

2018  
JUNE

# Adairsville Christian Church

## Family News

### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL!!!

It is the last day in May and our VBS is only days away. We will meet nightly the week of June 18-22 at 5:45 PM. (We start a little earlier than regular Wednesdays.) We will serve a meal nightly. If you know you are going to be there but are running behind, let us know and we will save you a sandwich, hotdog, nugget, etc.

The concept of VBS is so awe-inspiring that one has to wonder where the idea originated. Back in the 1800's there were early forms of VBS called summer Bible schools. Some of these met five days a week for 4 or 5 weeks. (Phew) And we are weary after the second night. It would not be too long before a VBS curriculum would begin to be published. The first company to publish such material is our friends at the Christian Standard, the Standard Publishing Company. I would find it interesting to read over that material. It included crafts, song & lesson material.

Often children are encouraged to make crafts and take them home as keepsakes of the VBS. This year we are doing a tropic island theme. This year we will have crafts as well. I am hoping each child will receive a fire starting kit – two sticks to rub together – in the event they are ever stranded on a deserted island.

I fondly remember the lessons I learned at VBS. These have served me well in my life and my walk with the Lord. Many of these lessons were learned not as a student but as part of the staff teaching and supporting the VBS. I was conducting a VBS with a time travel theme on one occasion as a teenager. I played the part of a professor who created a unique way to interview people in the Bible. We would dial a date on the computer - this was before "Back to the Future" - and bring back Biblical characters. Lights would flash and billows of fog would fill the stage and then a figure would appear in the time machine doorway. We would interview the person before sending them back to the Bible.

Each night there would always be some sort of "malfunction" that would need to be addressed, often to the delight of the children. One particular night we had difficulty getting the "date" set on the machine. The lights flashed and the fog billowed only to reveal the head of a dinosaur with snarling teeth and fierce some growls. "Send it back" I exclaimed as myriad children were traumatized.

(As I write this, I am contemplating seeking some professional help – did someone say "bears"?)

Vacation Bible School can certainly be a great tool in changing the lives of children and adults; however, the concept is "extra-biblical" ... or is it? What is God's concept of teaching His Word to our children?

We do not find vans going into the community, picking up children, teaching them and returning them home. What we do find is God's directive to teach our children.

<sup>4</sup> Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. <sup>5</sup> Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. <sup>6</sup> These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. <sup>7</sup> Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. <sup>8</sup> Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. <sup>9</sup> Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates. (Deut 6)

God's plan goes far beyond the scope of VBS. The spiritual education of our children is not reserved for a time of year or day of the week. It is a 24/7 responsibility. Sunday School and VBS are supplements to what is to be happening in our homes. The danger is that we run the risk of being like those in Judges 2:10 – "a generation that knew not God". It is difficult to imagine being only one generation away from being a people who know not God. But that has happened before and I believe we see evidence in the world around us today of that possibility.

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In our community we find that many homes do not even have a Bible or any emphasis is being places on the spiritual development of children and adults. Vacation Bible School is not the cure for these ills; however it is a beginning point. Our community outreach program on Wednesdays is another attempt to bring the message of God’s love to our city. They do not reach the scope of God’s desire for His people but it is a “foot in the door” to many homes in Adairsville.

I ask you to be an active participant in our VBS and other community outreach programs. We need people and prayers. Thank you & I look forward to seeing you there!

For more historical information go to <http://lookoutmag.com/the-legend-of-vbs/>

**BACKPACK BUDDIES/OATMEAL**

By the time you receive this, our last delivery of food to Adairsville Elementary School for the Backpack Buddies program will have happened. Thank you so much for your faithfulness in providing so much assistance to so many families in our community. The school staff members are always very appreciative.

Also, please continue to bring in oatmeal for the North Bartow Community Services.

**SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE/GIVEAWAY**

Soon, we will be publishing a list for school supplies for our annual giveaway. Any help with this ministry is greatly appreciated!

**MEN’S BREAKFAST**

There will not be a Men’s Breakfast during the month of June. We will restart this time of fellowship after the summer.

**FATHER/SON FISH FRY**

Men, please mark your calendars for a Father/Son dinner on Saturday, June 9th at 6pm. Regardless of whether your father is still alive or you have a son, we hope that all men will attend as we are all Children of God. There are sign up sheets in the Foyer.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

Please mark your calendars for VBS during the week of June 18th through the 22nd. This is always such a wonderful week! We do need some volunteers still to help with this. If you are interested in helping, we are still in need of some volunteers to walk groups from Station to Station.

