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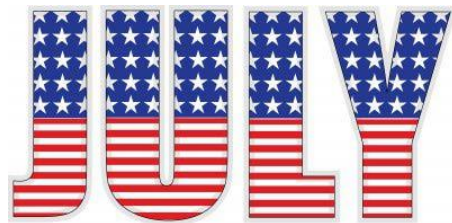
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“Let the little children come to Me, and don’t stop them, because the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.” (Luke 18:16, HCSB®)

Author Stephen Dunn reported the reaction of two agnostic parents struggling with whether to send their little girl to the local vacation Bible school. They said:

Soon it became clear to us: you can't teach disbelief to a child, only wonderful stories, and we didn't have a story nearly as good. Evolution is devoid of heroes. You can't say to your child, "Evolution loves you." The story stinks of extinction, and nothing exciting happens for centuries. I didn't have a wonderful story for my child.

The Gospel is more than a good story—it is good news. It's good news for adults and it's good news

for children! Many children hear that good news first at Vacation Bible School.

I am thankful for those who have volunteered their time, talent and treasures to make our VBS an exciting place for boys and girls to learn about Jesus.

Through Gospel stories, VBS helps children understand the Bible, apply those truths daily and perhaps trust Jesus as Savior. One statistic I read states that as many as 26% of Southern Baptist baptisms occur as a result of VBS.

Many reading this article were first impacted for the Kingdom of God at a VBS. It was at a VBS that you may have first heard the Gospel story of God's love in Jesus Christ. Perhaps it was at a VBS that you first perceived the love of God in a powerful way and accepted Jesus as your Savior.

I've shared my testimony many times about accepting Jesus as a teenager. However, it was as an 8 year-old in a VBS that I first heard the Gospel story in a compelling way. Because of the faithfulness

of those church volunteers, I had the seed of faith planted in me. Over the next several years, others watered until God's caused believing faith to sprout forth.

Some of the children who attend our VBS may be called to pastoral ministry one day. Some may become missionaries. Others Bible scholars or seminary professors.

Others will be plumbers, carpenters, bankers, teachers, electricians, or any other number of vocations. However, their VBS experiences can help shape them to be godly in their vocations.

Because of your faithfulness to lead and serve, the Kingdom of God will be enriched. Thank you!

Blessings,
Pastor Brian



JULY BIRTHDAYS

Daniel Waters	4th
Pete Brown	8th
Margie Elston	9th
Lisa Clement	11th
Brent Martwick	13th
Kristen Todaro	13th
Eva Gonzales	14th
John Fox	16th
Bobbie Branch	17th
Shelbie Ponder	21st
Jere Grice	22nd
Ruby Wood	23rd
Michelle Lemoine	27th

ANNIVERSARIES

Dennis & Linda Young	3rd
Danny & Lou Jones	6th
Brian & Carole Prucey	12th
Daniel & Courtney Rideout	26th
David & Michelle Lemoine	29th

Feeding



July 11th



**Friday, July 18
from 5 to 8 p.m.**



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***Your Church
Needs You!***



CHARLIE'S CHATS

I'm excited about our plans for the Christmas program this year, it's coming together.

If you have a song you would like for us to sing during Sunday Morning Worship just jot it down on the back of the perforated portion of the bulletin and we'll try and include it in our worship service!

VBS 2014

**Registration
Party**



**Saturday,
July 12 @11 a.m.**

FOOD ☺ GAMES ☺ CRAFTS



**6 to 8:30 p.m.
for K - 5th grade
register on line at
www.elmgrovebaptist.com**

**VBS NEEDS:
Cereal Boxes
Brown Paper Sacks**



**Welcome
to Our
Church
Family**

**Janet Jones
Brady Henderson**



at 9:30 a.m.

**There's a class just
for you!**

WEEKLY EVENTS

Sunday

Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship 10:45 a.m.

Wednesday

Children's Bible Study 6:30 p.m.
Youth Bible Study 6:30 p.m.
Adult Prayer Meeting 6:30 p.m.
Praise Choir Practice 6:30 p.m.

Upcoming Meetings

Church Council

Wednesday, July 2nd
at 5:30 p.m.

Monthly Business Meeting

Sunday, July 20th
after Morning Worship

