

*Jim Van Zee, James McNiel, James Martin, and James Johnson lead the worship music at Discovery on Adventure Island Vacation Bible School.*



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## From the Pastor...

There's been a lot of excitement around the church this week. As I write this, we are in the middle of Vacation Bible School. The church is filled with kids and the kids are filled with energy and joy. We've all had a great time on "Adventure Island".

Adventure Island is a special place where we learned about God's light and how it shines on us and calls us to shine as well. This week we learned to:

- Arise! Shine with Love (The Creation Story – Genesis 1:1-2:9)
- Arise! Shine with Trust (Moses and the Burning Bush – Exodus 3:1-20)
- Arise! Shine with Faith (Faith Through the Roof – Luke 5:17-26)
- Arise! Shine with Joy! (The "Lost" Parables – Luke 15)
- Arise! Shine with Hope! (Mary at the Tomb – John 20:1-18)

If you have kids or grandkids who attended VBS, I hope you will ask them about what they learned. For those of you, who didn't have a family member attend, feel free to ask the kids you see Sunday. Of course you never know what a child might tell you.

For instance, the kids humbled me a little bit on Wednesday. We were talking about how a crippled man was carried by his friends to Jesus. I asked our 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> graders if they would carry me if I needed help. One little girl said, "Of course not, you're way too heavy!"

If that wasn't embarrassing enough, another little girl added in, "Yea. You're a grown up. You must be at least 80!" Fortunately, another little girl took pity and said, "We can't carry you, but I'd call 911 for you." Finally a little boy said, "Maybe if we got every kid here to help, we could carry you."

As we think about helping each other, these kids reflected how we as adults act. Many times we just say, "We can't help; it's too much." Other times we call for "experts" to help, but do little ourselves. Sometimes we get it right and say, "It might be hard, but with the church's help, we can do whatever it takes."

## Schedule

### Sunday, August 1

7:00 a.m. Sunday School Lesson

Uploaded to YouTube

9:00 a.m. Sunday School

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

### Monday, August 2

8:30 a.m. Pickle Ball

9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer Meeting

7:00 p.m. Pickle Ball

### Wednesday, August 4

8:30 a.m. Pickle Ball

7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Practice

### Thursday, August 5

8:30 a.m. Pickle Ball

1:00 p.m. Clothes Closet

### Sunday, August 8

7:00 a.m. Sunday School Lesson

Uploaded to YouTube

9:00 a.m. Sunday School

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

### Monday, August 9

8:30 a.m. Pickle Ball

9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer Meeting

7:00 p.m. Pickle Ball

### Wednesday, August 11

8:30 a.m. Pickle Ball

7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Practice

### Thursday, August 12

8:30 a.m. Pickle Ball

1:00 p.m. Clothes Closet

## Church Staff Directory

Dr. Nelson Granade.....Senior Minister  
Mr. James Martin.....Minister of Music & Worship  
Rev. Melissa Wilson.....Minister of Children & Youth  
Mrs. Elizabeth Kilby.....Minister of Young Families & Missions  
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# Happy Birthday

### August 1

Lynda Card

### August 2

Noah Wynne

### August 3

Nedra Broyhill

### August 5

Kay Martin

Carrie Sykes

Genoa Taylor

Linda Tinsley

### August 7

Ken Marsh

### August 13

Anna Jones

### August 14

Jesse Jackson

Kathy Mullins

### August 15

Angie Shook

### August 16

Lynn Barker

Chris Buckner

Nancy Deal

Gavin Sykes

Harry Tsumas

### August 19

Chris Shankle

### August 20

Meg Tillery

Walt Tillery

### August 21

Vester Boone

### August 22

Hunter Faust

### August 23

Ashlyn Falcon

### August 24

Brandon Hedrick

### August 27

Pat Rushton

### August 29

Ralph Bentley

Martha Boyles

Jackie Holshouser

Eddie Sipe

### August 30

Sandy Clements

### August 31

Mary Bryan

Henry Crouch

Mary Nunnery

Bobby Stegall

## Spiritual Statistics

### Weeks of July 18 & 25, 2021

	7/18	7/25
Live Stream Views.....	13	13
In-Person.....	170	144
Sunday School.....	90	98

## Financial Statistics

	July	Year-to-Date
Giving Goal	55,278.00	715,159.00
Budget Receipts	48,261.00	688,174.00
Goals Net Yet Met	(7,017.00)	(26,985.00)
Alms	828.00	5,432.00
Designated	322.00	95,869.00

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## His Story

No matter how hard one may try, he cannot erase history. History is not ours to erase. History is His Story. “The Lord has established His throne in heaven, and His kingdom rules over all.” (Psalm 103:19) One story that speaks of prayer comes from General George Patton, commander of America’s Third Army, during WWII’s Battle of the Bulge. It was said of Patton that he could be “unforgiving and stubborn at one moment, and easily commune with the Divine in the next”.

The battle strategy was arranged with the allies, but the weather wouldn’t co-operate. Rain kept drizzling day after day and fog was heavy. Patton commissioned his chaplain to write a prayer asking for clear weather and print it on a Christmas card with his signature to be sent to every soldier in the Third Army. The weather cleared for a critical period from December 20 to the end of the year. God was writing His Story!

“Before the end of the war, Patton personally wrote one final prayer that reinforced his image as a hardened but spiritual soldier:

“God of our Fathers...strengthen my soul so that the weakening instinct of self-preservation, which besets us all in battle, shall not blind me to my duty to my own manhood, to the glory of my calling, and to my responsibility to my fellow soldiers...Let me not mourn for the men who have died fighting, but rather let me be glad that such heroes have lived...Give us victory, Lord.”

From King David to General Patton, before and after, and in between—God is writing His Story.

Taken from “The History of Prayer in America, One Nation Under God”, by James P. Moore, Jr.

His servant and your friend,  
Ginny Stikeleather

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## A Message from Minister of Young Families & Missions Elizabeth Kilby

As I sit here and think about Vacation Bible School, I reflect on how we can turn anything into serving and working for Jesus.

Seeing youth and adults doing things out of their comfort zones this week, even just for a few minutes, made me realize that it doesn’t have to take a bunch of time. Things that we do for one another can be super meaningful and make moments that make lasting memories.

Today, I want you to think about one action you can change to make it more meaningful to serve and to seek Jesus. Maybe it is an intentional conversation or an extra hug to someone or maybe it;s just a few more minutes to make a difference. Keep changing your corner of the world one moment at a time.

Many thoughts and prayers,  
Elizabeth

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## COVID-19 Update

As you probably have heard on the news, the CDC has changed the guidance on face masks. Currently masks are recommended for non-vaccinated individuals and for vaccinated individuals in areas with substantial (orange level) or high transmission (red level).

As I’m writing this, Iredell is a moderate (yellow) area, so only people who haven’t been vaccinated are urged to wear face masks. However, you also need to know that cases are on the rise and 80% of cases in our area are the more aggressive Delta Variant.

Nurses at the Iredell County Health Department have told us that they expect Iredell to be in the orange or red zone soon. Our positivity rates have doubled in the last week and they expect this trend to continue until more people are vaccinated.

We will continue to monitor this situation and follow the advice of the Health Department and our Health Advisory Team. **Please feel free to wear masks as you see fit until we have more direction.** Remember, our Lord taught us not to think about ourselves, but rather how we show love and care for one another.

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