jeremy Pellum, Jim Brock, Tommy Williams, Evie Neher
June 19: Reid Solomon, Tricia Donaldson, Sarah Gibbs, Joelle Carr
June 20: Hailey Overstreet
June 22: Andrew Kramer
June 24: John Cale Dara
June 25: Eric Swanson, Donna Johnson
June 26: Hudson Williams
June 28: Riley Embry, Addison Cooper
June 29: Tom Logue
June 30: Martha Deaton, Caroline Embry

July Birthdays

July 1: John Veltman, Iris Armstrong
July 2: Myra Butler
July 3: Pat Duncan
July 4: Rozy Snider, 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, Jennifer Ringstaff
July 10: Bailee Embry, Bill Hillen, Bruce Parks, Declan Price
July 11: Marlie Bruce, Clara Hughes
July 12: Grant Coleman
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
July 19: Julia King, Debbie Abney
July 21: Sandra Murphy
July 24: Joe James, Jenny Solomon, Kathryn Hughes
July 25: Betty Stewart
July 26: Candyce Eatherly, Hope Treon
July 27: Chris Deaton, Ted Rich
July 29: Will Hughes
July 30: Adaline McDonald, Margie Cowden, Vic Chesser

Giving Updates as of 5/28/25

Year to Date Budget: \$1,371,846

Received to Date: \$1,320,966

Difference from Budget: (\$50,880)

Annie Armstrong Offering: \$15,322

Fred Tucker Offering: \$2,307