**SUMMER CAMP**

Our preteens, grades 4th, 5th and 6th will leaving for Church camp on June 10th and returning on the 13th. Brandi and Ron will be chaperones/counselors that week. Junior Week is still from Sunday, July 15th to Wednesday, July 18th. Middle and High School dates will vary and can be checked out at [www.woodlandcamp.org](http://www.woodlandcamp.org). Please keep the children and the chaperones in your prayers during these weeks.

**LACE MEETING**

With all attention on VBS, there will not be a meeting during the month of June.

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**BIRTHDAYS**

- 3rd—Aiyana Jones
- 10th—Misty Fortenberry
- 12th—Eileen Melton
- 17th—Addison New
- 20th—Patricia Rakestraw, Seth King
- 21st—Mary Jane Malek
- 27th—Osha Smith, Kim McClure
- 28th—William Jackson
- 29th—Dylan Millwood

30th—Chad Parker,  
Brannon Parks

**ANNIVERSARIES**

- 21st—Randy & Vickie Bramblett  
Ricky & Susan Boswell
- 23rd—Sonny & Lynn Parker



**MAY ATTENDANCE**

May 6th.....	72
May 13th.....	86
May 20th.....	75
May 27th.....	71

# Christian Service for June

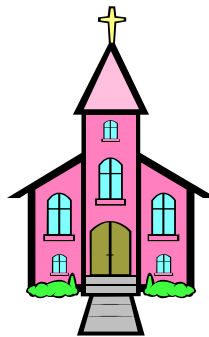
Date	Communion Meditation	Lord's Table	Communion to the Sick	Toddler Nursery "The Stable"	Baby Nursery "The Ark"	Nursery Floater
3	Rodger Bailey	Richard Cowart, Steve Cowart, Ronnie Self, Norris Gravitt	Roger Wallace	Brandi New	Jessica Caldwell	Ambria Gravitt
10	Sonny Scott	Darrin Edmunds, Roger Wallace, Nick Cowart, Jaylon Kelly	Ron Marks	Tracy Cowart	Lois McPherson	Larissa McPherson
17	Danny Pelfrey	Richard Cowart, Steve Cowart, Ronnie Self, Norris Gravitt	Richard Cowart	Ambria Gravitt	Julie Stephens	Brandi New
24	John McPherson	Darrin Edmunds, Roger Wallace, Nick Cowart, Jaylon Kelly	John McPherson	Jessica Caldwell	Tracy Cowart	Lois McPherson

**Communion Preparation:** Richard Cowart

**Junior Church:**

**Clean the Annex:** Richard Cowart

**Clean the Baptistery:** Michael New



**F.E.A.S.T.**  
 (Fellowship, Eat, And, Study, Together)  
 Each Wednesday evening at 6:00 p.m. unless otherwise announced.

**Illness & Special Needs**

Wayne & Nell Self  
 Louise, Keith, Eddie Millwood  
 Wanda Harris  
 Colleen Shea  
 Taylon Waldon  
 Nick Foster (Navy)  
 Brenda Bailey  
 Wayne Abernathy  
 Lacreacia Bailey

Wayne & Nell Self

**Shut-Ins & Nursing Home**

Ruth Pelfrey  
 Shane Pelfrey

**Missionaries**

Cris Garcia  
 Dennis & Lynn Free  
 Jim Richter

TRAIN UP a CHILD  
 in THE WAY he SHOULD GO;  
 even when HE IS OLD  
 he WILL NOT DEPART from it.  
 PROVERBS 22:6

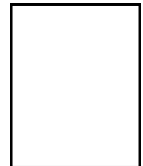
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4	5 10am Ladies Bible Study	6 6pm FEAST 7pm Bible Study/ Youth Groups	7	8	9 6pm Father/Son Fish Fry
10 Children leave for Church Camp  6pm Board Meeting	11	12 10am Ladies Bible Study 7pm 2nd Tuesday Club Meeting	13 Return from Church Camp 6pm FEAST 7pm Bible Study/ Youth Groups	14	15	16
17 Father's Day	18 5:45pm VBS	19 10am Ladies Bible Study  5:45pm VBS	20 5:45pm VBS	21 5:45pm VBS	22 5:45pm VBS Closing Program	23
24	25	26 10am Ladies Bible Study	27 6pm FEAST 7pm Bible Study/ Youth Groups	28	29	30

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