

ABIDING Instead of Hiding

Jesus said, “I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing” (John 15:5). When he says we can do nothing, he’s not saying that we can’t drive a car or walk down the street. He means we can do nothing of lasting significance. This week we have all done something of lasting significance. We have reached out in love to our community to tell them about Jesus.

Our visiting youth minister, Kevin Hackett, summarized our VBS well. He said that this week we had both a goal and a mission, and those were two different things. Our goal was to put on a VBS for our community, but our goal was to love the people and tell them about Jesus. We can accomplish our goal and yet fail in our mission. Our outreach efforts are never about the event itself. They are about loving people and bringing them a life-giving Gospel.

Reaching out to a person who doesn’t know Jesus usually feels like its beyond our ability. That’s because it is. But rather than hiding, we only need to keep abiding. The Lord tells us plainly that to bear fruit we have to be connected to him. It’s the only way. Fruit-bearing branches are healthy, living branches. The life flowing from Christ to others through you is what give you life too. When I see a Christian who is full of life, I know two things: they are abiding in Christ, and they are bearing fruit. Hiding leaves you withered. It’s the abiding that gives life.

Mark

TODAY . . .

1. **“NEW Member’s Class” – is TODAY after Worship** in the Teen Room right across the lobby. Come and learn about being a member of the church! This no obligation (just information) class includes refreshments.

2. **A NEW Option for Our Church Directory:** We have a new digital option for an instant *Collingswood Church Directory* for anyone who would like to participate! We will have some “tech” church members available to help you download the “app” onto your phone and get started. **GET HELP DOWNLOADING “app” today at the table in the foyer.**

3. **The “After Church LIFE Group”:** resumes meeting today!

4. **Children’s Church Meeting:** Today after worship

BIG THANKS to All Who Helped With VBS: Housing, Food, Decorating, Cleaning, Serving. Thanks to the Youth Group for helping the team.

Thanks to those who HOSTED the teens and leaders in their homes: Tony & Nawana, Bill & Chris Ann, Chris & Kristin, Ed & Laura, Mark & Becky.

Thanks to those who FED the VBS Team: Chris & Kristin, Pam Goen, Rich Fabi, Dave & Bibi, Carl & Sarah, Chris Ann, Adrian Gonzalez.

Cathedral Kitchen on Tuesday: Our next date to serve is this Tuesday, July 26th, 3:30 to 5:30PM

Haircuts for Missions: August 13th. Please sign-up for your time slot on the bulletin board.

Carl & Sarah Have Some Shows Coming Up: See the "Events" bulletin board to check them out.

Today's Worship Leaders

Worship Leader: Dave Williams

Welcome & Scripture: Chet Churchill (Psalm19:7-11)

Opening Prayer: Rick Boyle

Lord's Supper: Kevin Finn, John Derricott, Tim Jones, Logan

Scripture Before Message: Jonathan Powers (Romans 1:22-27)

Announcements & Closing Prayer: Rick Boyle

Greeters: Tony Sr., Rich Fabi, Sandie Fabi, Bibi Williams

Juanita Thompson Has a New Cell Phone:

301-346-9670. Please keep in touch by phone or mail while she stays in Texas with her family. Juanita Thompson, c/o Sandra Hayes, 8015 Dockal Road, Houston, TX 77028

Nursery: Nawana & Elizabeth Next Week: Hannah & Alexia

OUTREACH/MINISTRY

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Worship Total..... 154
Bible Class 124
Sun. VBS..... 125
Mon. VBS 115
Tues. VBS 117
Wed. VBS 130

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“Now faith is being **sure** of what we hope for and **certain** of what we do not see.” (Hebrews 11:1)



A Blessed VBS

