

A Place of Deep Impressions

I'D SAY THAT'S WHAT VBS IS. A crossroads for many hearts, but none more than those of pliable children. Can you remember what it's like to be a kid? Everyone is big. Everything is new. Everything you experience is amplified. Ice cream never tastes better. Candy is unbelievably good. Broccoli which tastes slightly bitter to adults is unbearably so to youngsters. Emotions are big and close to the surface. You burst into tears and then laugh the next moment. You don't care how you look. Remember?

As adults we will be impacted this week by the messages on "Using Your Gift." But the deepest impressions will be made on the children. Through movements, and building their crafts, games and listening to their Bible stories...deep impressions will be made.

The children will remember this. I'm sure of that. In years to come these kids will experience a lot of good and bad things, just like you did. But they will remember that "church thing" they went to where people were happy and they had fun and the big adults were interested in them and they heard stories about Jesus and the "loving Father." We adults...we've had our turn. These kids have not. This week, as a church, we do not want to drop the ball because we were "too tired." Instead, by keeping our eye on the ball we will pass it on to a lot of kids. Some of those children we may never see again, but a deep impression for God will be made. When God's Word is shared, the opportunity is never lost. Praise God, it is never lost.

Mark

"Unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven." – Matthew 18:3

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them." – Matthew 19:14

"Whoever welcomes one of these little children in my name welcomes me." – Mark 9:37

How will you serve at VBS?

VBS is tonight
thru Wed. night
July 16-19

Arrive Early at
6:30 PM TONIGHT

PRAY for God's
blessing on our VBS outreach effort.



Tonight Classes for **ALL AGES!**

Our MAIN JOB is to INVITE our friends and neighbors to VBS. Kids bring kids, adults bring adults. AND . . .

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All VBS Volunteers: Please meet up front for a brief meeting after worship.

Register Your Child for VBS: after Worship **this morning**, at the table in the Lobby.

Jr. & Sr. High Youth Groups: Will be helping with VBS this week.

Sr. High Youth Group: Next Sunday, July 23, will be a pool party at Chris, Kristin, & Nicky’s home after Worship.

Cathedral Kitchen: Will be serving on July 27th. If you can help, please see Vivian.

Park Away from the Building to Leave Room for our Guests: And try not to park too near the White Horse Pike on Harrison Ave., as people have trouble turning in with cars in the way.

Today’s Worship Leaders

Worship Leader: Dave Williams

Welcome & Scripture: Henry Duncan (Psalm 49:12,15-20)

Opening Prayer: Tate Perazzelli

Lord’s Supper: Jay Morris, Dave Cook, Carl Smith, Jiony Colon

Scripture Before Message: Steve Lucas (1 Cor. 2:9-13)

Announcements & Closing Prayer: Tony Ceraso Jr.

Nursery: Brenda & Layla Next Week: Norma & Hannah

Green Cleaning Team July 19-22 **Hardee** Coordinates

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Worship 115

Bible Class 77

Wednesday PM..... 26

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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)

