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From the Minister of Children & Youth...

Summer is here! While for many this may mean long days at the pool or spending time in the garden, for the children & youth of our church it means that it is time for camp and Vacation Bible School (VBS). As I write this article, I just finished packing for kids camp. We will leave in the morning. I wish all of you could experience camp with the children. It is quite magical.

When we arrive at camp each child is given a passport (a small booklet that holds all the information they will need for the week). It has daily devotions, schedule, guided prayer activities, daily bible verses, group Bible studies, and even a scavenger hunt for the night market. The kids will enjoy a recreation party where they are guaranteed to get wet. They will meet friends from other churches in Bible Study Groups. They will get to choose free time activities, and we will have some pool time.

Camp is a lot of fun, but in my opinion the best part of camp is the way the children help lead worship. They read scripture. They pray. They create art that is displayed as part of worship. They carry in the Bible, cross, or candle. They do a dance to a particular song. Each child is given the opportunity to help lead worship in the way that they are most comfortable. While the children leading worship is my favorite part of camp, the night market is a close second. On the evening of the night market, the kids get to experience and learn more about the culture we have been hearing about. They will taste food, play games, hear music, and learn about a different culture. Camp is full of fun, but it is also full of worship, Bible study, & missions.

On June 25 the students will leave for their camp. They will also have times of intense Bible study, worship and free time. They will spend time with other students from various churches, compete in a volleyball tournament, and get really muddy on an obstacle course. They will have the opportunity to zipline into the lake, fly through the air on the three man swing, or hangout on the ball courts. They will spend time twice each day climbing the infamous hill to chapel. They will enjoy skits, singing, testimonies of summer staff, Bible Study, and church devotions. This is a time where they not only learn more about God but they spend time connecting as a group and building the relationships that can last a lifetime.

Before we know it VBS will be here. I hope you plan to serve. We always need more helpers, especially adults! Our teens are great at leading groups, but we also need adults to be present to keep VBS a safe and fun experience for everyone.

As you think about this summer, pray for our children and teens. Pray that our times at camp will be safe and full of meaningful moments in which they draw closer to Christ and to each other. Pray for our travel to and from camp. Pray for the children that come to VBS, that we will show them the love of Christ.

Pray about how you can be a part of what God is doing at FBC.

Schedule

Sunday, June 18

Father's Day

9:00 a.m. Sunday School

10:00 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary & Live Stream

Monday, June 19

8:30 a.m. Pickle Ball

Wednesday, June 21

8:30 a.m. Pickle Ball

10:00 a.m. Water Day

12:00 p.m. Bible Study - Adams Hall

1:30 p.m. Messy Games

7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir

Thursday, June 22

1:00 p.m. Clothes Closet

Sunday, June 25

Students Leave for Look Up Lodge

9:00 a.m. Sunday School

10:00 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary & Live Stream

Monday, June 26

8:30 a.m. Pickle Ball

Wednesday, June 28

8:30 a.m. Pickle Ball

12:00 p.m. Bible Study - Adams Hall

7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir

Thursday, June 29

1:00 p.m. Clothes Closet

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A Message From Minister of Young Families & Missions Elizabeth Kilby

Already in the midst of summer, we are struggling to find both a routine and create space for restoration and relaxation. As many others are searching for the same, I am reminded that change and new routines are what we make of it. We can struggle with finding our place or we can find ourselves and be happy wherever we are. The latter is often easier said than done. This summer, it is my prayer that our routines can be Christ-centered and very reflective. In the early morning and late nights while it is still light out, I find myself frequently taking some deeper breathes and some longer walks just to talk with God about the day. Missions wise we are doing the same. We are gearing up for our Kentucky mission trip. Parts are still moving as we figure out the projects we will work on. We are also working in the background on next year's Greece trip which will be in July 2024. Final dates will be announced soon. I hope you remember whose you are this week and create space to breathe in the wonder of what God is doing in, through, and all around us.

Many thoughts and prayers,
 Elizabeth

Spiritual Statistics

Weeks of June 4 & 11, 2023

	6/4	6/11
Live Stream Views.	17	n/a
In-Person.	164	146
Sunday School.	98	89

Financial Statistics

	June	Year-to-Date
Giving Goal	68,751.00	719,530.00
Budget Receipts	15,798.00	629,022.00
Goals Not Met	(52,953.00)	(90,508.00)
Alms	975.00	10,875.00
Designated	4.00	53,033.00

Graduation Sunday, June 4, 2023

On Sunday, June 4, we celebrated four high school graduates: Elizabeth Allen (South Iredell HS), Emily Ashley (North Iredell HS), Sam Buckner (Statesville Senior HS), and Nicole Osborne (South Iredell HS). Each graduate received a basket filled with essential items that will be needed as they begin their college careers. Congratulations to the Class of 2023!



Heavenly Father,

Surround those who are graduating with your grace. Bless them with hope so that they move into the future with eager and open hearts. Help them to put the knowledge, skills, and insights gained through their education for the good of all mankind. Inspire them to believe in the goodness of life even when faced with challenges and difficulties. As they commence with their lives, may they grow even more grateful and wise.

Amen.

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Announcements



Welcome to Our Church Family!

Tom and Rosemary Stephens joined our congregation at the worship service on Sunday, June 4.

Wednesday Noon Study

This summer we will study the book of Psalms and learn how the psalmist gives us various ways to pray. Hilda Lee will prepare a light lunch to serve at noon each day (\$4.00 cash) and our Bible study will be from 12:15 – 12:45 pm.

June 21: Thirsting, Praising, Grieving...& Anger (Lunch: muffaletta sandwich, potato salad, key lime gooey cake)

June 28: The Heart of the Matter (Authentic Confession) (Lunch: chicken salad plate & cupcakes)

Water Day & Messy Games Wednesday, June 21, 2023

The children will play in kiddie pools, sprinklers, splash pad, and a HUGE slip and slide. Remember to wear your swimsuit, bring a towel, and prepare to get wet. Water Day is 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. The students will have messy games 1:30-3:30 p.m. Remember to bring a towel and a change of clothes. You will get MESSY!



Live By Faith Summer Sermon Series

June 18
Father Abraham
(Romans 4:1-3,16-25)

June 25
Keep On Keeping On
(Romans 5:1-5)

July 2
Freed for Righteousness
(Romans 6:15-23)

July 9
Get Your Mind Out of the Gutter
(Romans 8:5-13)

July 16
Getting Through the Pain
(Romans 8:18-28)

July 23
Nothing Means Nothing
(Romans 8:31-39)

July 30
Beautiful Feet – Jubilee Sunday
(Romans 10:5-15)

August 6
One Body, Many Gifts
(Romans 12:3-8)

August 13
Cling to Good
(Romans 12:9-21)

August 20
A Debt of Love
(Romans 13:8-10)

August 27
You're Not the Judge
(Romans 14: 4-13, 19)